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If the Prince of Wales
has shewn Southampton
my Part of the Correspon-
-dence between us on this
painful and unhappy
subject, He will have
seen how totally that
has been misinterpreted
in the Prince's Letter to
Him. The Substance
of what I have so
often said has uniform-
-ly been, that before
I can even enter on
the Consideration of any

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means to extricate the
Prince from his present
situation, It is necessary
for me to receive a
sufficient explanation
of his past Expenses
and of the Nature
and Extent of his Debts
and Engagements, as
well as to see a reason-
-able Security that he
will adhere to a proper
Plan for discharging
these Incumbrances, and
confining his Expenses
within due Limits in

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future. These Points
are rendered indispens-
-ble, by the Considera-
-tion of what I think
due to my Subjects;
and therefore, while
the Prince, instead of
a clear and explicit
Conduct is advised
to maintain so un-
-suitable a Reserve, and
to content himself
with sending me from
Time to Time, these
insufficient and imperfect
Applications, I need

not repeat the impropriety of my interfering in his affairs.

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