

lament to what You have done. It may answer in giving
 a momentary Distress to Government, but what is the
 consequence of that hereafter? it is this. That every opposi-
 tion to the Crown, headed by ~~the~~ a Branch of the Royal
 Family. Lessens the power of the Crown! I am sure it
 cannot be Y^r interest to assist in that. The Duke of Clarence
 joining You upon this occasion may to the World prove
 a unanimity between You, but His doing that, strikes me
 as very disadvantageous to the rest of Y^r Brothers, for
 what dependence can the Y^{rs} ever have upon ~~them~~ any
 of them. When after having once taken their Seal in the
 House of Lords they can be led to oppose His Government
 at any time. & may it not give occasion to think that by
 following You, You are the Cause of it. After all who is
 the Crown to look up to for staunch Supporters? Cer-
 tainly the Royal Family! & if that fails the Country must
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tion Yourself as not to know that though we are at pre-
 sent the happiest People in the World there are yet
 some rotten Sheep amongst Us. & I remember well Mr.
 Landon saying last Year in Parliament
 that we were quiet for the moment But that we
 must continue to be Vigilant. I do most earnestly in-
 treat You to take no Step without considering it well & behi-
 ve me it has cost me a great deal to write this, but a
 Conversation I had many Years ago with the late Lord
 Egmont when He was first Lord of the Admiralty during
 the Riots of the Weavers made so strong an impression
 upon my mind that, and thinking it over the other Day
 it determin'd me to write to You. it was as follows.
 we were alone in the King's Closet at St James. while
 the King saw some others of the Ministers, & asking him
 about the late Prince of Wales. He said. The Prince
 was my Benefactor & I loved Him, but He has done mischief

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to this Country. I could not help shewing some Surprise at
 this Speech, & He answered, He was always displeas'd wth
 the G^d His Father, & had reason for it, & in order to shew
 what His feelings were upon it, He went into opposition
 against the advice of His Friends, & laid the Foundation
 of all His poor Sons ^{present} difficulties, I hope This Story
 will be a proof of my real Love & regard for You
 both for the present Times & those that are to
 come I alleviate Your Distresses with the best of my
 Life I would do it with pleasure, but as that cannot
 be done even with my best wishes & intentions, I therefore
 I cannot be blamed by representing to You the fear
of entering upon any Step in Public which
 may prove Unpleasant to You in Future, & which
 I pray to the Almighty to direct in His Wisdom direct
 & Guide You to avoid, which is the sincere wish of
 the 2^d March.

Your very affectionate Mother

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