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Sir

Your Majesty's gracious goodness & condescension fills me with the deepest sense of gratitude, and contributed greatly to keep up my spirits under my long and painfull sufferings; and the hopes of becoming once more fit to fullfill my duty towards your Royal Children, strengthened my patience to endure my tedious confinement; the time with which Your Majesty is pleased to indulge me to perfect my cure & recover my strength, shall be most strictly applied to the purpose for which it was granted.

The satisfaction Your Majesty expresses in the improvement of the four eldest Princes gives me inexpressible pleasure, and I am persuaded that

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The admission of the Prince of Wales and Prince Frederick to a more frequent and more social intercourse with their Royal parents will be attended with all the good consequences I expect from that indulgence, without being liable to those inconveniences your Majesty justly observes to be the common errors of private education, as I hope and believe their Royal Highnesses will look upon that honour as an approach towards Manhood, not as a boyish emancipation from rule, order, or good behaviour; or as an opportunity of playing with servants which is so strictly forbid in their own apartment;

I think the foundation of the French language & pronunciation is now so well laid by Mr de Salgas and will be so well kept up by Mr Smelt's School for this winter's walk that the eldest Princes will easily attain a fluency of speaking it when opportunity offers, it shall be my study to seek occasions for it at my return; it is true Prince William & Prince Edward will have an

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over their dear brothers in that respect, but this slight inconvenience cannot now be remedied.

It is my constant prayer that your Majesty may continue to receive from your Royal progeny all those blessings and comforts so justly due to your paternal sollicitude, the utmost of my ambition is to contribute my mite towards an object of such consequence to your Royal repose.

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Your Majesty's
most faithfully devoted
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James - 20. Oct. 1717
Lord Holderness