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My dearest Son. I have this Morning sent my answer to the Council agreeing to Dr T. W. giving His assistance to His Brother. & I hope that You will approve of it ~~at the~~ when You read it. I allow it to be long, but in the predicament I stand with our dear Invalid on account of the Promise never to let T. W. re-enter the House to attend Him, it was necessary to recapitulate strongly to the Council the Hard task I am put to by them & how cutting it is to my feeling to do that. which if the King recovers may perhaps forever make me forfeit His good opinion. Therefore I wished to state in Plain & white ~~words~~ which they will not



destroy, & what must shew to the King &  
 the Public, that nothing but ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> per-  
 severance in their Request to have the  
 Consulting Physicians in the first instance  
 & now again the attendance of Dr J. W.  
 could have made me yield in any way.

My Conscience is clear, for I have kept  
 off the attendance of J. W. above a year &  
 the plague of the Consulting Physicians  
 very near two Month. by a constant  
 opposition, & by now yielding with the  
 greatest reluctance, & almost with a broken  
 Heart, I ~~cannot~~ have a right to expect  
 that no further cutting proposals will  
 be made by them.

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again about dear Charlotte. but would  
not introduce it in this letter,

I will now only add how sincerely I am

My dearest Son

Windsor

Your very affectionate

The 10<sup>th</sup> Nov

& Sincere Friend

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Charlotte

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The Queen

to

The Prince of Wales

10. 12. 1811.



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The Queen has learnt with Satisfaction from the Communication made in writing by Her Council dated the 4<sup>th</sup> Instant & which was delivered to Her Majesty by the the B. B. of Canterbury that the Arrangement which She had directed on the 24<sup>th</sup> October, as stated in Her Letter of that date, with a view to relieve Dr Willis from the unnecessary Disturbance of His Night's Rest, had met the wishes of Her Council.

Her Majesty has given due Consideration to the Proposal of Her Council that they should be permitted to fall to the Assistance of Dr M. Willis in the Discharge of His important & laborious Duties; the Skill & Experience of Dr John Willis, & She is too well convinced of the anxious zeal & the Solitude for the Things Sheovary & welfare by which Her Council are actuated, not to feel desirous of Cooperating with them in whatever Measure may in Her Opinion, be conducive to an object so greatly dear to Herself; & not to prove such Disposition by Her early Decision upon one which They so earnestly recommend.

The Council are in full Possession of the Objections which the Queen had made to similar Proposals upon former occasions, They have equally been made aware of the Principles upon which Her Majesty so long resisted them, & they cannot but have perceived the Difficulty with which She would Her scruples to the extent even of suffering Dr J. Willis & Amerson to have access to Her Majesty's Apartment as consulting Physicians. They have learnt from subsequent Communications



that altho the original ground of Opposition applied equally to Doctor Swinson & to Dr John Welles, it was wholly free from any Personal objection entertained by herself or any of Her Family to Doctor J. Welles.

The Queen does not hesitate upon this occasion to repeal this declaration with respect to Dr J. Welles, & to state the high Opinion which she entertains of His Character & of His Professional Skill; She is also willing to admit that she considers His regular attendance upon the King to be wholly devoided of many of the objections which would have operated strongly against that of any other Individual - Invertheless she feels that she would be wholly unworthy of the Confidence which was reposed in Her by the Country, when she was entrusted with so sacred & important a Charge, if she could be so regardless of an Engagement entered into with the King, as not to yield with the utmost Reluctance to a Proposal which requires an Infraction of it, yet more forcible than that to which she had already consented, in deference to the urgent Advice & Solicitations of her Council, under the Impression made by Circumstances of which the melancholy extent would not be foreseen, when she contracted the Engagement in question, & under the Pressure of extraordinary Difficulties & Embarrassments.

The Queen has more than once declared that she gave Her Council full Credit for the pure Motives, the Possibility of Duty & Attachment by which they are guided, & she does not deny that this Conviction, & Her earnest wish to admit the Advice of Men who are influenced by such honorable feelings tend in a great degree towards weakening Her Resolutions upon the present Occasion; As Her. has also in a recent Communication noticed the Obligation under which Her Council may consider themselves placed to defer in some

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Measures, to Public Feeling & Public Prejudice, but She is far from condemning the Influence of that Obligation, aware as She is that it is fully justified by the earnest Interest which the Country takes in their Proceedings, and Interest which arises from the warmest attachment to the best of Sovereigns, & from a no less univocal Solitude for Her continued Comfort & Her Preservations, which every Act of Her Meritorious Life, Public & Private has established a Claim which She is persuaded is strengthening rather than weakened in the Public Consideration of the King's present Melancholy State.

With these feelings the Queen yields to the earnest Request of Her Council that Doctor J. Butler should be admitted to the King's apartment & permitted to cooperate with His Brother, & She fervently prays that their Skill & united Efforts, may under Providence, realize Her anxious wishes & those of the Family & the Country for His Majesty's ultimate Recovery.

She trusts however that in Consideration of the feelings which the Queen has expressed upon former occasions & the Reluctance with which they must be sensible that She now acquiesces in this Proposal, Her Council will not hesitate in relieving Her & Her Family in some degree, from the weight of Uncertainty by conveying to Her an Assurance that the Concession which has thus been drawn from Her, will secure Her from future Proposals for the Introduction to the Treatment of the King's Disorder of any other Individual, or for any further Change.

The Queen cannot conclude without observing to Her Council that three of the Individuals in Actual Attendance



dance, Sir Henry Salton, Doctor Heberden & Mrs Dundas,  
were bound by the same pledge which she had given &  
would have been precluded from further attendance, <sup>BY</sup>  
the same scruples which imperious circumstances  
have led her to abandon, if she had not taken upon  
herself the responsibility of calling upon them for  
their services, & had not in a manner exonerated them  
by holding out her own example as justifying upon  
the same general principles, their departure from such  
an engagement —

signed/

Charlotte

P.S.

The Queen takes it for granted that upon the ad-  
mission of Doctor John Wallis to cooperation with  
his Brother, the further periodical attendance of  
Doctor Simmons, & Doctor Monroe will be consi-  
dered unnecessary —