15. Nov. 1811

My dearest Son. I received Yesterday Evening the answer from the Council to the Letter I wrote on Sunday a Copy of which I send You & by which You will perceive that tho they are Sensible of the Concession I have made to their proposal of Dr T. Willis coming here to assist His Brother, they nevertheless are urging to continue the attendance of Drs Simmons & Munro, & Specify in particular that "they are "perfectly unconscious of the particular grounds of "my objections to Dr Simmons." I do not deny that I feel most extremely hurt at this very Singular expression as in every Letter I had occasion to write upon that Subject I have stated my reasons without any hesitation, & I cannot help fearing that they still mean to force this Man upon us, & I have therefore thought it proper to prepare an answer directly which

I inclose herewith, & which after perusing it
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The Copy of
of You to Seal it with my Seal which I also
will send
send & to forward it to the Archbishop
when I see
immediately as I wish Him to have it before
He comes on Saturday to Windsor.

Our Conversation on Fryday last in which
You & I were quite unanimous upon this
Subject makes me the more Anxious that You
should read it before it goes to the Council, &
makes me flatter myself that You will not
less approve of this Letter than the last
which of Course You may easily believe must
prove a great Satisfaction to

My dearest Son

Your affectionate Mother
& Sincere Friend
Charlotte

Windsor
the 15th Novbr.
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15. Nov. 1811

May I beg to have my Seal returned. —
The Copy of my Letter to the Archbishop I
will send by the Evening or give it You on Sunday
when I see You.

The Queen
to
The Prince of Wales

15th. Nov. 1841

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Nov.r 12, 1811.

Madam

Your Majesty's Council acknowledge with gratitude Your Majesty's gracious condescension in approving the motives by which Your Council are actuated. Doubtless they are of the same nature with those which have uniformly governed Your Majesty, arising from an anxious wish to leave no means untried that may be reasonably expected to contribute to His Majesty's recovery. In the pursuit of this object they have sometimes suggested measures difficult for Your Majesty to approve; Your Majesty has been pleased to sacrifice Your own feelings to the earnest and urgent representations of Your Council.

With every disposition to obey Your Majesty's Commands, and with no present intention whatever to recommend the introduction of any other Person than Dr John Willis to the management of the Kings Apartment, professing at the same time to be perfectly unconscious of the particular grounds of Your Majesty's objections to Dr Simmons, Your Council humbly implore Your Majesty not to impose upon them a pledge to exclude from His Majesty's medical assistance; the assistance of any Man, who may hereafter be deemed capable of affording it — a pledge that candid as they humbly conceive be given by Your Majesty's Council, without incurring a breach of their official duty, and of the oath by which they are bound to perform it.

Presuming on Your Majesty's consent to the cooperation of Dr John Willis with His Brother, Your Council have desired Dr John Willis's immediate attendance at Windsor

/signed/ Eldon
Montrose
Aylesford
Eldon
Ellenborough
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Her Majesty's Council
Nov. 12. 1811.

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London Nov.r 15th 1841.

The Queen sincerely lament that in acknowledging a Communication from Her Council of the 12 Instant received yesterday, She cannot refrain from noticing particularly that part of it in which all though they state that they have no present Intention whatever to recommend the Introduction of any other Person than Dr John Willis to the Management of the Kings Apartment, they clearly admit that such Intention may be entertained, by remonstrating against the Exclusion of any Man whom they may hereafter deem Capable of affording His Assistance which by their previous mention of Dr Simmons, They as clearly point him out to be the Man in their Contemplation.

When the Queen took the principal Resolution of assenting to the Proposal of Her Council that Dr J. Willis should be admitted to Cooperate with His Brother, She had flattered Herself with the hope that in Consideration of all that She had stated upon that occasion, & all Her had stated upon previous occasions, en Consideration of the Sacrifice of Her own feelings which the Council admit to have been made to their earnest & urgent Representations

Thus

Her Majesty might indulge the consoling prospect that her Peace of mind, & that of her Family could not again be harassed, Her scruples of Conscience not be again assailed by Proposals for the Introduction of any other Individual; & under that sanguine hope She was led to express Her Confidence that Her Council would by an assurance to that Effect relieve Her & Her Family in some degree from the weight of Uneasiness under which They must labour.

The Queen is sensible that She cannot impose a Pledge upon Them to which They think proper to Object, & She never could wish, even if She had the Power, to impose one which should be inconsistent with The Official Duty of any Man & with the Oath by which they are bound to perform it.

The Queen impressed as She is with feelings of the most Regard for the Individuals forming Her Council cannot View without great Apprehension & Concern the Possibility of any serious Difference with them, & She trusts that She has already given ample Proofs, that such is far from being Her Disposition & that Her Opposition to their advice has been wholly unfluenced by Capricious motives or moral

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Prejudices — She has waived Her Scruples, She has rendered Her own Duty subservient to that which Her advisers stated to be theirs But there are certain bounds beyond which Concession cannot be carried without becoming not less disgraceful, than it must appear to Her a most reprehensible abandonment of the Charge imposed, & there are also certain Points upon which the Queen is confident that Her shall stand justified in the eyes of Her Family & of the whole Country in exercising Her own Judgement, particularly as Her object has invariably been to Combine the Admission of that which may prove useful to the King in His Melancholy State with that which shall not prove detrimental of his remaining comfort — Nor can it be said that the Queen is guilty of Presumption in opposing Her Judgement in this Instance to the United Opinions of Her Advisers, as it is unfortunately too well known that She has had the melancholy experience of three Sleepless by which the King had been afflicted previously to the present & as She has proceeded on each the same Means of Information which She now

professes & to as great extent as those upon which Her Advisers ground their opinions, Further as in the exercise of Her Judgement, resting upon such melancholy experience & upon such ample means of Information, She is borne out by Her Situation, by the nature of the Charge imposed upon Her, & supported by the concurrent sentiments of Her Family

Signed

Charlotte

The Queen
to
Her Majesty's Council
Nov: 15: 1841
Physicians