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Private

Memoranda.

It is obvious that Lord Moira could not see me, and that I could not usefully see him, till he had learnt, as he expresses in his Note, what were, in The Prince's Opinion, deviations from The Prince's offer.

I saw His Lordship, as I understood, immediately after he had seen The Prince.

He papered that was distinct, but he seemed to think that he should wait upon The King.

I told him I should converse with

Mr Pitt on the subject. I immediately wrote
to him, and he came to Town, and we
perfectly agreed that every consideration due
to His Majesty, required a different course
of proceeding.

I waited afterwards on Lord Moira,
and informed him that it was our Opinion
that His Majesty ought to receive an
Answer, in the first instance, to His Paper,
as the supposed deviations could now be
stated.

This appears to the Chancellor to have
been embarrassing; but Mr Pitt and he were

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clear that their Duty to His Majesty required
that this course should be taken.

In consequence, the Earl of Moira wrote
the Letters to the King and the Duke of Kent.
But the Chancellor hopes the delay is not
imputable to those who were struggling for
what was due, in point of proceeding, to
the King.

It produced also the Prince's Letter of
the 23^d, received on the 24th of December.

This Letter, whatever may be proper to be done
upon it, in truth establishes no deviation
in His Majesty's Paper of November.

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The expression of the Preamble "as to
The Prince's wish" refers expressly to the
communication made by the Earl of Moira,
which represented The Prince's wish to be
founded upon what The Prince understood
to be His Majesty's Inclination: and for this
Understanding The Prince is anxious.

The observations upon the word
"Exclusively" are sufficiently remarked upon
by stating, that it had been uniformly and
repeatedly stated as His Majesty's Declaration
that His care of the Princess Charlotte
should be such as was consistent with

the Rights of each of her Parents, and her Duties to both.

Whatever, nevertheless, may be the observations to which the past proceedings are open, the point to be now attended to seems to be the true Interest of the infant Princeps, and the vast Interest which His Majesty, His Royal Family, and His People have in her Education.

The present disposition of The Prince seems to be substantially to look to His Majesty, as taking upon Himself the

Guidance and Governace of the Princeps-
 to be anxious, however, to secure himself
 against the possibility of any notion being
 entertained by the Public that he is
 indifferent as to his great object - and
 therefore to be anxious to have it
 understood that he is acting in consequence
 of His Majesty's wishes upon the subject.
 It strikes the Chancellor as being extremely
 desirous that such should be the publick
 opinion respecting the Transaction; and,
 without reference to what is past, exceedingly

desireable to profit by the present disposition,
to secure the great object of the Princess's
being well educated.

As to what has been observed upon
the word "Exclusively" - the jealousy of the
Princess seems to be, that the Publick will
think that the Princess of Wales has
arranged with His Majesty (and not
merely had communications respecting it)
the Plan of the Princess Charlotte's Education,
and that, whether this be so in fact or
not, the Princess seems to have been

persuaded that it has appeared so to
the Publick.

It is in vain to reason against this
The more useful thing is to attend only
to the future, in the prosecution of the
great object which, it is to be hoped, is
now attainable.

It has been desired that it should
be, and it has accordingly been, expressly
specified in writing, that the Prince had no
objection to His Majesty's making commu-
nications to the Princess upon the subject—

to her having all the intercourse she has hitherto had with the Child - or to her being at Windsor in the House, so that her stay is not such as to countenance the idea that the young Prince is under her Government, and not that of His Majesty.

The Prince had been advised, that he had the right of appointing Governors, and wished that, *pro forma*, he should appoint those whom the King might nominate. Against this the Chancellor and Mr. Pitt protested; but, as the present

proceeding originated in the Prince's offer
to the King, it seemed reasonable that the
Nomination should be made by His Majesty,
in such sort, with the former's concurrence,
that all Questions which would lead to
inconvenient and mischievous discussions
should be avoided, and that no Right,
whenever it might be vested, or by whom:
soever it was to be exercised, if amicable
Arrangement failed, might be either
admitted, denied, or prejudiced.

Lord Moira mentioned the Prince's wish,

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that Princeps Charlotte might occasionally
visit him at Carlton House. To this
there seemed to be no objection; the visits
not being inconsistent with the Princeps
being under The King's Guidance.

Memoranda
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