

Memoranda, begun March 20th 1819-

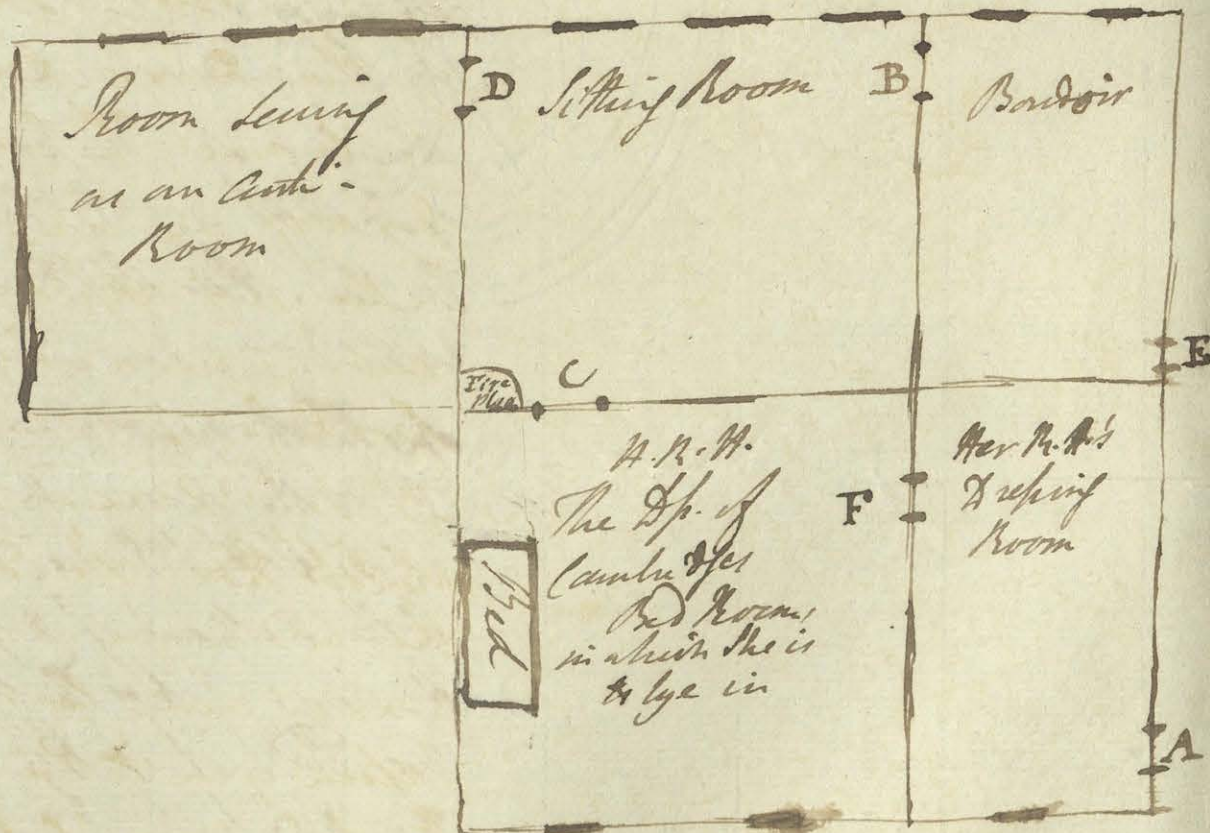
Confinement of
Duchess of
Cambridge

I received at Berlin on the
15th March 1819 the Vicount
Cathcart's dispatch No. 2,
directing me to proceed to
Hanover to attend the confinement
of the R. H. The Duke of
Cambridge, when ordered so to do by
His R. H. The Duke of Cambridge;
16th March at 8 a.m. I received
a letter from H. R. H. The Duke
desiring me to set out as soon
as possible; it was dated the 15th.
I stated that the R. H. was
expected to be confined about the
24th, but that it might possibly
happen sooner; I set out that
evening, the 16th. I reached
Hanover at half past 11 p.m.
on the 18th. I immediately
apprised Major Jones, one of
H. R. H.'s aide-de-camp, of my
arrival, & he apprised His R. H.
of it that night, before he went
to bed. The R. H. I learnt the
next day, was perfectly well.
On that next day, the 19th,
I had the honor to communicate
at different times with H. R. H.
on the subject of my mission to
Hanover. His R. H. apprised
me, that it is His intention
that H. R. H. The Duke of Clarence,
& the Earl of Mayo, an Irish Peer,
& a Privy Councillor in Ireland, shall
as well as my self be present

at the confinement of Her R. H.
 The Duchess of Cambridge; & His
 R. H. was pleased to command
 that we on the best means
 of securing the Duties of
 due precaution & air circulation
 so as to prevent any Doubt
 with respect to the birth &
 the identity of the child,
 with the necessary women,
 and the care of attending as
 much as possible whatever
 can affect the feelings, or
 the health of Her R. H.

The following plan was finally
 settled on the following day
 the 20th - a sketch of the
 apartments is necessary to
 render it intelligible.

The Sheet



N.B. The proportions of the rooms
 & the number of windows may
 be in error; the relative situation
 of the rooms & the number of doors in
 each have been attended to

Sir R. H. was pleased to
 arrange with me, that on
 the first appearance of the
 R. H. being taken in labor
 showing itself, the door A
 in the Dressing Room shall be
 locked up; & H. M. M. will direct
 me to put my seal on it, &
 will probably have his own
 seal placed on it too -

It will then be seen by
 reference to the plan, that
 whilst the R. H. will be able
 to receive whatever enquiries
 necessary from the Dressing
 Room by the door E, - as
 long as the door A is thus
 secured, nothing can go into
 or out of the bed room
 proper to any other room but
 by the door C. - The Duke
 of Clarence, The Earl of Mayo
 & myself are to be summoned
 on the first appearance of
 labor, & to remain in the
 Bed room, of which the door
 B is to remain open,
 whilst the door C of
 the bed room is also to
 remain open; thus no communi-
 cation can take place with
 the bed room but under our
 eyes. - Should Her Grace the
 Duchess of Devonshire, the Landgravine, the Royal
 Highness's mother, be present,

The will communicate with
the R. R. from the
canti-room thru the Door
D. If she is not present, it
is the R. R.'s present purpose
for the 20th March / that the
Door D shall be locked, &
that all communication
with the R. R. shall
take place thru the Door
which is accessible from
without by the Door E.

These rooms are up one
pair of stairs at Cambridge House
in the City of London.
on the 21st. I apprised
her M^{rs} of the proposed
arrangement; which she
approved it entirely.

on the 23rd inst. I had an
opportunity of describing
it to H. R. R. The Duke of
Cambridge, who expressed his entire
approbation of it.

I received Mr. Stewart's letter
of the 12th inst. containing
instructions for my conduct
on the 19th inst. & on the 22nd inst.
The Vicar of Castleacre dispatched
messengers separate of the 16th
inst, also containing instructions.

25th March; at 11 P. M. yesterday
the R. R. began to feel some
symptoms of approaching
labor; I went to Cambridge House
Sunday at 1/2 past 3 P. M. when
I saw that Stewart Mr. R. R.