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Having been ordered to attend Lord Townshend at his Office at the Cockpit, I waited on his Lordship this Evening, who enquired whether I could furnish any Precedent or Hint relating to an Ambassadors lying in here; because Madam de Stahrenberg, wife to the Ambassador from the Emperor had made a Demand to be visited by Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales - Having carefully turned over all my Notes, I assured his Lordship that I had not a Syllable relating to the matter; but had endeavoured to inform myself what had been done in two late Instances. viz. Madam Tron, wife to the Venetian Ambassador, and Madam Duyvenvoorden, wife to the Dutch Ambassador - As to the Dutch Ambassadors

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Monsieur de L'Hermitage then and now Agent
for Holland, who was every Day conversant in
the Ambassador's House, assured me that no
such Demand was ever thought of. The
Ambassador thinking himself certain of a
Refusal if he should make the Request; nor
did the Princess make her any Visit at all.

The Venetian Secretary M. Piorelli, at
that Time Secretary to the Ambassador from
France, gave me an account which rather surprized
me, though he was not entirely positive in it.
He told me that after the Ambassadress had
been brought to Bed a fortnight, Her Royal
Highness sent a Message that she would come
to see her, which the Ambassadress excused
herself from at that Time, her House not
being yet in Order to receive that Honour; and
that afterwards when the Ambassadress did
see Company, the Princess never came; which
was a great Disappointment to them.

He said he believed this was the exact
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State of the Case, but would inform himself more
certainly from those who knew. He has since
informed me the Fact was thus. The Princess one
Evening at the Drawing Room at Court mentioned
to the Ambassador from her having some such Thoughts,
which Honour he received with Surprise. It is certain,
however, that Her Royal Highness never went.

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