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HRH to Lady de Clifford

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I received last Night a letter from Mrs Campbell to which desirous as I am not to hurt her feelings, it would be painful to me to reply, I therefore trouble you with this communication in order that no misunderstanding may exist on so delicate a subject. I wish to be entirely explicit once for all respecting every appointment ^{from the highest to the lowest} connected with my Daughters establishment. His Majesty's recommendation in the first instance will always be received by me with the greatest respect & deference, and his gracious approbation of any appointment originating from myself will

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be essential to my satisfaction in
 making such appointment. but
 in the present case I am compell'd
 to observe that M^{rs} Campbell appears
 to be in an error in stating herself
 to have been appointed by me
Sub-Governor to the Princess
Charlotte. No such appointment
~~was~~ ^{has been} made by me - and the
 circumstance of M^{rs} Campbell having
 so long delay'd to express any
 desire to be presented to me, or
 to account for that Delay, naturally
 led me ^{to} suppose that she very
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actual appointments could have taken place to which I had ~~not~~ been a Party.

I am extremely sorry for the cause, namely indisposition, to which Mr Campbell now attributes this Delay, as well as that it has not been of a nature to prevent ^{in the first place, possibly being general times in the time} ~~per~~ ^{being presented to their} ~~being presented to their~~ Princes of Wales, a mark of respect & attention which in your Ladyship's own case was deem'd by his Majesty's special command. ~~a~~ necessary preliminary to your entering on the superior Duties so worthily entrusted to you

Your Ladyship will judge
 of the propriety made of proposing
 you ~~for a few characters~~ ~~throughout~~
 I am bold with my sentiments
 on the present occasion ^{meaning to}
 without in any degree wound
 her feelings, or to appear
 slight His Majesty's recommendation
 nothing can be further from my
 intention than to do ^{any} ~~it~~, but
 on a subject so very ^{interesting} ~~interesting~~
 to my mind, and one ^{on} ~~on~~ which
 there have already arisen such
 unfortunate misunderstandings it
 would be a false delicacy in
 me to abstain from speaking
 with frankness & sincerity