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Copy of a Letter from His Royal Highness The Prince
of Wales to Lord Southampton July 7th 1786 38116

My Dear Lord,

I am very sorry that I am obliged to communicate to you
by this Letter the last Orders that I am afraid I shall trouble
you with for some time, Owing to the reduced state of my circum-
stances, which I am afraid you are but too well acquainted
with, & from which I have flatter'd myself & I think not
without the best reasons, that I should have been relieved
by the King. I am compell'd to dismiss (with the greatest
regret on my part I assure you) All the Gentlemen
belonging to my Family who have served me with real
Attachment & Fidelity ever since I appointed them to
their respective Posts: I must desire you to return them
the sincerest & warmest Thanks from me, for their
past Services & assure them, that nothing should have
separated them from me, but being driven to the distress
I at present suffer, & without the smallest Prospect
of relief from those from whom I think I had the greatest
reason to expect it, I must therefore desire you to have
proper Letters made out for each individual expressive
of those Feelings I have mentioned in the foregoing Lines

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& assuring them that whenever it is in my Power to
reassume that splendid Situation my Birth has placed
me in, I shall be happy to receive them again with Open
Arms into the places they now hold, With respects to
yourself My Dear Lord, I can only say that I ever
shall feel most truly grateful to you for that Attachment
& regard which I believe ever were the Motives of your
Conduct throughout to me. I remain ever most
sincerely Your Friend.

Signed
George Augustus Frederick
Prince

P.S. I forgot to tell you, that I mean to Keep, Hotham
Lyte, Lake & Hulse, as Inspectors of my Accounts
and I must desire you either to bring me, or send me
Your Key by ten O'Clock, as I am obliged to go
out of Town at that Hour