

A. H. to Col. Cree. Holthaus  
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Colonel Holthaus The punctuality with which You have always performed every minutest part of Your Duty during the time I have had the pleasure of personally knowing You, added to Your discretion, and the Attachment You have ever shewn to the real good of my Children, makes me petition You to acquaint the P. of Wales with what I should have done by word of mouth had he not when he came here to mention the affair of his separate Establishment, changed his mind, and from what I hear from the Queen begged Her to thank Me, declining doing it in person least it might draw on a conversation which might embarrass him; I am not surpris'd she avoided it, as his conscience if not entirely put to sleep, as well as his knowledge of my sentiments must have made him expect that on such an occasion I should have utter'd very honest truths; ~~Not~~ that the business is fully <sup>in train</sup> concluded I therefore desire You will acquaint ~~Me~~ <sup>me</sup> that not thinking it advisable to apply to Parliament for any further Assistance than such as may enable Me to allow <sup>fifty</sup> ~~thirty~~ thousand pounds per Annum which with the Revenue of Cornwall ~~will amount~~ <sup>will amount</sup> to about ~~twelve~~ <sup>thirteen</sup> thousand per Annum and consequently make his income about twenty seven thousand more than the late King thought sufficient for me in a similar situation; <sup>which will</sup> and I am fully persuaded <sup>with</sup> ~~that~~ with proper Attention and Economy ~~the~~ <sup>it</sup>

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to live handsomely, but not with the champed extravagance  
he has shewn till now, which appears <sup>the</sup> ~~most~~ strongly by an  
intimation he has sent me <sup>through</sup> the D. of Portland that he has debts  
to the amount of above twenty five thousand pounds <sup>to which</sup>  
<sup>I might add</sup> ~~is exclusive~~ of what I gave him on a former very improper  
business. He must therefore recollect that this is ~~for~~ the last time  
his Debts can be paid and that therefore he must live on the  
sum allotted and that I do expect an Assurance through you  
from him of his intentions to keep within bounds. What I  
mean to apply to parliament for his Debts and for fitting up  
his House and other ~~particulars~~ such as Stables and ~~any other~~  
Preparatives upon this occasion is a sum of sixty thousand pounds.

I mean to let him have the use of the House, my late Mother  
inhabited in Pall mall, but on condition that <sup>the premises be not</sup> ~~he does not~~ ~~take~~  
~~the~~ ~~away~~ ~~any~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~ground~~  
damaged; particularly that the Passage my Father Granted to  
the late D. of York ~~to the Park~~ be not widened, and that he  
shall take all Repairs, taxes and the Expence of keeping  
the Garden on himself; He must also find Stables in town  
for his Horses and Houes for his Carriages, allowing no room  
for them besides an interference of separate servants is very  
inconvenient.

As to a Country house I have none for him besides it would do more  
on so many additional Expences that I think it best avoided

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but his Apartments at Windsor shall always be kept ready to receive him, yet should he wish another he must provide it himself; but I hear again report he must if he means not to lose the good opinion of this Nation avoid Debts

I do not mean <sup>to propose</sup> ~~he should have~~ any addition to his Attendants except those of an Inferior kind which a private Gentleman and Noble naturally require.

Whenever he shall think it right to express to me the wish of marrying then I shall <sup>take on</sup> ~~not think~~ myself authorized to apply to Parliament that his annual Income may be increased to One hundred thousand Pounds.

I cannot <sup>quit this subject without</sup> ~~wonder~~ just saying that a Plan must now be prepared under his inspection for the Expenses of his House keeping, Stables, Riding, Purses <sup>keeping back of sum</sup> ~~for~~ <sup>to</sup> ~~travelling~~ <sup>to</sup> ~~incur~~ <sup>for</sup> ~~to~~ <sup>be</sup> ~~kept~~ <sup>to</sup> ~~in~~ <sup>soon</sup> ~~to~~ <sup>be</sup> ~~oblige~~ <sup>to</sup> ~~him~~ <sup>to</sup> ~~retranch~~ <sup>do write</sup> ~~on~~ ~~disburse~~ ~~him~~ ~~off~~ ~~therefore~~ <sup>now</sup> ~~is~~ ~~the~~ ~~hour~~ ~~to~~ <sup>say regularly</sup> ~~put~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~whole~~ ~~on~~ ~~a~~ ~~proper~~ ~~posting~~ ~~and~~ ~~as~~ ~~to~~ ~~provide~~ ~~for~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~House~~ ~~and~~ ~~either~~ ~~buying~~ ~~or~~ ~~hiring~~ <sup>Estimates should be</sup> ~~Stables~~ ~~and~~ ~~the~~ ~~Expenses~~ ~~should~~ ~~be~~ ~~first~~ ~~made~~ ~~that~~ ~~the~~ ~~Expenses~~ ~~do~~ ~~not~~ ~~exceed~~ ~~the~~ ~~means~~ ~~of~~ ~~effecting~~ ~~them~~ ~~and~~ ~~if~~ ~~the~~ ~~Expenses~~ ~~exceed~~ ~~the~~ ~~means~~ ~~of~~ ~~effecting~~ ~~them~~ ~~any~~ ~~part~~ ~~is~~ ~~unavoidable~~ ~~otherwise~~ ~~disorder~~ ~~will~~ ~~inevitably~~ ~~ensue~~.

I cannot conclude without mentioning that I am convinced the P. of Wales on the smallest reflection must feel that I have little reason to approve of any part of his conduct for the last three years; that his neglect of every religious

His Ignorance of his Duty is notorious, his want of common civility to the  
Queen and me not less so, besides his total disobedience of every  
injunction I had given and which he in presence of his brother  
and the Gentlemen then about them both, declared himself  
contemned with.

I must hope he will now think it behoves him to take  
up a fresh line of conduct more worthy of his Station  
that he may regain the good opinion of Men of Religion,  
Secrecy and Worth, and that a continuation of his by any  
retardation his Days, and make him too late repent at not  
having followed the Advice of an affectionate though  
displeas'd Parent.

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