

Lord Rochford to Duke of Gloucester

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Lord Rochford, is ordered by The King to acquaint Your Royal Highness that His Majesty has received both your Letters, but that in an Affair of this consequence He could not send an Answer until His Majesty had given them mature consideration, and has ordered me to acquaint Your Royal Highness that at a proper time after the delivery of the Dutchess, Your Marriage as well as the Birth of the Child shall be properly enquired into, in order that both may be authenticated. The King has ordered me further to say to Your Royal Highness that it would be right to have some of your principal Servants as Witnesses to testify the Event, and that this is the only part His Majesty can

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can take with propriety, for He can be no otherwise
concerned than as to the Legality of the Proceeding, as
He cannot but disapprove of the Marriage. =

Copy of a Message from
The King to the Duke
of Gloucester carried by
Lord Rochford to His
Royal Highness the
17th May 1773 -