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My Dear Frederick. The Accounts I as yet have received of Your behaviour and application so fully answer my warmest wishes that I cannot help yielding to the Sentiments of my heart rather than those of my judgement in thus early communicating them to You; but I trust Your knowing that an Affectionate Father being made happy by Your conduct, will have the effect of stimulating You with a resolution to continue the path that must daily encrease his Affection, and at the same time fit You to make a conspicuous figure in the line Your own inclination has shewn so strong a bias to devote Yourself to, and where Character and Tallents are equally necessary to make me with any degree of propriety advance You.

I have not been here to hunt these four Weeks, three of which have been occasioned by a most violent irruption Your Brother has had, and as I should certainly have expected his remaining in Town had I been ill, I could not do otherwise than set the example by staying with Him; thank Heaven it seems now nearly over and if He will take this as a warning may save his life, Your conduct is now so sensible that I cannot help unburthening my mind unto You. He has undoubtedly both in eating and drinking been much to free every one of his family we surprised at it from the first time they dined with Him, indeed his behaviour is not such as to gain credit with the World; a buck is a <u>mauvais ton</u> for a Young Gentleman

and shews a want of Education, but in a Prince it is much worse God never made distinctions of rank but that with it is expected a propriety of behaviour should ensue, I trust the P. of Wales's good Sense and the discipline the faculty have made him pursue will make him feel that his conduct has been absurd, and that it will open his eyes in future to follow the Advice of his real friends not his sycophants. I am sorry to add that He lends himself too much to the D. of C—d. whose conduct debases him, and I am grieved to say how publickly and indiscriminately the P. of W. is beginning to be talked of in an improper manner except by a few of the Bucks because of this Attachment; others can tell You much more of this than I can for as much as possible I avoid mentioning him, I want to save him from ruin. Lake before He went to Portsmouth said that the best means I had without coming to extremities to recall him from his follies was to write to You, and to get You to open his Eyes; I do not wish You should write unless Your good Sense makes You feel that there is great difference between Your Brother being civil to the D. of C—d. and his being led by him. but should You see this in its true light You must write on his recovery and make use of the information I have given You as if You had it only from general report, for if he thought You did it by directions it would lose its weit; what I want is in the most delicate manner

to save the Character of my Son; I know very well that those who us'd to attack Me, now make comparisons to my advantage, I am grieved at it and as God is my Judge, I cannot bear any reputation that is at the expence of that of my Children, on the contrary My ardent Prayer to Heaven is that the conduct of my Children may be the Channel by which I may receive the Commendation of the World. It is I am certain not necessary to give the hint that the contents of this letter must not be communicated; but I would have You thank Colonel Grenville for his last letter, having nothing particularly to say this Post I shall postpone writing to Him but hope He takes proper care to get quit of the Rhumatism.

The Queen if She has time will write this Post to You, all Your Brothers and Sisters are happy at Your remembrance and the commendations You deserve, I ever shall remain Dear Frederick

Your most Affectionate Father.

1st Mar. 1861