

St James's Place, Sunday Evening  
 Dec 30. 1805

Lord  
 Mordaunt  
 to  
 Lord  
 Chancellor

My Lord

Allow me to offer with the greatest truth  
 of deep condolence on the pious loss which you have  
 suffered. In such circumstances, I should deem it impudenc-  
 -ly to intrude upon you with any thing of business beyond a  
 single intimation; for which, I conceive your Lordship may  
 be soon at present solicited. Having had leave to come  
 hither on my private concerns, I was on my arrival sud-  
 -denly acquainted with a message recently brought that the King  
 Lordship of the King & the Prince of Wales, together with  
 an answer in which the Prince has honored me so far as  
 to refer to my absence, His Royal Highness not being then  
 aware that I was coming to town. Of course, I have taken  
 the earliest opportunity of waiting upon the Prince of  
 Wales; and I am just returned from Brighton. I have been  
 -ly conceived that His Majesty did not mean to state a  
 reservation which would annul the terms of the proposal  
 he had designed to make, as well as all former points

actually understood on the subject. If I do not see in the  
construction, I am sure there cannot / when I shall have the  
honour of meeting your Lordship / be any difficulty in settling the  
~~matter~~ every thing conformably to the King's wishes. Nothing  
is lost by the delay, as the arrangement looks to no conse-  
-quence till late in the Spring. A <sup>due</sup> respect & reverence for  
your Lordship's services, added to the pressure of public  
affairs after the pamphlet was just received from the Court-  
-ment, was prevent adventure to this topic for a period  
longer than the probable absence which I am now to  
take from London. When the matter shall be resumed,  
I have the happiness of thinking His Majesty will find  
cause to give credit to the Prince of Wales for his acti-  
-ved solely by the fear that the reservation (if unexplained)  
might be a source of misapprehension hereafter, a  
possibility which his affection & veneration towards  
the King & His Royal Highness most anxiously to avoid.  
His Majesty will then further be satisfied that the Prince

in the of bales has felt with full sensibility the King's  
 the - now expression of his desire that the arrangement  
 should be on such a footing as would be completely  
 agreeable to His Royal Highness.

I earnestly entreat your Lordship not to  
 take the trouble of acknowledging this letter: but  
 I have the honor to remain with high respects

My Lord

Your Lordship's most obed<sup>t</sup>  
 - my health &c &c

The Lord Chancellor

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