

Copy of a note sent to His
Royal Highness the Duke of
Gloucester by Lieut. Col. Rockford
dated May 19th 1774.

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Lord Rockford having carried
to the King two verbal Messages from
His Royal Highness the Duke of
Gloucester; the first purporting that
the Duchess was with Child and
likely to be brought to bed in about
a month's time, and desiring that
some provision might be made
for his family; the second that
some provision might be made
for the Duchess.

With regard to the first Message,
the King ordered Lord Rockford to
acquaint His Royal Highness,
that His Majesty did not think it
proper that an application should
be made to Parliament for that
purpose; and to the second, His
Majesty was pleased to say,
He could give no answer at all.

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