

[Nov 2 1749]

Sir

The enclosed letter will much better explain Her Royal Highnesses sentiments, than it is in my power to do. I received Her Commands last night to have it delivered safe to your hands, & I called my self that I might be sure it would be put in your own hands. If I could meet with you at home, or at least deliver it to some careful servant of yours. If you were at home I should likewise have an opportunity of specifying some things which I do not care to trust to paper.

The Princess was a good deal concerned that she
could not contrive to see you, previously to the
conversation you will have next Sunday, but it
was impossible, for I assure you (that I signify
as I am) she could hardly compass last night
to speak to me alone. There hapned what appears
to me a ridiculous scene in Pubwick, when she
was at the Play, & I think Mr Do. acted a part
on the Stage, which I should have been very
unwilling my self to have played; when I have
the hon^r. to see you, I will tell it you. If I can
judge at all he will very soon be piqued, & seems
in a very fair way to expose himself in a new
manner. The noble Person you was pleased to
mention, did as I hear speak very plainly on
Sunday Evening

last, I believe I told you he was with the Prince
 when I received the ^{R.M.} Commands about the Paper.
 I could wish Dad. had never come in to the Family,
 as his retreat will open mouths, but it will be better
 to submit to that, than if he should remain, which
 all Circumstances considered I think scarce possible.
 He has shew'd himself already in no advantageous
 light to the P. & the complains (& really not very
 wisely) to several Persons of the great reserve he
meets with. as I hope to have the hon^r. to see you
 at Leicester House next Sunday before the
 Drawing room begins, I shall only add what I have
 in Command from the Princeps which is that you may
 depend upon the absolute, & unreserved Confidence
 in you alone, as a Person whose merit, & attachment
 to the P. the self & Family she is firmly convinced of,
 & desires you will freely offer all your Sentiments

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to Her, which she will ever pay the greatest
regard to, & consider as a proof of your
attachement to Her & The Family. I confess I
cannot do Justice to H. M.'s excellent way of
Thinking by any expressions of my own on the
Subject. Her Prudence, Secrecy, & delicacy of
conduct are beyond what is to be expected, in gene-
ral from the Sex, but she is elevated in Her Sentiments
above others, more than even in Rank of life, &
Providence has best her with the virtues proper
for the High Station in which she is placed.
I am with the sincerest esteem, inviolable regard, &
with respect

Thursday.

Rec^d 2^d Nov^r 1749

Sir

Your most humble
& most obedient &
faithful Servant
James Cressett.