



Dr. G. Herbert Taylor to Dr. Vaughan

Weymouth August 24th 1805

Sir,

I had this morning the honor of receiving your letter of yesterday and the enclosed communication respecting His Royal Highness the Duke of Gloucester's very critical situation, and in obedience to the commands of His M. Gr. Prince William and the Instructions which I had previously received in the Court of so unfavorable a Report, I took the earliest moment of imparting to His Majesty the contents of your letter and the Enclosure. - I trust you will have the goodness to acquaint Prince William with my respectful Duty that His Majesty although evidently greatly affected by the melancholy Intelligence which appeared to him to leave no further hopes of the poor Duke of Gloucester, recovered it with that fortitude and Resignation which have ever been so conspicuous in His Character.

I am persuaded that the King is now

fully prepared for the melancholy events which from your Report
there is so much Reason to fear is not far distant, and His
Majesty commanded me to thank you for having written without
Reserve which He considered the most satisfactory line of Conduct
which you could have adopted, observing that the kindest thing
upon these sad Occasions was always to speak out & tell the
truth.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most Obedient

Humble Servant

W. Taylor