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The Prince of Wales requests that the Lord
Chancellor will express to the King how sensi-
-ble the Prince is to His Majesty's endorsement
in the explanations now transmitted.

From the moment in which he first ^{allowed} ~~permitted~~
~~and~~ Lord Meina to write to the Lord Chancellor
on the subject, the Prince of Wales has never
varied in his ^{readiness} ~~ardent~~ desire to meet the King
wishes upon any terms, consistent with his
Honour ^{to His Daughter} ~~and his~~
~~and~~ Parental Duty; a Duty, the fulfilment
of which he could with cheerful conscientious-
-ness ^{share with} ~~enter~~ ^{with} the King, but ~~to~~ no other
individual whatsoever.

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Bell knowing the implicit confidence which
 might be reposed in the delicacy of the King's
 Honor, he never could have had an apprehension
 of deviation from the true spirit of the
~~condition~~ ^{condition} supposing it once distinctly under-
 stood: But circumstances led the Prince of
 Wales to surmise that there had not been
 a clear comprehension on this point; and
 he thence had to fear that the Princess's char-
 -acter might imperceptibly have fallen un-
 -der other guidance than that to which he
^{was willing}
~~was~~ to commit her.

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which now that the Prince of Wales is satisfied
that the King has a ^{just} view of what
is to be the good faith of the engagement,
he hastens to profess his happiness in con-
-curring with His Majesty's Pleasure as far
- as it is yet indicated: Construing, of course,
the allusion to the respectful relations of
the Parents by that universally recognized
moral feeling which has in all Countries
& in all Times made a marked distinction
between the rights of a Father & a Mother,
& has uniformly assigned to the Subject

of the former the direction of the Officers.

Opening perfectly to ~~transmission~~ the out-
-line which His Majesty has desired to have the
Prince of Wales anticipate with ^{pleasure} ~~joy~~ ^{the hope} the grat-
-ification of finding himself called upon
to agree with the King on ~~all~~ ^{various} the details
which His Majesty has been pleased to say
shall be presented for the Prince's concurrence

Carlton House
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