

Duke of Gloucester to HM

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Sir

Upon the receipt of your Majesty's letter, I immediately wrote to Mr Charles, who totally exculpates me; and it now remains to be Defended, and proved between Mr LeGrand, and Mr Charles; as your Majesty will find by Mr Charles answer to me, which I shall take the liberty to send to you.

I need not say Sir, how happy I am upon <sup>this</sup> and every occasion to shew my Duty, and attachment.

Leicester House  
Nov: <sup>bre</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> [1765]

I am  
your most Dutiful Subject  
& Brother  
William



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Copy of Mr. Charles's Letter to the D. of Gloucester

Sir

Y. R. A. stands as clear of Every y. smallest insinuation  
on my part on y. Subject of y. Letter with which I am this  
Day honoured, as y. do in my heart with y. most pure &  
unfeign'd affection. Y. R. A. name was mention'd as y. Command  
of H. M. pleasure in a Message deliver'd to me, on y. 24<sup>th</sup>  
of June last, by Mr. Leonard. I minutely y. words of y. Message  
y. moment. I receiv'd & as y. matter seem'd of great importance  
to me, I omitted not one tittle of it. y. words are these  
"Sir I have His M. Commands through y. Dof. J. to acquaint  
"y. y. as y. have complain'd to y. D. of W. y. R. A. with  
"do nothing with y; H. M. has order'd Mr. Dore to attend  
"him to save y. farther trouble.

These Words stand upon my Journal, & were set down as  
other matters of less moment are, little thinking y. they  
were to confirm a piece of Truth contested at this day. I  
shall produce them whenever required or commanded



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without expecting y<sup>t</sup> they should have more weight <sup>n</sup> of Evidence  
of y<sup>t</sup> kind here in small or great researches after truth..

I feel y<sup>e</sup> respect which I pay to G. R. H. person, & to y<sup>e</sup>  
good qualities of G. heart too sensibly to apply any part  
of y<sup>e</sup> evil which mine felt to G. R. H. in any respects on y<sup>t</sup>  
occasion, & as I did not suspect anything I could neither  
presume to complain nor so much as to trouble G. R. H.  
in y<sup>e</sup> most distant manner with any kind of address  
about it.

I received y<sup>e</sup> body of y<sup>e</sup> R. Message with y<sup>t</sup> profound  
humility & submission which it is my Duty as well  
as y<sup>e</sup> inclination of my best affections to pay to every  
command which comes from y<sup>t</sup> respectable quarter.  
I cannot indeed nor will I deny y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> head & y<sup>e</sup> tail of it  
have struck by y<sup>e</sup> way ever since, & have given me much  
anxiety, tho' I have never complain'd to y<sup>e</sup> World of it;  
they are now drawn out, & I am easy.

Let me continue to have y<sup>e</sup> honour to be with all my heart  
good affections & with y<sup>e</sup> most sensible respects etc.  
Leicester Square  
24<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1765.

G. Chester



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*Order of John White*

*November 200. 1765*