

Private.

The King writes to Dr. Aune, in a state of great uneasiness, concerning the health of his dear & invaluable Friend, the Duke of Wellington.

Some flying reports <sup>had reached</sup> the King <sup>Yesterday</sup>, which he flattered himself, might be exaggerated, but a note just received <sup>from London</sup>, with an apology for the Duke's not being able to come to Windsor this Day, has given rise, to the greatest possible anxiety in the King's mind. The King therefore desires, that

Dr. Sturme, will be so good, as to write Him  
by return of the Messenger, a full & true  
statement of the Duke's health, & that Dr.  
Sturme will daily continue to do so, until  
the Dr. shall be able to pronounce the Duke  
to be quite convalescent, which the King  
most sincerely hopes may be as speedily  
as possible.

The King trusts that Dr. Sturme  
will do all that is in his Power, to impress  
upon the Duke's mind, how much he owes  
it, to the King, <sup>in particular,</sup> to the Country, & to his very  
numerous Friends, who are all so justly  
attach'd to Him, for the future, to pay the

most constant & unremitting Attention, to  
his Constitution & Health.

by Dr. Hume

A Line sent to further Hume's  
early in the Morning before eight o'clock,  
& conveyed to the King, will be sure of  
reaching the King, by noon the same Day.

Royal Lodge W<sup>m</sup> p<sup>ts</sup>.

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