

Ed. Moore to H. R. H. -

The Earl of Chester

to  
The Prince of Wales

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Most fortunately I did not  
learn your Royal Highness's illness till  
I was at the same time assured that all  
necessaries respecting it had subsided. Even  
then, I could not but feel a severely pain-  
-ful shock at the thought that the attack  
was of a nature which might have become  
fatal. For every sake, Sir, take care

of a life so precious not merely to those  
who are devoted to you but to your Country.  
Believe me, the alarm excited here by the  
supposed extent of your indisposition proved  
in the most gratifying manner with what  
anxiety the public mind fixes itself upon  
your energy & talents as a resource in  
the pressing difficulties that surrounded us.  
Had it not been for the occasion, which was

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too high a price for the gratification, I  
should have delighted in the unfeigned  
exhibition of people's feelings which the  
circumstances called forth. Thank God,  
the crisis is over. I suffer, however, your  
interest for the sensibility of those who  
are bound to you by grateful affection  
to make you ~~take~~ that care of yourself  
which you would not do on your own account.

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-court. I have been undergoing a tedious &  
painful inflammation in my eyes; now much  
better, but not quite restored. Poor Sheridan  
is confined with a tearing erysipelas. Your  
Royal Highness will be glad to know that  
he behaves with great attention & perfect  
propriety. He has an excellent heart.

With every sentiment which I ought  
to feel to you, Sir, & no description would  
rate attachment higher, I remain ever  
Your Royal Highness's most devoted  
& most respectful servant

H. P. W.

The Prince of Wales

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