19 March 1799

My dearest Son. A Circumstance happened on Sunday Night in my room when we had a matter of eight ladies with us which I was very anxious to communicate to You as yesterday Morning, but my Time was so taken up from eight a Clock ~~untill~~ past twelve which so fretted me that could I without ~~to~~ making the World who is ever ready to work the Royal Family ~~more wrongfull~~ guess to You or send a Message I should have done it, particularly as I expected Ernest who had promised to come & would have made it so easy to have done but He failed & I was obliged to leave London quite unhappy to myself.

The Ld took Notice of Ld Chalmondeley's Children at Church, admired them & said in the Evening how glad He was to see Her so constantly at Chapel, & then asked if She had a ~~place~~ particular allowed by Ld Mary Cook in the Closet. Ld Bath said, that She was only there during Lent, & when the Royal Family was absent. She as well as many other of the Pr. ~~ces~~ sat in the Peers seat below. The Ld answered She must find that much Colder seat, upon which He was answered that Ld C. ~~being very~~ attentive to the Young ladies who were with Her could not bring them up Stairs, & therefore preferred staying

staying with them below. He then inquired the Names of those ladies & was told Miss Seymour & Miss Fellows, He then said I knew the last but who is the first & was answered Lady C. Waterpot Daughter, He came asked me if I knew that, I answered I understood she was a ward of His, & then several of the others said No she was His Daughter. This I thought was my Duty to mention to You, but I was still more ~~difficult~~ anxious to inform You of my having received a Letter from Lady C. Yesterday Morning in which She renews Her request about Miss McKenzie. & then returns me thanks for ~~to~~ allowing Miss Seymour to be presented at Court. & inquires whether I continue of the same opinion. Now my dear You must remember that I immediately said to You why present Her at all? upon which You answered me it will be just like Mademoiselle de Clair. & I made the remark God knows so many people are to Court that I do not think the Kg would mind it much particularly as He does not know Her. but I do not remember that I ever said, I gave leave that She should be presented. & You know that Step I never should take without the Kgs leave at any time. nor did I understand it in that light, ~~but that I did~~ ~~when Lady C. Waterpot wished to go first after~~ Else I should immediately have given for answer that I did not dare give

leave without
present Her
no Personal de
to me, but o
our Duty to
the Kg, & als
given leave
made acquain
I am
that You will
on Thursday
that I never
than Hers is
I hope
& amuse Your
disorders which
Windsor
the 19th March
1799.

19 March 1799

leave without the K. & before You left me I again repeated why present Hist all. You will I hope be convinced that I can have no Personal dislike to a Young Woman well brought up & Unknown to me, but after what passed on Sunday I think it my particular Duty to prevent Ly C.s taking a Step which might offend the K. & also to clear myself of the mistake of my having given leave for a Presentation at Court without the K being made acquainted with it.

I am so Convinced of Your Judgement & regard to Decency that You will approve of my intention to see Ly Cholmondeley on Thursday to explain myself upon the Subject, as I must own that I never saw a more Sensible & Respectfull Letter than Hers is to me.

I hope You will enjoy this fine Weather in the Country & amuse Yourself well, the exercise I hope will cure all Bilious disorders which will give great Pleasure to

Windsor
the 19th March.
1799.

Yr very affectionate Mother
& Sincere Friend. Charlotte

The Queen
to
The Prince of Wales
Windsor
1899