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 Message to the Pr. of Wales
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From every thing which has passed between Me and the Prince of Wales during these last two Years, relative to His embarrassed Situation, He must have seen that I held it impossible even to enter on the Consideration of any Means to relieve Him, untill I should receive a sufficient Explanation of His past Expences, and see a Prospect of reasonable Security against a Continuation of His Extravagance.

On His renewing His Application this Year, I repeated the same Sentiments as formerly, and at the end of several Weeks I have received a Paper called a Statement of Arrears due to sundry Persons, making a sum total of near £270.000. Of this sum £60.000. is stated as actual Debt, and is made up of private Expences wholly unexplained to the amount of about £60.000. of above £52.000. for Buildings &c. above £32.000. for the Stables, and some comparatively small sums of House hold Expences.

The remaining sum of £110.000. consists of a specific Charge of above £79.000. for carrying on Works at Carlton House, and a general demand in addition to all the rest for unascertained Expences. A moment's reflection
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ought to have made the Prince of Wales sensible of the
Impropriety of offering such a Paper to My Consideration.
Without some Examination of the Expenses which have
led Him into His present Situation, it is scarcely possible
to conceive a sufficient Security that the same Abuses
will not recur. But when instead of proposing or expressing
a Readiness to conform to any future Regulations for this
Purpose, This unsatisfactory Account is followed by a demand
of above £ 100,000. more to support further Extravagance,
Assistance from Me is, under such Circumstances out of the
Question.

The Prince of Wales has nothing to expect from Me, till I
see reason to expect that the Attempt to relieve Him may
be effectual, instead of probably serving only to involve
Him still deeper.

For this purpose it would be necessary to have as clear an
Explanation as the nature of the thing will admit of of His
past Expensiture, and above all to ascertain that it shall be
confined within proper limits in future.

It is then and then only that it can become a subject of
consideration by what means I can cooperate in extricating Him
from the Embarrassment to which His own Imprudence has
subjected Him.