

H. R. H. Minute with H. H.'s disposition

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Sunday March 8<sup>th</sup>

I went to the Queen's House about eight o'clock  
in the evening & had some short conversation  
with the King's Physicians respecting His Majesty's  
health previous to their going into the King's  
Room; when they had left the Room I remained  
alone with the Duke of Cumberland, the  
conversation then turned upon the general po-  
sition of Affairs & particularly respecting  
Mr. Addington who I recommended much &  
saying I believ'd Him to be a perfectly honest  
man, ~~but~~ I only to judge from two or three  
circumstances & had I not had opportunities  
of satisfying myself upon that head before, ~~as I~~

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That I mentioned the two occasions, the first his  
having been the only person, & his coming of this nature  
would to acquaint me of the imminent danger  
my Father's life was in about half an hour before  
he came to see me, when no one else thought  
it proper or decent to acquaint me with the  
circumstance though I had been in the same  
near three quarters of an hour previous to his  
coming to me; & the second became known  
to me that he had positively refused the  
being the means of inducing the King to sign  
the Commission for passing the head tax, which  
he was press'd in the strongest manner to  
execute to get sign'd, <sup>which I refused</sup> because  
I thought he must have <sup>been</sup> ~~been~~ <sup>as an</sup> ~~as an~~ <sup>imposed</sup>  
it would be the most dishonourable action  
~~possible~~ for me to attempt or to lend his  
hand to induce the King to set his name

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for any Paper whatever, when his mind was not  
 in a competent state to do so. The Duke of  
 Cumberland then said, & said the same for  
 the Chancellor proposed me to do so, & Mr.  
 [unclear] replied to carry the Commission  
 in. I then said how could that be, he  
 then told me that positive orders had been  
 sent to the Lodge to refuse the admission  
 of any one excepting his Majesty's Sons &  
 Physicians, <sup>& I think Mr. [unclear]</sup> that he was greatly surpris'd  
 at a message he received that the [unclear]  
 was there & desired to be admitted; I could  
 have admitted that he, (the Duke of [unclear])  
 then carried him into what is call'd the  
 Garden Room & there had the conversation  
 with the Chancellor relative to the obtaining  
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the King's signature to the Commission for reform  
the bread but which the Duke of sum? then  
preemptively refused, that Dr. Thomas Willis  
was then sent for, & upon the subject being  
mentioned to him, the D. of sum? refused  
me that Dr. J. Willis had strong by ap-  
peared against it, considering the  
state of mind as quite rapid present  
circumstances, that upon the <sup>the</sup> Chan. <sup>was</sup>  
Dr. Willis if he knew who he was, <sup>he</sup>  
that she was the Chancellor, <sup>she</sup>  
he was about, as all responsibility <sup>must</sup>  
with him, & that he must run everywhere  
& that therefore Dr. Willis must obtain <sup>the</sup>  
signature, upon this Dr. Willis carried the  
Commission brought it out again with the  
King's signature. The D. of sum? then added many  
such alterations on the <sup>the</sup> 8<sup>th</sup>. 160.