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Sir

I have received A. R. Byhais Prince William Fredericks' commands to send you the enclosed communication, with a request that you will use your discretion in the choice ^{very early} of a moment to impart its contents to His Majesty. The Prince avails himself of the opportunity of your confidential intercourse with the King to inform His Majesty of the alarming situation of His Royal Highness the Duke of Gloucester, and ~~of his own deep affliction~~; in consequence of it, in the absence of A. R. H. the Duke of York, who has had the goodness hitherto to charge

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humbly with my report of the actual
state of H. R. H.'s symptoms - They
are become materially worse within
the last few hours - but it is a
consolation to Prince William to
find that at the moment of their
greatest severity, the mind of H.
R. H. the Duke of Gloucester remains
most entirely clear and composed,
and it will be equally satisfactory
to H. Majesty to learn, that
~~the same~~ ~~is found~~
H. R. H. is perfectly aware
of his perilous situation

Friday morning
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The continuance of the hemorrhage
from the intestines has reduced
his R. H. the state of strength
so much as to give me just
reason to fear H. R. H. may
not be able to sustain it
much longer - The inflam-
matory symptoms which preceded
it, and which at the time of
their prevalence suggested
the greatest fears have dis-
appeared entirely - but the
Exhaustion has now become
excessive - and the use of
the most active & stimulant
remedies has not appeared to have

any good effect.