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Affidavit

Taken before the Lord Mayor.

By the Proprietors of The Morning Post.

Whereas two newspapers notoriously in the pay of the Treasury, having been in the almost daily practice of slandering His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales for these last six months, we felt it our indispensable duty, as loyal subjects, that delect the present destructive and incapable administration to adopt every measure that could tend to repel their foul calumnies against His Royal Highness, who seems to be marked out by certain persons in power, as the Royal victim of factious policy and oligarchic vengeance. While the above prints that pretend to support the Constitution by robbing Royalty of respect, are criminally remiss in not only paying even their tribute of praise to the exemplary virtues of our patriotic Sovereign, but have likewise thrown their unconstitutional venom against our spotless Queen, as well as her dutiful and accomplished eldest Son, to serve the most base political purposes; we have always, on the contrary, supported the characters of every branch of the Royal Family that really merit the support of the public, by not becoming the tools of a faction, who mean always to rule by fomenting divisions in that Family, in order to be subservient to their nefarious purposes, by rendering Royalty unpopular in a future reign, as well as weakening its personal respect at the present moment.

The above disloyal Treasury prints having lately, in addition to their daily scurrility, falsely asserted that His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, was become a Proprietor of this paper, we the true and only Proprietors thereof, have this day made our affidavits before the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor of London, that such a charge is not more malicious than false and totally unfounded. We have hitherto supported His Royal Highness from the most pure and loyal motives; and we shall continue to defend his reputation against all the unprincipled libelings that certain men daily employ; that they may wield the sceptre, in despite, perhaps even of Royalty itself, which it would seem they mean to make an automaton of their will and only an instrument of their oligarchic power and tyrannic authority.

Sworn before this day &c.

D. Stuart.
J. Fuller.

