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In 1806, about a year after I had the honour of being appointed to attend on H. R. H. the Princess Charlotte, I was told that Her Royal Highness had said she should like to make a Will. When, or how this idea originated, I never knew, or enquired.

When Her Royal Highness repeated the wish to me, I spoke of it. To impress on Her Royal Highness's mind sentiments of benevolence, and generosity was considered as forming an essential part of her Education: and therefore it was judged proper to improve the act in question, however childish, or inconsequential in itself, into an occasion of correcting what seemed defective in H. R. Highness's Character.

When therefore Her Royal Highness gave me a paper to read, which she told me was a Will, I did so; It having been judged proper some one should ascertain whether the sentiments expressed, ought, on general principles, to be encouraged, or reprov'd: and finding H. R. H. had omitted all mention of M^{rs} Udney I gave back the Paper with such remarks, on the impropriety of making any distinctions that could be considered either unkind or unjust, as I conceiv'd it my duty to offer for Her Royal Highness's improvement.

Shortly after I receiv'd from H. R. H. sealed, the Paper I have lately returned: H. R. H. informing me it was a Will in which she had altered, what in the first paper I had taken the

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liberty to say I had thought objectionable.

The paper itself at H. R. H.'s desire I kept: but it was with the general knowledge of every body that I did so. *This, my Lord.*

This, my Lord, is I believe all that passed: certainly all that I remember. If I have omitted any circumstance: or if I am not able to repeat the precise terms in which I spoke either to Lady de Clifford, or ^{your} Lordship on the business I will request your Lordship to consider that more than three years have elapsed, since the writing of the Paper; that the act itself was one, to which at the time no consequence was attributed by any body: and that the purpose of making it a mean to convey instruction having been once answered, the whole transaction, but from its being thus recalled, might soon perhaps have passed wholly from my Memory

April 27th 1809 —

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These five Papers
are referred to in
the Narrative.