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Mr Serjeant Best having declared to Lady Berkeley in the presence of Lord Grantley, that he took the Prince Regent's evidence from his Royal Highness's Lips in Spring Gardens D^r: Jenner D^r: Parry and Colonel Kingscote being in the House at the same time, & withdrawing from the Room for that purpose Lady Berkeley immediately wrote to Mr Blossome her Jons Solicitor in Gloucestershire, desiring him to see D^r: Jenner & Col^l: Kingscote and put to them the questions ^{she} enclosed to him; she also sent to Blossome the Prince's note signifying his intention of visiting her that Night; the following contains the Prince's Note to Lady Berkeley on that Night; the questions she sent to Blossome for Col^l: Kingscote and D^r: Jenner's & their answers.

Note from the Prince Regent to Lady Berkeley

Will you allow me, dear Lady Berkeley, to have the pleasure of paying you a Visit presently between ten and eleven o'clock should any of your Lawyers or our Friend Grantley be with you I shall not have the smallest objection, (but quite the contrary) to meet them I really feel so excessively interested in all that concerns you and yours and which is to come on tomorrow, that I shall plead no apology for this intrusion - This is the very first instant that I have had it in my power to pay my respects to you

I am ever, my dear Madam,

Your most sincere Friend

Carlton House

Mon^y: Ev^g: 9 o'clock

March 4th 1811

George P. R.

(Copy) To the Countess of Berkeley -

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The Night Lady Berkeley received this Note D^r Jenner & Parry, & Col^l Kingscote were at Spring Gardens. Lady B. showed this Note to Col^l Kingscote but is uncertain whether she did to either D^r Jenner or Parry, on this Night she introduced D^r Parry to the Prince Regent when he came.

Quere? Did the Prince Regent command D^r Jenner & Parry and Col^l Kingscote to leave the Room, and to shut the Folding Doors, that Serjeant Best might take down his Testimony. So a Grantley Lady Berkeley and Col^l Berkeley remaining in the Room with his Royal Highness, or did he not? and what is the Impression on their minds as to the Transactions of that Night

Berkeley March 5th
1813

D^r Jenner perfectly recollects being at Lady Berkeley's House in Spring Gardens with D^r Parry Col^l Kingscote and others late on the Evening immediately or within a day or two of the Investigation on the Berkeley Peerage coming on, at the time when his Royal Highness the Prince Regent came there. He recollects that himself D^r Parry Col^l Kingscote and the others were in the Anti Room waiting the arrival of his Royal Highness whom they had previously understood from Lady Berkeley was expected.

That His Royal Highness passed through the Anti Room into the Drawing Room to Lady Berkeley and as far as D^r Jenner's recollection serves him The prince was in Conversation with her Ladyship some little time before any of the Gentlemen were introduced. D^r Jenner believes he himself was first called into the Drawing

Room, and that soon afterwards D^r. Parry and Col^l. Kingscote were called in together - he thinks M^r Serj^t. Best was there, but he is positive no Evidence was taken down by M^r Serj^t. Best from his Royal Highness in his presence that Evening and that his Royal Highness left Spring Gardens before D^r. Jenner. Doctor Jenner has no recollection whatever that himself or the other Gentlemen left the Room by command or intimation of his Royal Highness in order that M^r Serj^t. Best might take down his Evidence, nor does he think from the accompanying circumstances of the Evening that any Testimony was then taken down

Edw: Jenner

Kingscote March 5th
1813

I have read the preceding statement of D^r. Jenner which is perfectly correct - I recollect also Lady Berkeley's shewing me his Royal Highness's note and my proposing that we should go before his Royal Highness's arrival but her Ladyship desired we would not

W Kingscote

Col^l. Berkeley on having his recollection called to the occurrences of the Evening above alluded to corroborates the preceding statements of D^r. Jenner & Col^l. Kingscote

March 6th 1813

Lady Berkeley on receiving Col^l. Kingscote's & D^r. Jenner's reply to her questions wrote to Mr Southamque requesting him to state how he detected the omission

of the Prince's Evidence - she received his answer and forwarded it immediately with Dr Jenner's and Col Kingscot's answers to Mr Serj. Best with a Letter from her to him

My dear Lady Berkeley

I have in vain endeavoured to recollect the circumstances which led to the detection of the unfortunate omission to tender the most material and unexceptionable part of the Prince Regent's Evidence, but it was in consequence of my explaining to you what was meant by Post Litem Motam upon which you observed that the late Lord B. had repeatedly declared to his Royal Highness the Prince Regent that he was married and that many such declarations were prior to the period of controversy being in contemplation - you may recollect that I was doubtful of your accuracy in this respect & refused to introduce into the address what you stated to ^{be} the effect of such declarations at least until His Royal Highness sanctioned the statement and you may also recollect that I was much offended afterwards at finding that it had been in my absence introduced by you, and in consequence of my urgency Mr Hughes called upon Mr Serj. Best & some communication was had with Col. McMahon the result of which was that Mr Serj. Best stated he had not a scrap of paper upon the subject and an assurance to me that his Royal Highness said it was a correct statement - I still however was not quite easy because I thought that such Evidence if the Counsel had it, could only have been kept back from the conviction that if brought