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to Colonel Hotham  
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I have received Colonel Hotham's Note, enclosing Copies of a Correspondence he has lately had with the P. of Wales, which has ended in his being dismissed, though with an offer of a pension of £ 1,000. per Annum.

It is with sorrow that I find the P. of Wales's conduct actuated by the same infatuation, which has quite estranged him from Me; but that of Colonel Hotham is perfectly agreeable to those sentiments of Rectitude and Honour, for which I have ever valued him. These must make it more agreeable to him to decline the Pension; I therefore entirely approve of it, and shall in lieu pay him myself £ 1,000. per Annum, for continuing to manage the pecuniary Affairs of my other Sons, which I shall in future pay personally to him.

I think Colonel Hotham will but shew that Attention to my Dearest Son Frederick, in taking an opportunity to acquaint him with what has happened, which I know his sentiments ever incline him to.

*[Faint, illegible handwritten text in cursive script, likely bleed-through from the reverse side of the page.]*