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It appears to me, that the books & papers above mentioned ought to be delivered up by the late Chamberlain of the prince, as being necessary for the Guidance of the person who acts as his Successor, in receiving the Revenue & discharging the debts or expences of the prince; & the proper remedy to compel him to do so, seems to me to be a Bill in Equity against him by the prince. The only difficulty in the Case arises from a defect in the above stated Act of parliament, which has not provided any method, by which the Treasurer or other Officer of the prince, when removed from his Office, may have his accounts pass'd, himself secured against any future demand; & the Chamberlain may think that he ought at least to retain Receipts & Vouchers for payments, until his accounts are pass'd & himself compleatly discharged. If he should insist on this, as a Reason for retaining the books and papers, a Court of Equity might possibly order his Accounts to be taken, before it would decree that he should deliver them up; or at least before his Vouchers for payments should be delivered up; but this does not seem to be a Reason for his retaining the books.

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