

Bishop of Worcester

24th August 1782

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Sir

I have the honour of your Majesty's kind & affecting Letter on a late unhappy event. Your Majesty has prescribed me in those sentiments of pious resignation, which are the only refuge of humanity in its distresses, & which I could not have expressed so well. Yet the voice of nature will be heard on these occasions, & I cannot wonder at your Majesty's anxiety for the Queen, whose parental tenderness will be much affected. I know I can add nothing to what her Majesty's true sense of religion will suggest to her. Yet I shall hardly forbear, in a day or two, to take the freedom of addressing a few words to her Majesty, if it be only to express my duty at such a moment, & to testify the sincere part I take in her loss.

It is my pleasure, as well as duty, to put up my daily prayers to heaven for your Majesty, & the Queen, & the whole Royal family, which I now do with redoubled fervour, being, with infinite obligation,

Sir
Your Majesty's most faithful & devoted
Subject & Servant
R. Worcester

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