

(M) cf. 49294

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The Lord Chancellor having expressed a wish that the Prince of W. sh<sup>d</sup> reduce to writing the substance of the conversation he has just had with the P. of W. the Prince is compelled to remind his Lordship that the shortness of the time (it being now eleven o'clock and the interview being appointed for twelve) renders it impossible to do more than to state the result of that which the Prince detailed at length to his Lordship. That result is that the information the P. has received from quarters upon which he is bound to place the most implicit reliance makes it ~~impossible~~ <sup>impossible</sup> for him to believe that the proposed interview could lead to that cordial, affectionate and lasting reconciliation which the Lord Chancellor must recollect was the sole object which the Prince proposed to have in view. Deeply impressed

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with a view of the consequences which might  
result from any but the most satisfactory  
meeting with his Majesty, having in the course  
of two months received no other mark of ~~his~~ that  
extremely kind regards for which he had so anxiously  
looked, & being extremely agitated and even  
indisposed by the continued state of suspense  
in which he has so long been kept, nothing but  
the certainty that he was to throw himself at  
the feet of an affectionate Father could enable  
him, with safety to his own character, to appear  
before the King. Unhappily the information he  
has very recently received forbids him to look  
for the King's affection, & impregnated with that  
dark poisonous Idea, he thinks it most prudent  
to avoid an interview, which might only irritate  
a wound it has been the most anxious wish of  
his heart to soften & conciliate. May God

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great that the Prince may soon have  
reason to believe that kinder sentiments  
prevail. The Prince can only add  
his regret that the Chancellor declines making  
this communication to his Majesty in person.

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Copy of communication actually made.

The extreme agitation into which the near  
approach of the interview with his Majesty  
has ~~thrown~~ thrown the Prince, under the  
circumstances which have recently come  
to his knowledge, has created a degree of  
indisposition which renders it impossible for  
him to present himself before the King this  
day. The P. entreats the Chancellor to make  
this communication to his Majesty.

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The Prince of Wales

to

The Lord Chancellor

(Correspondence

relative to the case

and Education of

The Prince, Charlotte