

Duke of York G.H.R.H.

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Dear Brother

In obedience to Your commands to inform You of  
the state in which I found our beloved Father, I have  
great satisfaction in reporting to You, that both from  
my own personal observations, as well as from the account  
given me by Dr. Baillie and John Wilkes Mr. has perfectly  
recovered whatever was the cause of Alarm last Tuesday.

I was with him upwards of a quarter of an hour, and  
had a full view of his countenance, which does not appear  
to me to be at all altered in the least since the time  
I saw him the last time, which was last Saturday. He  
was amusing himself with playing upon the Harpsichord and  
singing with a strong and firm voice as ever I heard him  
and seemed as happy and cheerful as possible.

Mr Henry Holford will of course call upon You and

Mr Royal Highness  
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make his own report to you. but from what I see taken  
 from the Physicians here as well as from some of the Majesty's  
 servants, they appear to be rather ashamed of the illness of last  
 Tuesday, and acknowledge that though the Majesty seemed  
 much affected and chilled by an over covering, that it did  
 not arise from any internal cold or bodily disease whatsoever  
 but merely from the effect of the clothes upon a frame  
 that is greatly enfeebled and left still weaker formerly to  
 resist any sudden change or attack.

The Majesty's appetite appears to be good, and though  
 he does not take regularly the usual amount of food as he has  
 perhaps done before is to be attributed to the state of his  
 Teeth which prevent the Majesty from masticating  
~~solid~~ the same as usual, yet he takes a full sufficiency of  
 nourishment as well as a certain quantity of wine mixed  
 in his cup since Tuesday which he appears to relish

The Majesty's pulse has also been full every morning since  
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and all the Physicians agree that it is as good and as regular  
as they could safely wish

To prevent as far as possible a recurrence of what happened  
last Tuesday the Majesty's Chamber has been lined with  
flannel the temperature of the room has been directed to be kept  
in some degree warmer, as also two screens to the front of the  
the papers that leads from the Majesty's Bed Room to the  
Sitting Room, in order to shut out the Breeze to the Court  
and the Sun can be shut you down to the Chamber.

In short, I think that he may without flattery conclude  
to conclude that the Alarm, if ever there was any cause for it  
is now over, but we should not conceal from ourselves that  
His Majesty is greatly enfeebled within the last twelve  
months and that though his general health has so appeared  
a rest of decay yet the frame is so much weaker that he  
can no longer look forward with any confidence to the  
being preserved to us for any length of time

I remain ever Dear Brother

Your most affectionate  
Frederick

W. R. W. W. W.  
The Duke of York

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