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The Labour of Her Royal Highness Princess Charlotte began at Seven o'clock on Monday Evening the 3<sup>d</sup> of November 1817, and terminated at Nine o'clock on Wednesday Evening the 5<sup>th</sup> of Noon, in the birth of a Still-born Male Child - The Labour therefore continued during fifty hours - The exertions of the Uterus were feeble throughout the greater part of the Labour, but during the last few hours were stronger, and more satisfactory - As the Labour was very tedious, Dr Sims was sent for by Sir Rich<sup>d</sup> Croft on Tuesday Evening, and arrived at Claremont about Two o'clock on Wednesday Morning - He concurr'd entirely in opinion with Sir Rich<sup>d</sup> Croft respecting the situation of Her Royal Highness, and that as long as the Labour was making progress, altho' slowly, the conduct of it should be left to Nature - Instruments were at hand to assist the Uterus, if it were thought advisable to employ them - During the whole of this very tedious Labour, Her Royal Highness was cheerful, look'd well, and Her pulse was good - She often walked about the Rooms, and was very little on

Her bed —

The Child was born, as before mentioned, at Nine in the Evening, and as upon examination, an hour-Glass contraction of the Uterus was discover'd, Sir Rich'd Croft took away, with the concurrence of Dr Sims, the after-birth about twenty minutes before Ten. Her Royal Highness appear'd quite as well as women commonly do after so tedious a labour, and much better than they often do under such circumstances, till about a quarter before Twelve at night. — Her Royal Highness then complained of some sickness and ringing in Her Ears. — Soon after this Her Royal Highness threw up from Her Stomach a little fluid, which seem'd chiefly some Camphor Mixture, which She had swallowed. — She then became a little irritable, and began to talk some what too much. — About a quarter before one Her Royal Highness complain'd of great uneasiness in Her Chest, and breath'd with great difficulty: Her pulse was very

feible and irregular, and she became extremely restless, not being able to remain a single moment in the same posture - This very alarming state continued and kept increasing till half past Two, <sup>in the morning,</sup> when Her Royal Highness expired - Her mind was entire throughout the whole of this dreadful attack -

The Child had been born dead, but appeared not to have been dead long - The most strenuous efforts were made to reanimate it by means which had been previously provided, but they were unavailing - Some circumstances had render'd it probable that the Child would be still born, and therefore every means of recovery were in readiness -

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M Baillie  
Richard Croft.  
M Sims

As some of the above circumstances could not come under my immediate observation, not having seen her Royal Highness till symptoms of danger occurred, I beg leave to add, that on my arrival at Claremont,

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Dr Richard Croft proposed to mention it to her Royal Highness and to introduce one; but as the state of the labour, at that time, precluded all thoughts of having recourse to any artificial assistance, both Dr Baillie and myself thought that this was not only unnecessary but undecidable. And as the labour continued from that time to the end progressive, there was no period of it, at which a question about the propriety of using instruments could have been entertained. I was in the adjoining room the greater part of the day, and was continually informed of the state of the labour, and could have seen her Royal Highness, whenever it had been thought advisable. When it was found that the afterbirth did not come away favourably, I was perfectly satisfied with Dr Richard Croft's representation and quite agreed with him in the propriety of removing it. I was at that time still engaged in fruitless efforts to reanimate the child; and the introduction of a stranger, at that moment, to the royal patient, as it appears to me, was particularly objectionable.

J. Sims.