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Madam

I cannot take up my pen to answer your very obliging Letter without expressing my sincerest thanks for its contents. You may easily conceive Madam, the magnification I have suffered at ~~Indeed the very disgraceful steps the Dukes of Gloucester and Cumberland~~ having taken ~~step~~ disgraceful steps, which had I flatter'd myself no one ~~had taken~~ ~~had given me much pain and concern~~ that had the hopes of springing from the Ducy of Brunswick ~~and fortune of the former had been more accepted~~ could have stoop'd to. The enclosed letter is of the same nature as the one wrote to Lord Dartmouth which he brought me yesterday, conveying a Notification from Captain Hewson of the birth of a Daughter at Gloucester House, to which I desired he would give no other answer than that he had acquainted Me with the contents of it.

I hope you will not attribute any adding a few more lines to any thing but a desire of communicating to you the principles upon which I have conducted myself on these very strange affairs.

When the Duke of Gloucester acquainted Me with his Marriage, I then acquainted the ^{direct} Lord Chamberlain, ~~that~~ ~~and gave the same out of me~~ ~~in the same light~~

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~~that of the other; that I thought no one had a right to suppress~~
~~and make a difference that however these who might ask~~
~~them what orders he had received, that would make no~~
~~difference except the Duke's servants and the Officers of~~
~~his Regiment were desired not to frequent James's from~~
~~that time I have had no intercourse with my Brother~~
~~and I should not think it proper to suppose that I could~~
~~on a similar occasion be so obliging to him as to~~
~~take notice of it, till within his month a second notification~~
~~came with the addition that the delivery was expected~~
~~upon which the Family having been unhappily separated~~
~~from the Marriage Act, this being a clandestine Marriage~~
~~I was in duty bound to have it authenticated for the sake~~
~~of the Child, this gave me no room all unacquainted, but~~
~~wherever I know what I know to be my duty,~~
~~the Archbishop, the Chancellor, and the Bishop of~~
~~London have enquired into both Marriages, and the~~
~~proofs are recorded in the Council Books, I have~~
~~therefore done all I am obliged to do, and here my part~~
~~ends for I can never approve of the Marriages~~

Having finished what is very unpleasant, I cannot help
 taking up a little more of your time to express my thanks
 for your affectionate kindness to my two sons, who I trust
 from the able hands they are placed in will not disgrace
 their family; perhaps it may be the affection of the father
 that makes me think there are others that would also
 meet with your approbation; and I should be very
 glad if you would permit some of the bigger ones
 in the course of the summer to visit you &c



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