

Duke of Portland to H.R.H.

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Buckingham House Wednesday, 3 Dec. 1788

Dear Portland

Wm. Pitt

Sir

As Your Royal Highness is probably anxious to be  
informed of the result of the Council, I presume with all deference to lay  
before you a short state of what has passed, previous to my obtaining copies  
of the Questions agreed to be put to the Physicians & their answers which shall  
be transmitted to Your Royal Highness the moment I receive them, which I  
expect in the course of this evening, & which I humbly submit to Your Royal  
Highness may be a less exceptional mode of Your Royal Highness's being  
notified of them, than by sending for them to the Council in your own  
name. The Council in general, influenced by motives of delicacy, not perhaps  
quite consistent with the magnitude & importance of the case under their  
inquiry

inquiry, were inclined to waver in obtaining from judging some of those  
 questions to the Physicians, which might possibly, have decided the real  
 state of the King's disorder, & the real & specific probability of His Majesty's  
 recovery. The Physicians though on different grounds & in different degrees  
 unconvinced in the probability of the King's Recovery. Dr Warren's opinion was  
 indeed given with some reserve, as he grounded it solely on a calculation, that  
 in the species of the disorder under our consideration, the greater number of  
 those affected with it, did recover. Dr Aldington went further than any of them  
 declaring, that he thought it probable, that the King might recover as complete a  
 sanity & as great a placis for business, as he possessed before His Malady - Dr  
 Aldington's examination closed the business, & it was then determined to lay the  
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whole of the Evidence before the two Courts tomorrow & to move to take it into  
consideration on next Monday, after which Mr Pitt endeavoured to induce those  
of the Council who were members of either House to enter into something like an  
engagement not to proceed into any further investigation of this matter in their  
Parliamentary Capacities, but this, as your Royal Highness will believe, was not  
effected to.

I am with the utmost Respect & Attachment

Your Royal Highness's  
most Dutiful most Obedient Servant  
Portland

The Duke of Portland

to

The Prince of Wales

3<sup>d</sup> Decr. 1788.

Relative to the  
Proceedings of the  
Council in consequence  
of the King's illness

Duke of Cornwall  
Father to the Prince  
of the Pring Council

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