

HRH to Lord Chancellor

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The Prince of Wales has received the Note of the Lord Chancellor in which he ^{appears to} declines to lay before his Majesty the answer which ~~the Prince~~ the Lord Chancellor received from the Prince to the communication made to him thro' the Lord Chancellor by command of his Majesty. The Lord Chancellor has only to refer to that answer to observe that the Prince never doubted his Lordship's assertion that the communication in question was made by command of his Majesty, the presumed error therefore of the Prince in this respect can afford no ground for the Chancellor's ~~or Mr Pitt's~~ declining or deferring to communicate the Prince's answer - at the same time the Prince desires it to be

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* However solicitous he may be as he ever has been
to have the benefit of his Majesty's
gracious advice & counsel upon this *
most important & interesting subject:

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that after the very distinct
 explanations which have
 passed upon this subject between
 the Earl of Moira on the Part
 of the Prince & the Lord Chancellor
 & Mr Pitt He did not expect
 that his Majesty would have
 remain'd so uninformed of the
 Prince's sentiments in this respect
 as to have commanded the Lord
 Chancellor to ~~have~~ transmit
 to the Prince the Paper refer'd to.
 With regard to what has pass'd
 in the ~~in~~ the interviews with
 Lord Moira with the Lord ~~Chancellor~~
 Lord Chancellor or Mr Pitt. The
 Prince has ~~very~~ ~~strongly~~ ~~expressed~~ ~~that~~ ~~at~~
 places the most implicit reliance
 on the representations verbal & written

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of what pass'd in those interviews
 made to him by Lord Mordaunt
 to whom. The Prince will
 immediately communicate the
 observations of the Lord Chancellor
 & Mr Pitt, and who alone ^{by} ~~the~~ ^{will} give
 the ^{best} understanding, if any such have in
 fact ^{can be clear'd up} ~~is~~ ^{up}
 The Prince has only further
 to observe ~~that~~ ^{that} as his Majesty
 has never once spoken to the
 Prince on this important subject
 nor to the Earl of Mordaunt in the
 interview with which his Majesty
 honour'd him that if that Lord
 Chancellor & Mr Pitt decline
 to return to his Majesty ⁱⁿ ~~in~~ ^{reply}
 such reply as the Prince humbly
 conceives himself bound to make
 to propositions convey'd thro' them
 the apparent disrespect towards
 the King can in ~~no~~ ^{no} degree
 be imputed to the Prince.

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Original Paper
of the answer to
The Lord Chancellor &
Mr Pitt

Nov. 20. 1704

The Prince of Wales
to
The Lord Chancellor

and
Mr Pitt

Nov. 30. 1704

The Lord Chancellor will ~~of course~~
communicate this to Mr Pitt.