

Duke of Gloucester to H.M.

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Sir,

I flatter myself
that the present precarious state of my
health will excuse me to your Majesty
for so soon again troubling you upon a
subject which I feel myself from Affection
& Duty so absolutely called upon to lay
once more before you. Tho' your Majesty
was not inclined to send a favorable Answer
to my Request, for a Provision for my Dutche's
& Children, either thro' Lord Rockford, to
which your Majesty was pleased to Reply, that
you did not think proper to make an Application
to Parliament, or to the one thro' Ld. North

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a fortnight since, which was nearly the same,
yet I cannot believe but when your Majesty
seriously reflects upon the Justice of the Request,
& the very unparalleled situation I stand in,
the goodness of your own heart, & the share I once
was so happy as to enjoy in your affection
will lead you to see this suit in a more
favourable light.

Your Majesty must allow that the
Duke of Cumberland, & myself are the only
instances of any Marriages in the Royal
Family, not being immediately notified to
Parliament. My Brother, and I concluded, that
a notification would ^{have} followed the late Royal marriage
Act; & ^{as} that Statute has prevented any such

Event for the future. We flatter ourselves
that the inconveniences being remedied, We
shall not be the only instances of Princes
punished for an act which the Laws of God
have not made, & the Laws of the Land had not
then made Criminal.

Flattering ^{myself} as I cannot help that
this letter may strike your Majesty in the
dutiful light it is intended, your Majesty
will have a Satisfaction in knowing that
you have been the means of quietting the
mind of a Brother, who never meant to
offend you.

I must again intreat
your forgiveness for this fresh Intrusion,

but as it is out of my power to know whether
I shall go abroad, or if go, Return, I thought it under-
pensably my Duty, as an honest Man, to
state this whole matter fully to you myself

I have the honor to Remain

Your most Dutiful Subject
& Brother

William Henry.

Gloucester House
Jan^{ry} 27th 1775

Order of Gloucester
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