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My Dearest Brother —

Deeply impressed as we all are with the kindness and Affection of which You have given us so many proofs upon every occasion and more recently upon a Subject which has been the cause of so much Distress and Discomfort to us, and which we have reason to know has produced Your Proposal to the Queen that she should meet You in London with a view to an explanation of Her present and future Intentions with respect to the Line which she means to adopt towards us; We feel that we should not be doing our Duty towards You or ourselves, nor indeed be acting with Candour towards the Queen if we did not endeavour to put You in possession of our Sentiments in order that You may be able to appreciate their Correctness, and also to convey them to the Queen who has precluded herself from the Knowledge of them by forbidding our addressing Her Personally or in writing any further on this Subject

Without entering into the Detail of what has passed, with which You are in fact fully acquainted. We must here solemnly declare, that in every part of our Proceeding it has <sup>been</sup> farthest from our Thoughts, as it ever will be from our Inclination to be wanting in Respect, Duty or Affection to the Queen, and we appeal to You my Dearest Brother, to every Branch of the Family to All those who have witnessed our Conduct during a long Series of Years, whether it has at any Period been such as to admit even a Suspicion that We have ever felt disposed to lose Sight of what We owe to Her

On the other hand we most freely own that We have neither Health or Spirits to



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to support for any length of time the life which We have led for the last two years, and more Especially the Treatment which We have experienced whenever any Proposal has been made for our Absenting ourselves for a few days from the Queen's Roof, either with a view to that Relaxation which it is natural and we trust not unreasonable that at our Ages We should occasionally seek, or in compliance with the Expression of your Pleasure repeatedly conveyed to us. We conceive indeed that We have a Right to claim such Latitude, that the Prospect of it was connected with the increased Allowance made to us last year, and We are confident that We shall never be blamed in the exercise of that Discretion which it does not exceed the Bounds of Propriety and Moderation

You are fully informed of the Treatment from the Queen, to which our Compliance with your last invitation exposed us; the circumstances were generally stated to you and were more particularly stated afterwards in two Letters written by Eliza and Mary which the Queen saw, and to the Necessity of writing which We were obliged by Her shewing us that which she had advised to you and the Senor and Reprehensions of which must alone have afforded sufficient proof of the Queen's Regret upon that Occasion

You will therefore not be surpris'd that we should repeat to you our Declaration, that We must abandon all thoughts of ever complying with any Invitation from you or with any Wishes or Arrangement which shall require our Absenting ourselves from

from Windsor, unless it shall be in your Power to secure us from the Probation of a Treatment arising out of such Compliance on our part, which is destructive alike to our Health, happiness and Comfort. — If you should not be disposed to admit this Alternative, and if we should find that either what has passed should become the Subject of continued Litigation or any future Proposal of the same Nature should be made in the same Manner, We trust that We shall not be considered reprehensible by you or by any other Person, in fairly stating that We shall with Difficulty be able to persuade ourselves that the Intention is any other than to force us to quit this Paternal Roof which upon every Ground Public and private We should most sincerely deplore to be under the Necessity of doing. — In that Event however We must appeal to you, the constitutional Representative of our beloved Sovereign and Father for that Protection to which We are not conscious that We have forfeited our Claim, and We are confident that this Country is too liberal and too considerate not to sanction by it alone such Protection afforded to us, under circumstances which would leave no Alternative.

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Ms. B. N. No. 26  
Princess Augusta  
—  
The Princess Elizabeth  
The Princess Sophia  
The Princess Mary  
to  
The Queen and the  
Worshipful Company  
April 10/12.