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 Mr. Pitt to the P. of Wales  
 Downing Street May 4<sup>th</sup> 1787.

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Sir

I have been honoured with a letter from Your Royal Highness delivered by Mr. Sheridan, and Regret that I do not sufficiently understand on what Points Your Royal Highness has been induced to suppose that some explanation from Me is necessary. At the same time I humbly hope that Your Royal Highness will allow Me the Impossibility of my entering into a discussion with any third Person on the subject of the conversation with which Your Royal Highness thought proper to honour Me.

Conceiving that the Message which I had the honour of transmitting by His Majesty's Command, last Night fully confirmed what I had had the honour to state as His Majesty's Testiments on the only Object of the Communication which Your Royal Highness directed Me to make in Your Name to His Majesty. I cannot presume to take any step for obtaining further Explanation without Your Royal Highness's express Orders.

I have the honour to be  
 with the utmost Respect and Submission  
 Sir Your Royal Highness's  
 Most Obedient  
 and Devoted Servant  
 (signed) W. Pitt.

*[Faint, illegible handwritten text on a piece of lined paper pasted onto a larger sheet.]*