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The Prince of Wales requests that the Lord Chancellor will express to the King how sensible the Prince is to His Majesty's condescension in the explanation now transmitted.

From the moment in which he first allowed Lord Mordaunt to write to the Lord Chancellor on the subject, the Prince of Wales has never varied in his readiness to meet the King's wishes upon any terms consistent with his Honour & his Parental Duty to his Daughter. A Duty the fulfilment of which he could with cheerful conscientiousness share with the King, but with no other Individual whatsoever.

Well knowing the implicit confidence which might be reposed in the Delicacy of the King's Honor, he never would have had an apprehension of Deviation from the true spirit of the Condition supposing it once distinctly understood: But circumstances led the
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of Wales to surmise that there had not been a clear comprehension on this point, and He thence had to fear that the Princess Charlotte might imperceptibly have fallen under ~~other~~ guidance than that to which he was willing to commit her.

Now that the Prince of Wales is satisfied that the King has a correct view of what is to be the good faith of the engagement, he hastens to profess his happiness in concurring with His Majesty's Pleasure as far as it is yet indicated: Construing of course the allusion to the Respective 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, and has uniformly assigned to the judgement of the former the Direction of the Offspring.

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Agreeing perfectly to the substance what His Majesty
 has designed to trace, The Prince of Wales anticipates
 with pleasure the hopes of finding himself enabled
 to concur with the King in the Details which His
 Majesty has been pleased to say shall be
 presented for the Prince's Concurrence.

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