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Sir

I was extremely happy to receive your Majesty's most gracious Letter; wch contains the justest reflections on the present temper of the times, & the necessity there is of infusing a better spirit into the rising generation. Your Majesty has done your part in this great work, & it is one of the disgraces of our degenerate age, that the effect of it is not everywhere conspicuous. By degrees however this Country must feel the influence of the Royal countenance & example; & a time will come when your enlarged views for the good of all your subjects, in all parts of your Dominions, will be remembered with honour, while the furious passions of those, who disturb & deform God's world, will be held in execration.

Sir, I humbly thank your Majesty for designing me a further addition to your valuable present of the German Latin Books. I am providing a decent Repository for them, & am proud to think what a distinction it will be to this See, to have such an obligation to your Majesty.

Your Majesty's humanity, I perceive, was much

affected by the melancholy story I had to tell of Dr Arnald. He was removed to Leicester, & committed to the care of a skilfull person. I have seen some letters from this person, & one of a late date, wch was sent me by yesterday's post. By these I learn that his Patient has been, & still is extremely ill, worse, I believe, than he was before: At least, the fit is more obstinate, & likely to continue much longer. It was especially to your Majesty's usual delicacy to make a secret of this Relapse. But it is scarce possible it shd be concealed. And, perhaps, it is not desirable that it shd be so. For the notoriety of his case may dispose him to come to such resolutions about his future plan of life, as are most fit & reasonable: And his being aware that his infirmity is well known, will deliver him from a great anxiety in labouring to conceal it.

The any kind, & I presume to think, just sentiments wch Your Majesty entertains of the unhappy man's virtues, will be a comfort to him when he is made acquainted with them, as he shall be one of these days, but not till he is enough recovered to bear the communication of this intelligence without too much emotion.

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at present but with one word more. The birthdays that have so lately been celebrated at Windsor cannot escape my recollection. And I cannot pay my compliments to the Princes or to your Majesties better, than by wishing, as I sincerely & fervently do, that as their R. Highnesses advance in years, they may advance in filial Piety & true wisdom.

I am, with the deepest sense of duty and gratitude,

Sir,

Your Majesty's most faithful & most obedient Subject & Servant

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