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Ed. Carlisle. Memorandum.

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Early in 1801

The first step which appears necessary to be taken,
& which will be no departure from the strong
ground of refusing interference (which entails
responsibility) to remonstrate with Mr Eldon &
Mr Addington upon their conduct, & their ^{by}supine
suffering the Kings health to be tampered with
by persons, who can hardly be called physicians,
without applying to the best advice the Country
can afford.

or returned
In almost every case of a private individual, before
a patient is transferred to the care of that part
of the faculty to which Dr Willis belongs, it is usual
to require the fiat of other medical persons to
sanction the placing the patient under such care.
For if the Med Doctor sees to decide ^{in the first instance} upon the
necessity of his having the sole management of
the case, it is obvious to foresee to what horrible
abuses this might lead: persons perfectly sane
might be buried for ever in confinement.

It is to be apprehended that Sr Willis himself
decides upon every step now taken relative to
the Kings Melody. This if so, is not endurable;
and a protest against it might be formally
made by the P^r of Wales to Mr St & L^d, leaving
them to take such measures, as they might
think fit to adopt.

If all interference on their part should be
declined, will not a suspicion be fairly raised,
that if other medical persons of eminence were
consulted, the result of their enquiries into
the whole progress of the Kings Melody might
lead to a discovery of the real state of the K^{ing}'s mind,
when the R^{oy} had got put to instruments
of the greatest consequence, & that such a discovery
it would not be for their interests to encourage

It ought to be recollected by them that it is
no secret that Sr Willis's keys were removed
on the ^{Wed} Thursday; On the following Saturday
Sr Eldon accepted the seals as Chancellor from
the King. On the Monday following the former

Tuesday 14th precedes
accepted

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Lamentable symptoms returned, since which
time S^r Bill's papers were again placed
about the King in the room of his own domestic
In this lucid interval His M^{ty} makes a
Chancellor — which would I think answer to,
as a professional man, fit as I believe him
to be both from integrity & learning to be a
Chancellor, were he to be asked as to the validity
of a bill made under similar circumstances;
whether the sitting in the Court of Chancery,
would a moment entertain the idea of its being
valid.

I lay much stress upon the answer that
probably would be without hesitation delivered
Circumstances & particulars of the King's illness
made previous to his late malady, are known
to more than one of the Royal Family, ought
not the disclosure of the King's illness be made
to physicians allied to, as their opinions, &
statements of the case from the beginning to the

present hour might be of considerable
consequence, in the case of either will being
found of a subsequent date at the R's death.

When in the hands
of either of these
parties, relation
to the health of
His Majesty George
the Third