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Wilmington, August 27  
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My Dear Friend

A circumstance has oc-  
-curred, not worth explaining to the Prince  
directly, which I wish you to understand accu-  
-rately in case it should hereafter be touch-  
-ed upon. The Prince's of Wales went to Mrs  
Rowden & by her's desires that they would  
pass a couple of days at Blackheath  
with her. Nothing could be more unexpected.

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& nothing could be more inconvenient as they  
were on the point of going out of town. They  
applied to my sister to know if they could with  
propriety excuse themselves. She said that  
the invitation was to be construed a command  
that they were to know nothing of the Princess  
but her rank; & that they ought to go.  
I think that a scolded hen or a henous head  
might have been called up on the occasion.  
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they subject. What I want you to be enabled to effect  
is, that the Queen was never contented of them,  
because it might give the Prince some jealousy  
the Prince had not the slightest knowledge  
of them: but it is possible that some indiscreet  
action of giving the Prince a fidget of the  
appearance of an oblique attention to me  
may have caused her to take the step.

You see that the advancement of  
Lord Camden has had all the effect I apprehend

