

GEORGE V

12 June 1802

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— My dearest Son. At my return from the Play last Night I found Yr Letter & consequently was under the Necessity of keeping the Servant till this Morning. — I am truly Sorry to find that the Invitation of the Princeps to My Fete should annoy You so much as to look upon it as a Personal Affront to You which it never could be meant to be. You will recollect that Upon Yr Sister's Marriage which was also Publick, She was invited, & since that event I have given had no other Fetes but those given during the Time of the Camps, at which None, but those of the Royal Family then at Windsor were present, The Duke of Gloucester His Son & Daughter being excluded at that Time, purposely not to shew any Affront to the Princeps, as You Yourself wished the Princeps always to be treated with civility. These

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are the Expressions You made use of in my Case
at the Queens House. & I thought them so proper
that I endeavoured to act up to them implicitly
as a real proof of my Affection for You which
I have proved by always informing You when She
was either Visited or invited by me: & as You
have met with the Princess both at St James &
the Queens House Upon Public Days I judged the
a meeting at Frogmore could not be of more con-
sequence, add to that, that we owe something
to the Public in whose power we always are
& though I am far above wishing to gain
Popularity by improper means, I should likewise
not choose to lose the good opinion of the World
by glaring incivility to any Body.

Your Absence must of course let the Day
be ever so bright throw a Cloud over it, You know

Your Presence
present, & the
but believe
by
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Your Presence must be missed by all those who are present, all I can say, is, that it is to be lamented but believe me by none more sincerely than by

Windsor Your very affectionate Mother
the 12th June & Friend.

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Charlotte

I shall certainly make Your excuses to the King unless by an agreeable Surprise You change Your opinion.

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The Queen
of Camp 1013.

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