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Memorandum.

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The Queen of Württemberg's commands reached me this morning towards nine o'clock whilst I was on a visit to Count Golowkin, to come to Her Apartments but without any notification ^{that} the King was there.

I lost no time in going to the Palace, where, on entering the Apartments, I found His Majesty seated by the side of the Queen.

I was desired to take a seat and the King immediately commenced a long History of himself, of his blameless conduct thro' life, (*depuis ma naissance Je ne m'en fait que Je devois cacher!!!*) his fault to have always used "trop de franchise" - his high opinion of Honor,

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and his high opinion of what
could in any degree wound
that honor.

Then, adverting to the letter
I had delivered to Count Dippelii,
he said it was nothing at all
as far as my opinion was concerned
that there were parts of it in
contradiction to that from Lord
Carteret - that as to the example
I hear I am to follow, that of the
King of Bavaria,

I interrupted His Majesty
but three times during the whole
of his discourse and here I had
occasion to do it for the first time,

" I take the Liberty of apprising
" your Majesty that the citation
of the case of the King of Bavaria

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came from myself, and from no person in this place - it did, ^{not} however arise as from my own knowledge, but was quoted to me at our Foreign Office that a letter of a similar nature as the one above alluded to was expected from your Majesty."

The King then continued without adverting to my observation in any other manner than merely saying "what the King of Bavaria does, not impose upon me a necessity of imitating."

The next topic of His Majesty was that of the letter of His Royal Highness the Prince Regent to the Queen. "He had no scruple" at the present moment in "using that frankness for which he was so distinguished, that

" and declaring that there was a
" want of politeness towards him.
" I am a husband, and ought to
" direct my wife - I ought to have
" been consulted, & the letter
" should have ^{been} addressed to me.
" and possibly then much facility
" would have ^{been} given on my part
" to the object of His Royal
" Highness's Letter - The Queen
" here, I am persuaded by order,
" coughed a good deal - and then
" said the King, " Voyer Monsieur
" sa situation actuelle / more coughing
" le doute si elle pourra entreprendre
" le voyage même d'ici à
" Ludwisberg - selon ce que les
" Medecins me disoient hier "
" mais Je vous avoue que j'ai
" attendu de la part de mon

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bran faire une autre conduite."

I here gave a second interruption and said, that if the Cause of Her Majesty's not being able to visit Her Family arose from Her Royal Brother not having written to His Majesty, I had deeply to regret that I was not the bearer of such a Letter, as I was certain Her Family loved her too sincerely to permit Etiquette debarring them ~~from~~ the pleasure they would have in once more seeing her.

"Monseieur, said the K. warmly, Je dois prendre les choses telles que sont—" His Majesty here worked himself into such a passion that nothing

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could have prevailed upon
me to have heard him out,
but the presence of the Queen -
He said He could feel His
own dignity as well as other
Potentates - that He felt his
Sovereignty wounded - and
as to the Insinuations that had
been copied from English Gazettes
into those of Germany respecting
Himself and His beloved wife,
(Egrouse)

Here they shook hands and
went thro' a scene worthy of
the stage) and here
I interrupted His Majesty for
the last time - and told him,

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That since I had been in this
Country I had heard it insinuated
that those paragraphs had come
from me - that I should not
condescend to reply such an
insinuation in any other manner
than by sending Her Majesty on
my return home, the newspapers
in which the whole Idea was
contradicted, and by myself."

I here made my bow
and retired.

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Mr. Mr. Tynan

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