

The Queen
to
The Prince of Wales

AA

GEO/MAIN/
36505

23^d March 1799.

My dearest Son. Y^r Answer arrived late last Night to my great astonishment, as I really hardly could believe thy Letter had reached You. I have had my interview with Lady C & fairly told Her of the accidental Conversation which happened in my room on Sunday Night, as also a great many of the ^{Things} which I forgot to mention to You, how highly She approved of ^{my} Willoughby & Her Conduct in never having attempted to present Miss Bertie until She was married. She agreed with me that after this it would be improper to think of presenting Miss Leinster. That is all that passed between Her & me upon the Subject, for as we understood one another perfectly well I thought it better to drop that Subject. She talked with great delight of Y^r goodness to Her self & Family & expressed every possible attachment & affection for Y^r Person. As to ~~that~~ the proposal You make about the manner in which the ^{King} might be undeceived about the Suspicion of M. L. being Lady C's Daughter. I will fairly own as You wish me to spread the Truth, that You will ex-

more kindly towards Her by giving it up ~~the~~ entirely, for You
know how difficult it is to deceive the ^{Q^{rs}}, & should by any
accident which cannot now be foreseen, (but yet may happen)
the real truth ever come to light, I am convinced the
Dear ^{Q^{rs}} never would forgive it. All this my own conscience
bids me say, & by yr Letter I am justified in not only in doing
so, but I feel truly happy to have it in my power of pre-
venting Your taking any Step which might with reason offend
the ^{Q^{rs}}.

I am just come from ^{1st} of Elgin where we took leave
of ^{Mr} Chapin. We are all sorry to part with Her, I hope She will
be happy. ^{1st} of Elgin keeps up Her Spirits wonderfully & when
She begins to get low She goes to Dear little ^{Mr} Cha to receive
Her Spirits in which She is quite right for any thing so good or
so engaging I never saw before, & yesterday She was unique.

I must now quit You & prepare myself for leaving Town to-
morrow, I wish You a happy Easter & beg You to remember

E. H.
the 23^d March
1799.

yr ever affectionate Mother & Sister Friend
Charlotte