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Lord Moira to Lord Chancellor

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St James's Place

Wed 26. 1806

My Lord

As soon as your Lordship
gritted me yesterday afternoon, I went to re-
-port to the Prince of Wales that you had signi-
-fied to me His Majesty's King in expectation
of an answer to the Paper of the 23^d Inst. His
Royal Highness expressed all the surprise at
the intimation which I apprehended he would
feel, conceiving that he had already said every
thing that the subject in its present state admitted.

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He felt it his duty however, to prepare an answer
 immediately, which I have now the honor to en-
 -close. With every intention to be explicit, the
 Prince had it not in his power to ~~give such a differ-~~
~~-ence of expression to make this answer differ~~
 much from the former: because you must see
 that had he not noted upon the difficulty be-
 -fore you'd His Royal Highness not have incurred
 the imputation of having advanced unnecessary
 obstacles, than which nothing could be further
 from his wish or from the fact. In truth, the
 matter stands just as I took the liberty of re-

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it incoherently wants if this were the sole step.
 - presenting to your Lordship His Majesty's ^{royal} will
 not ~~advance~~ ^{forward} the brief ~~at all~~ ^{at all} steps; nor shall
 we get ~~forward~~ ^{on} unless your Lordship will advise
 His Majesty what is the real purpose in the
 Prince's mind. Out of ^{a pity} delicacy, & from a wish
 to spare His Majesty the unpleasant necessity
 of entering into the course of the Prince's dis-
 -satisfactions, His Royal Highness directed me only
 to specify as a condition, that Prince Charlotte
 was to be committed to the care of the
 King exclusively: but I had the Honour of

explaining to you that this was meant to bar
 all interference ^{or appearance of interference} on the part of the Prince of
 Wales. Most unfortunately, ^{happened} there ~~was~~ just at
 that moment a more marked display of intercourse
 between His Majesty & the Prince of Wales than
 had taken place ^{for} a long time before. Whether it
 may have had relation to the establishment of the
 Prince of Wales or not is no matter; the public
~~concerns~~ it; but that is sufficient to ~~rouse~~
 the Prince's apprehensions, against giving countenance
~~to a columnist who had been publishing~~
~~of which had needed his sons. It was understood~~

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Since, His R. H. Lord particular stress on
this point that in allowing the Press of Charles
to go to bond or he should distinctly appear
to be participating a wish of the Press, because
that putting down could entitle him to
watch over the observance of the conditions
which he had felt it incumbent on him
to establish. With this principle the Press
of the Paper dated 23rd had not yet
The differences now existing may be easily re-
-mediated by explanation, but they will not
be removed without. I have at the

some time the happiness to express your
satisfaction that nothing can breathe more
or more ardent affection to the King than
every sentence I have heard from the Prince
in the discussion of this subject.

I have been

Yr Obedt Servant

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