April 1. 1812

Dr Heberden has the honor to inform The Prince Regent that His Majesty talk'd rather more than usual yesterday, & with some appearance of excitement, or, more properly, of excessive spirits. His Majesty passed a good night, during which he slept nearly five hours; and he seems to day to be calm and composed -

Windsor Castle
1 April 1812

April 2. 1812 MCD/16/3/206

Sir

There was nothing observable yesterday in His Majesty's demeanour and manner, to distinguish it from several of the preceding days. The King was generally quiet, ate his food well - went to bed without reluctance, and slept more than four hours in the course of the night at four several times.

His Majesty looks well to day - his legs are swoln - but not to a great degree - However, we have not had the satisfaction of noticing any improvement in the state of the mind as connected with this appearance, which I remark the rather because it has been thought that a better condition of the mind has sometimes followed this symptom in a former illness.

I am, Sir,

most respectfully, your Royal Highness's
faithful, devoted Servant
Henry Halford

Windsor Castle
April 2. 1812.

April 3. 1812 MED/16/3/207

Sir

The King's conduct and manner was altogether less satisfactory yesterday than it has appeared for some days past, not from His Majesty being more excited than usual, tho' there was occasionally a height of tone and language, but from a levity and a trifling quite unworthy of himself. His Majesty's dressing was protracted more than an hour by an attention to a part of his dress; and at bed time, immediately after his accustomed prayer, His Majesty indulged himself in ejaculations and noises which had neither sense nor reason in them. The King slept from hours and a quarter in the course of the

night, with a considerable interruption, and it was necessary for the Wolves to interpose during the dressing this morning.

I am, Sir, most respectfully
Your Royal Highness's faithful
Servant
Henry Halford

April 3rd 1842
Windsor Castle

April 4. 1812 MOD/16/3/208

Sir

The King's manner continued to be marked by a levity and trifling the whole yesterday, and particularly when His Majesty went to bed. The King slept indeed for a great many hours in the afternoon, and has passed a quiet night – but the condition of His Majesty's mind, as it disclosed itself in a conversation with one of the ordinary Physicians this morning was as lamentable as we have known it at any time, all His Majesty's strange notions, so incompatible with sense and nature, having divulged themselves in turn.

I am, Sir, most respectfully
Your Royal Highness's Dutiful
Servant
Windsor Castle
April 4th 1812. Henry Halford

April 5. 1812 MED/16/3/209

Dr Baillie has the honour of informing the Prince Regent, that His Majesty was in good Spirits throughout yesterday — He had had a very wrong Conversation with one of the Physicians in the Morning, but a much better Conversation with Sir Henry Halford about Two O'Clock, before some of the Council, than could have been expected — Towards the end of that Conversation however, His Majesty disclos'd very clearly the errors of His Mind —

His Majesty did not sleep through any part of yesterday — In the Evening He gave a Concert to the Ladies, in which He was the principal Vocal & Instrumental Performer — He went to Bed at the usual hour, & slept four hours during the night, of which three hours & three quarters were without interruption — His Majesty dress'd well this morning, is in good Spirits, and has been amusing Himself with talking to and about several Generals, who served in the Seven Years War —

Windsor Castle
April 5 — 1812

April 6. 1812 MED/16/3/210

Mr Dundas has the honor to inform His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, that the King afforded abundant proof yesterday that His Majesty's state of Mind was not improved, by recurring to his Notion of the drowning of London & Middlesex & the mention of an ideal Spirit, which He has not noticed for a long time –

He took His dinner well & retired to bed willingly, but was a good deal irritated upon both these occasions.

His Majesty slept near four hours after dinner & rather more than four hours in the Night – This Morning He is not so elevated in Spirits as He was yesterday. & looks well in the countenance.

Windsor Castle
6. April 1812 –

April 6. 1812. MED/16/3/211

Dr. Robt. Willis presents his humble duty to The Prince Regent and has the honour of acquainting His Royal Highness that The King was in very high spirits. He talked with great eagerness and with reference almost entirely to his disordered notions. His Majesty was however tractable, and ate his meals well; and slept in the course of the afternoon nearly four hours in his chair. He retired to bed at the usual hour and slept in the night about four hours and a quarter. His Majesty has dressed and breakfasted well this morning; and He appears, upon the whole, to be more composed than He was yesterday, but it is

a painful duty to add that, in other respects the disorder remains in full force.

Windsor Castle
April 6. 1812.

April 7. 1812 MED/16/3/212

Dr Halford has the honor to inform The Prince Regent that His Majesty has continued to talk with considerable earnestness, and great marks of disorder; almost the whole of the last twenty four hours. His Majesty's conversation has been directed to imaginary personages, but has not been rapid, or incoherent. And His Majesty has generally appeared good humoured towards his attendants, and has taken his meals quietly. His Majesty had scarcely any sleep in the last day, and slept only an hour and quarter in the night.

Windsor Castle
7 April 1812

April 8. 1812 MCO/16/3/213

Dr Heberden has the honor to acquaint The Prince Regent, that His Majesty has continued to talk in the same eager manner, which was represented to His Royal Highness yesterday morning. His Majesty slept at once four hours and three quarters last night, and looks better this morning; but in other respects His Majesty is little different from what he was yesterday -

Windsor Castle
8 April 1812

April 9. 1812 MED/16/3/214

Sir

The King has been less talkative since four o'clock yesterday afternoon, and altogether more composed and still. His Majesty's mind does not seem indeed to be less occupied by false images, nor his train of thought to run in a less disordered current; but his attention has been gained with less difficulty to the ordinary occupations of the day, and since dinner time more particularly, the King has appeared to be less absorbed and lost.

His Majesty slept nearly six hours with one considerable interval of wakefulness last night, and is good-humoured and contented with the services of his attendants this morning. We have the satisfaction of ~~obtaining~~

moreover, that His Majesty looks better than he did some days ago.

I am, Sir, most respectfully
Your Royal Highness's faithful
Servant

Henry Halford

Windsor Castle
April 9th 1812

April 10 1812 MED/16/3/215

Sir

The King slept only two hours and a quarter last night - but this was not a matter of surprise to us because His Majesty had slept four hours after dinner yesterday - Our feelings were rather those of regret that so much sleep had not allayed that irritability which marked the character of the last twenty four hours, and prevails in a great degree this morning. His Majesty was observed to burst forth in frequent sallies of passion with his imaginary company, with whom he continues to hold conversation - and the same temper of mind has given occasion to violent expressions of anger against

his Majesty's attendants without apparent provocation. He then began to dress twice a day. but when His Majesty had finished, it was necessary to carry him by force into the sitting room. He is now, however, composed and silent.

I am, Sir, most respectfully your Royal Highness's devoted and faithful servant

Henry Halford.

April 10th 1812

Windsor Castle.

April 11. 1812 MED/16/3/216

Dr Baillie has the honour of informing the Prince-Regent that His Majesty continued in the same excited state throughout yesterday, which has been so observable for the last few days — He was sometimes talking with eagerness, & occasionally with anger to His ideal Friends; was sometimes singing, and sometimes laughing to Himself — His Majesty ate His Meals well, & went to Bed without reluctance — During the time of undressing, He held a very animated conversation with one of His favourite Ladies, with whom He was not very well pleas'd, because she did not know very accurately the Laws of Succession in England & Hanover —

His Majesty slept five hours & a quarter in the night, has dress'd well this morning, but is in the same excited condition of mind as yesterday —

Windsor Castle
April 11 — 1812

April 12. 1812 MED/16/3/217

Dr Baillie has the honour of informing the Prince-Regent, that His Majesty remained in a state of considerable excitement throughout the whole of yesterday — He talked almost incessantly, always with eagerness, sometimes with anger, and never without error — His Majesty ate all his meals well & went to Bed at the usual hour without reluctance — He slept five hours in the night — This morning His Majesty talks as much & as erroneously as yesterday, but in a milder tone & in better humour —

Windsor Castle
April 12 — 1812

April 13. 1812 MGD/16/3/218

Dr. I. Willis has the honor of informing The Prince Regent that on his return to Windsor at 5 O'Clock yesterday afternoon He found His Majesty very talkative and evidently under a mild paroxysm – His Majesty went to bed as usual but the same state continued uninterrupted till 5 O'Clock this morning when The King fell asleep & slept two hours & a half. His Majesty dressed & breakfasted pretty well but the same state continues perhaps somewhat milder.

Windsor Castle
Apr. 13. 1812

April 13. 1812 MED/16/S/219

Mr Dundas has the honor to inform His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, that the state of excitement of His Majesty, which has been observed for several days, continued all yesterday without intermission. His Majesty was talking incessantly to ideal persons, but not in that happy state of delusion which has often been witnessed, for he was frequently irritated and angry.
His Majesty went to bed in high spirits & continued talking till five o Clock, from which time he slept till half past seven.
He awoke and dressed in good humour, has taken His breakfast well, and appears to be in good bodily health. yet seems disposed to the same loquacity as yesterday, but in a milder manner.
Windsor Castle
13. April 1812

April ? 1812

MED/16/3/220

Sir

Nothing has passed the last twenty four hours under more mistaken than appeared on any of the four preceding days. His Majesty's thoughts seemed to be occupied by his distempered visions, and whatever interrupted these occasioned anger and excitement.

His Majesty did not sleep throughout the day, and slept only two hours and three quarters in the night — he has eaten his food well however, and His Majesty looks in good health.

I am Sir, most respectfully and devotedly Your Royal Highness's faithful Servant

Henry Halford

Windsor Castle

April 14. 1812 MCD/16/3/221

Dr Heberden has the honor to inform
The Prince Regent that His Majesty pass'd the
last day under a considerable degree of excitement.
His Majesty talk'd with little intermission, and
with increasing rapidity; & at night His Majesty
exhibited an unusual rage and extravagance: yet
He was tractable and quiet with his attendants. His
Majesty slept nearly eight hours in the course of
the night, and seems to be more composed in his
manner this morning. The character of His Majesty's
mind is little altered from what it was yesterday.

Windsor Castle
14 April 1812

April 15 1812 MED/16/3/222

Dr Heberden has the honour to inform The Prince Regent that His Majesty was more tranquil, and less disposed to talk yesterday, than He had been for some days preceding. His Majesty slept several hours in the day, and had besides nearly four hours sleep last night. His Majesty appears to day to be generally quiet, but still very sadly disordered in his mind.

Windsor Castle
15 April 1812

April. 16. 1812 MGD/16/3/223

Sir

The King did not sleep at all in the course of yesterday - but talk'd with very little intermission throughout the day. His Majesty's language and sentiments betray'd his disorder forcibly - but these were frequently mixed with his irrational notions, sound observations on characters in life, correct historical anecdotes - and most entertaining remarks on his present situation. The latter were commonly made in anger, and as often as they occurr'd seem'd to disturb the tranquility with which his conversation was held generally - All this past, I ought to observe to Your Royal Highness, in the company of the King's imaginations,

on His Majesty was not addressed by any other Physicians in the course of the day.

His Majesty went to bed quietly and slept more than four hours with some interruptions – His Majesty awoke in a state of irritation and agitation, and Dr Willis' interposition was necessary during His sleeping – but this did not seem to have any material effect, and the same waywardness and irritability continues –

I am, Sir, most devotedly
Your Royal Highness' faithful
Servant

Windsor Castle April 16. 1812 Henry Halford

April 17. 1812 MED/16/3/224

Sir

I have the honor to inform Your Royal Highness that the same change of irritability prevails still in His Majesty's frame, tho' there has been less palpable excitement within the last twenty four hours, and less talkativeness. He dined at His dinner well, and went to bed willingly - but was irascible, and expressed His anger in coarse terms on some fancied provocation during His undressing. His Majesty slept about four hours and a half last night, and looks pretty well this morning, but He has formed a false notion respecting the period of the year, and is too much disposed to quarrel with His attendants because they do not admit His Majesty's calculation. This has given rise to some

untowardness at breakfast, but to nothing of importance.

I am, Sir, most respectfully
Your Royal Highness's faithful
Servant

Henry Halford.

April 17. 1842.

Windsor Castle

April 18. 1812 MED/16/3/225

Dr Baillie has the honour of inform-
-ing the Prince Regent, that His Majesty
continued throughout yesterday in a
state of some excitement, but in a less
degree than it has been lately — He was
much occupied in talking throughout
the day, but in a milder tone than usual
— The conversation however was as full
of Error as possible — In the course of
yesterday His Majesty slept about four
hours and He ate His Dinner tolerably
well — It was more protracted than
usual from His making presents of
Apples & Cheesecakes to His favourite
Ladies — His Majesty went to Bed
without reluctance & slept about four
hours — While awake He was a good
deal employed in adjusting the Bed
clothes — This Morning He dress'd well
and has talked a good deal, but with-
-out any great eagerness of manner —

Windsor Castle
April 10 — 1812

April 19. 1812 MED/16/3/226

Dr Baillie has the honour of informing the Prince-Regent that His Majesty was yesterday more quiet and less tal Native than He has been lately — It was therefore thought advisable that the Ordinary Physician in attendance should address Him — The Conversation was bad & short, for His Majesty soon got into a violent passion because a question, which He put, was not answer'd in a way that suited His views —

His Majesty ate His meals well and went to Bed by His own desire a little after Eight O'Clock — He slept in the night six hours & three quarters — This morning His Majesty dress'd well, but was then very abusive in His language — Upon this Dr John Willis interfered, and He soon became silent —

Windsor Castle
April 19 — 1812

April 20. 1812. MED/16/3/227

Mr Dundas has the honor to inform His Royal Highness The Prince Regent that The King passed yesterday in a quieter manner than He had done for some days, but not without occasional bursts of anger against His ideal company – as for instance, a violent storm against a Colle in the Guards, who happened to interpose his opinion, while His Majesty was making arrangements for distributing the three Regiments of Guards in the Garisons of the different Cities of Italy –

His Majesty went to bed of His own accord, slept Six hours & a half, got up well & continues in good humour.

His Majesty looks well, his pulse has been ascertained this Morning to be 70, and His Tongue is clean.

Windsor Castle
20 April 1812

April 20. 1812

Dr. Willis has the honor of informing the Prince Regent that His Majesty passed yesterday with the usual amusement of His Harpsichord & quiet conversation with imaginary company & occasional gusts of passion towards some of them. His Majesty ate well through the day and went to bed at the usual hour — He slept six hours & a half in the night at two sleeps and after dressing & breakfasting well this morning is nearly in the state of yesterday.

Windsor Castle
Apr. 20. 1812

April 21. 1812 MCD/16/3/229

Dr Heberden has the honor to inform The Prince Regent that His Majesty has passed the last twenty four hours in a more composed manner than has been observed since the beginning of the present month. His Majesty has had no want of sleep, and in his countenance and general appearance is looking well. His Majesty's mind is free from irritability, but without any mark of improvement in its essential characters.

Windsor Castle
21 April 1812

April 22. 1812 MG0/16/3/230

Dr Heberden has the honour to acquaint The Prince Regent that the same state of composure, which was observed yesterday morning, has continued without interruption. His Majesty is apparently in good health; and his disorder rather discovers itself by little expressions and actions, than by those stronger features which occur in the times of greater irritability.

Windsor Castle
22 April 1812

April 23. 1812 MCD/16/3/231

Sir,

The King continues in the same state of tranquility which has been reported to your Royal Highness for the last two or three days. Under this composure His Majesty has taken His food well – has slept occasionally in the day time, and gone to bed without reluctance or disturbance. The King slept about four hours and a half last night, and passed the rest of the night in perfect stillness and quiet.

The state of His Majesty's mind, I am sorry to add, tho' less agitated and excited is not less wrong – and His thoughts, whenever the King discloses them, appear to be occupied by the same conceits which have had possession of it, during the more perturbed periods

of this distemper.

I am, Sir, with the most respectful attachment, your Royal Highness's faithful servant

Henry Halford

Windsor Castle
April 23: 1812.

April 24. 1812. MED/16/3/232

Sir

His Majesty continues in a state of perfect composure and quiet. The King amuses himself sometimes with his Harpsichord, but is generally silent. It is obvious that His Majesty is full of thought, and we are sorry to add that his mind appears to be as deeply involved in error as ever; for as often as he talks, his conversation has a reference to the same ill founded notions which have had possession of his imagination so long.

The King slept three quarters of an hour in his chair yesterday, and almost four hours in the night.

I am Sir, most respectfully Your Royal Highness's devoted faithful Servant

April 24th 1812
Windsor Castle.

Henry Halford

April 26. 1812 MEO/16/3/233

Dr Baillie has the honour of informing the Prince Regent, that yesterday Doctor Heberden addressed His Majesty — The conversation lasted about an hour, and was altogether of a better character than has often been witnessed Still however there was some mixture of his distempered notions in it — In the afternoon His Majesty talked a good deal, and with some irritation, and the irritation was encreased in the Evening — When the hour of Rest was announced to His Majesty He became very angry, but He made no resistance and was undressed as usual — He slept two hours only in the night, and while awake, talked a good deal with considerable excitement — This Morning His Majesty is still disposed to talk too much, but it is in a milder manner & in good humour His Majesty looks well in the Countenance, but His mind continues in the usual distempered state —

Windsor Castle April 26 — 1812

April 27. 1812 MED/16/3/234

Mr Dundas has the honor to inform His Royal Highness The Prince Regent that His Majesty yesterday in the forenoon slept above an hour, and in the Evening five hours and an half at once – while awake He spoke more than He had done the two preceding days, was very irritable at dinner, but ate His dinner well.
His Majesty went to bed very quietly, talked and worked with the bed clothes till five o Clock, from which time He slept till past eight.
He got up this Morning in good humour, has not been much inclined to talk, but what He has said discovers the same dis: ordered state of Mind as usual.

Windsor Castle.
27. April 1812.

April 27. 1812. MED/16/3/235

Dr. Willis has the honor of informing the Prince Regent that His Majesty was disposed to talk through yesterday in a very disordered & excited manner excepting the time occupied by sleep of which His Majesty had nearly seven hours and after dinner five hours and a half of it took place at once. The same disposition to talk continued through the night till five o'Clock this morning when His Majesty fell asleep & slept about three hours. His Majesty has dressed & breakfasted well & the disposition to talk has for the present at least abated.

Windsor Castle
Apr. 27. 1812

April 28. 1812 MED/16/3/236

Dr Heberden has the honor to inform
the Prince Regent that His Majesty has
continued generally in a very tranquil state
throughout the last twenty four hours. His
Majesty got between four and five hours sleep
in the night, and appears to be composed and
good humoured this morning. The mind still
retains the same characters of disorder, as before.

Windsor Castle
28 April 1812

April 29. 1812 MCD/16/3/237

T Heberden has the honor to inform The Prince Regent, that The King has rather been more talkative, and more hurried in manner, during the last twenty four hours; but not in a degree to constitute any material change in his Majesty's disorder. His Majesty slept between three and four hours and passed upon the whole a good night.

Windsor Castle
29 April 1812

April 30. 1812 MED/16/3/238

Sir

Excepting an hour and a quarter, during which the King slept after his dinner yesterday, His Majesty talked incessantly throughout the day. His conversation was held in good humour generally, but often under considerable excitement, and tho' His Majesty has slept about three hours and a half in the night, the same disposition to talk without intermission continues. The King has rested well, and is now breakfasting heartily, and looks well in the face, tho perhaps somewhat heated.

His Majesty has taken some Emetic Tartar.

I am, Sir, most respectfully your

Royal Highness's faithful Servant

Henry Halford

April 30th 1812