

Lord Mordaunt

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Correspondence on
the care and educa-
-tion of the Princess
Charlotte

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Some Day towards the end
of the Month of July, the Lord
of Mordaunt called upon the Prince
of Wales, & informed the Prince
that, that morning he had had
an Interview with the Lord
Chancellor who had expressed
his extreme desire that a
reconciliation should take
place between His Majesty
& the Prince, & how happy
he not only should be, but
how much he should consider
it as his duty, to lend every
aid that was in his power
to accomplish this point.

Some certain general
heads were mutually agreed
upon, as the preliminaries,
as well as necessary consequences,
should an Interview between
His Majesty & the Prince be
accomplished.

2) The Prince then understood
that the Chancellor had ex-
pressed to the Earl of Thoiras
that there was one circumstance
which His Majesty appeared
to have more at heart than any
other, & that was, the having
the Prince of Charlotte share
with Him, & to have a certain
degree of superintendance over
her education. The Chancellor
then expressed how much it
would ~~promote~~ ^{expedite} not only
the interview & reconciliation
but facilitate all subsequent
consequences & whatever the
Prince's wishes might be,
unto the Earl of Thoiras, ob-
tain the Prince's permission
to intimate to the Chancellor
by letter, that the Prince,
having heard such ^{as were} in the
way of reports in the world,
was ready to meet H. Mys.
ideas on this head. The Prince
expressed a strong reluctance

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that any such communication
should first appear to proceed
from him, as it would be left
in his opinion to write, till
such intimation should be made
to him from His Majesty.

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The Prince however, after
a conversation of some length
upon this head between the
Earl of Mordaunt & him at length
with great difficulty, acquiesced
in Lord Moira's writing a letter
somewhat to the desired purpose
to the Chancellor, (feeling as he
always must do, not only the
great influence for Lord Moira's
sentiments & opinions, but the
firmest reliance in his highness)
but at the same time positively
insisting that it must be in
the strongest manner possible
be explained & understood from
the Prince, that however ready
he might be to meet the wishes
of His Majesty, the Prince of
Wales must have nothing to do
with the education of the Prince

Charlotte, nor in any way be
consulted upon it, nor concerned
in it. This was perfectly
agreed upon between the Earl
of Mordaunt & the Prince; the letter
was then written by the Earl
of Mordaunt to the Chancellor, & the
word exclusively to the King
introduced by the Earl of Mordaunt
towards the end of the Paper,
conceiving that this might
strongly as well as with the
greatest delicacy testify
the Prince's sentiments &
intentions. But this expression
did not appear to the Prince
either as sufficiently strong
or explanatory of his feelings
& resolutions, nor did he admit
of the letter's being forwarded
with that word in it, & without
something more expressive,
~~and~~ ^{until} the Earl of Mordaunt
assured the Prince that he
could have another interview
with the Chancellor, in order to

NA for reasons which were ^{as} strongly
well known to the Earl of Mordaunt
they were to the Prince.

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 apprise the Chancellor of the full
 extent of that which the expres-
sion, exclusively to the King
 was intended to convey, as well
 as to enlarge more circumstan-
 tially upon that head in con-
 versation, ~~in order to~~ to prevent
 the possibility of any misun-
 derstanding, which could be
 effectuated not only with more
 delicacy, but could be done more
amplly by word of mouth, than
 it would be proper to attempt
 by letter.

This interview then did
 take place, & the Prince was
 satisfied with the amount of
 the explanation which the
 Earl of Meira then informed
 him had taken place between
 the Chancellor & him. Two
 afterwards, at furthest, the
 Earl of Meira left London
 for his House ~~at~~ ^{at} ~~St~~ St Jammington

6) Park, which he took in his way to Scotland, where he was under the necessity of resuming his command on the first of August, his leave of absence not extending beyond that date. The Prince also understood from the Count of Noira, that in this interview the Chamberlain had pressed His Lordship much to stay, but that the Earl of Noira explained as his reason why he could not, that his leave of absence did not extend beyond the first of August. The Chamberlain then asked him whether he had any objections to come up to Town again if sent for; Lord Noira said certainly not, but that the Chamberlain must recollect, that if it was deemed necessary to send for him, an extension of leave of absence must at the same time be forwarded to him.

Thus then did affairs

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till the 20th of August when
the Prince came to London
preparatory to his going to
Bosby the ensuing day to
dine with His Father the
Duke of Clarence, & to celebrate
his Birth-day with them.
On the 20th of August when
the Prince arriv'd at Carlton
House from Brighton about
five in the evening, he found
a Letter from the Lord Chancellor
(which was deliver'd to him by
the Chancellor's Secretary) con-
taining a command from His
Majesty to attend him at
New at twelve o'clock on the
22^d Instant, in order that the
reconciliation might take place.
The Prince after reading the
Letter, immediately doubting as
to his going to New on the
22^d Instant, having from
report (alone at that time)
understood, that His Majesty
had on that very day, order'd
The Prince of Wales with the

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Princess Charlotte to attend him
at New Palace, where none
of the rest of the Royal Family
were to be. Had the Prince of
Wales known this circum-
stance positively, to have been
so at that time, he should not
have hesitated one single in-
stant in declining with all
Duty & respect the proposed
Interview with His Majesty.
But being strongly pressed
for an immediate answer, &
only having learnt the circum-
stance of the Prince of Wales's
visit to His Majesty at that
time from report, & hoping
most sincerely on every account
that it might not upon further
enquiry prove to be so, the Prince
returned an answer to the Lord
Chancellor that he would obey
His Majesty's commands & be
at New by 12 o'clock the 22^d.
Instant. The Prince of Wales
learnt the same evening & the
following morning (preparations
to his leaving London for Bushy)

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with ~~the~~ ^{his} Emperor's regret,
he received the information from
the most undoubted authority
that it was but too true that the
Princeps of Wales accompanied
by the Princess Charlotte had
attended His Majesty at New
on the 20th, by His Majesty's
express command, signified in
a letter written in his own hand
to the Princeps of Wales, that a
very long interview had taken
place, & that not anyone of the
rest of the whole Royal Family
had been present, nor indeed
had ^{never} been admitted to New on
that day.

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