

Count Tollem to
Prince William
March 16 1708

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Sir,

Stanhope Street
10th March 1708.

I some time ago received The King's Orders to wait on Captain Stephens, to receive from him an Account of Your Royal Highness's Debts, & to deliver it, as well as the Bills themselves, to The King, for His Majesty's Information.

I have now the Honour of His Majesty's Commands to acquaint Your Royal Highness, that He has taken them into Consideration; & though He was much surpriz'd at the Magnitude of the whole Debt collectively, as well as at several of the Bills which compose it, yet, desiring to shew every proper paternal Regard to Your Royal Highness's Wishes, He is pleas'd to determine on exonerating Your Royal Highness from this Load, by discharging it Himself; recommending, at the same time, to Your Judicious Reflection the Necessity there must be for establishing, & adhering to, the most exact Economy in Your Royal Highness's Expenses in future.

In Addition to this His gracious Indulgence, His Majesty is pleas'd to comply with your Desire concerning Your Plate; & shall immediately give His Orders for such a Service being provided, & set down, as The King may think will be most suitable for Your Royal Highness's Situation & Use.

His Majesty having no Information to guide Him as to what the Specifick Expence of Your Royal Highness's again taking out, may be,

be, appears as yet, to have made no Decision as to this part of Your
Royal Highness's Application to Him; the other, as His Majesty's
Compliance with the Two former Articles must demand so considerable
a sum for their Discharge.

I have the Honour to be

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G. Rotham.

His Royal Highness's Prince William Henry.