

The Queen
to
The Prince of Wales

22^d Feb^y 1800.

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My dearest Son. Your Melancholy Letter ~~was~~ came safe to my Hands at Nine a Clock & caused me a great deal of Surprise as I had understood that ^{Mr} ~~Mr~~ ^{Wales} ~~Wales~~ ^{Complains} ~~Complains~~ was only a Common Cold. I did not fail to inform the King of the Event as soon as possible & He regrets the Loss of so Valuable an Officer very much, & tho' He never gives a Decisive answer to any applications for a Pension, He did receive the Message about the poor Deceased's Daughters very Graciously.

I am sorry that You have been witness to such a Melancholy Scene, which is always distressing, but must be much aggravated by the Loss of so ^{good} a Friend, You must however feel Comfort in knowing that in His Professional Career & Public Situation He stands so High in the ^{of the world} Opinion & Happy for Him & those who loved Him to leave such a Character behind Him.

I hope You will not let this Event dwell too much

upon Your Spirits as too much indulgence of Grief, may
bring on new Pelious Complaints which You have
are not so easily got over.

I will not detain Your Servant any longer but
add how sincerely I am.

My dearest Son

Windsor

The 22nd Feb^{ry}

1808.

Your ever affectionate Mother
and sincere Friend.

Charlotte