

The Prince of Wales

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to

The Queen

Jan<sup>y</sup> 30. 1709.

Before Your Majesty gives an answer  
to the application for your permission, to place  
under your authority, the direction & appoint-  
ment of the King's Household, thereby to  
disjoin from the difficult & arduous office  
which I am call'd upon to fill, the accustomed  
& necessary support & dignity wh. have  
hitherto belong'd to it. Permit me with every  
sentiment of duty, & affection, towards Your  
Majesty, to entreat your attentive perusal  
of the Papers which I have the honor to

to enclose. They contain a sketch of the Plan  
now propos'd to be carried into execution as com-  
municated to me by Mr. Pitt, & the sentiments  
which reason & duty suggested to my mind  
in answer to that communication. It is also  
my earnest wish to be permitted to lodge  
authentick Copies of this Correspondence in  
Your Majesty's Hands, trusting that  
whenever it shall please Providence to  
remove the malady with wh. the King My  
Father is now unhappily afflicted, Your  
Majesty in justice to me, & to those of the

Royal Family whose affectionate & cordial  
concurrence & support I have receiv'd thro' the  
whole of the critical situation in which I  
have been plac'd, will take the fittest & earliest  
opportunity of submitting to his royal  
perusal, this just explanation of the true  
grounds & Principles upon which we have  
acted, & I here solemnly repeat to Your  
Majesty that among those Principles there  
is not one which has guided or now influences  
my mind, so much as the firm persuasion  
I have that my conduct in endeavouring

to maintain unimpaired & undivided the just  
rights, Prerogatives, & dignity of the Crown  
in the Person of the King's Representative  
is the only line of conduct which would entitle  
me to His Majesty's approbation, or enable  
me to stand with confidence & without self-  
reproach in his Presence, on the happy Day  
of his recovery, & on the contrary I have to  
some firm persuasion that these shameful  
colours of respect & attachment to his royal  
Person have contriv'd this project for weakn-  
& degrading the executive authority of the

Empire will be considered by Him, as having  
risked the Peace & Happiness of his People  
for the purposes of their own interested ambition  
& ~~has~~ having shaken the security of the Throne  
by establishing a fatal Precedent, which may  
hereafter be urged against his own authority,  
or be revived on various Pretences against  
the Rights of his Successors. In speaking  
my opinion of the motives which may have  
actuated the Projection of this Scheme, I  
trust I need not inform Your Majesty, that  
the perfect duty & affection I ever have felt

for Your Majesty, have never suffered me for a single  
moment, to consider You as countenancing in the  
slightest degree their plan or their purposes.  
I have the firmest reliance on Your Majesty's  
early declaration to me on the subject of Publick  
affairs, at the commencement of our common edu-  
cation, & whatever may be the efforts of evil &  
interested Advisers, I have the same confidence  
that Your Majesty will never permit nor endure  
that the influence of your respected name should  
be ~~represented~~ profaned for the purpose of distorting  
the Government, & insulting the Person of  
your Son.

How few those who are manifestly pursuing  
 both these objects, may be encouraged in their purpose  
 by Your Majesty's acceptance of the Powers & State  
 denied to me, I will not presume to say. The  
 Proposition itself has assumed the form of a  
 Resolution of Parliament, & therefore I leave  
 unsaid much of what I feel & apprehend upon  
 the subject. Your Majesty however will I  
 doubt not, do me & Yourself the justice to  
 weigh the opinions I formed & entertained, before  
 the two Houses had adopted their present Plan,  
 & with those before You, which I have the honor  
 to submit, will enable Your Majesty's own

judgment, to decide upon. Actuated as I am  
sure You will be, by your duty to my Father,  
& by your constant affection to Your Children  
I feel the firmest reliance on those Principles  
that nothing will ever prevail upon You to  
lend your countenance to any Council, that can  
in the smallest degree be liable, to even the  
suspicion of Sumner of having consented to  
adopt measures, that were likely to interrupt  
in the slightest degree that harmony & affection  
that has <sup>was</sup> invariably prevailed hitherto, & which  
it shall continue the constant object of my  
wish to cherish & promote.



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I remain, with the sentiments of the truest  
affection & inseparable respect, Madam,

Your Majesty's

dutiful & affectionate

Son,

Carlton House.  
E. Y. H.  
Jan. 30. 1789.

George B.

