

Ld. Stormont  
St. James's Jan<sup>y</sup>. 23. 1740.  
4. o' clock P.M.

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St. James's Decr. 23. 1779  
four o'clock P.M.

I think it my Duty to inform your Majesty that Mr Elliot has received secret Intelligence from Berlin which he has shewn me, and by which it appears that the King of Prussia is in a very dangerous way. a swelling which he had in his side about two years is returned and an Imposthume is actually formed there. His Pruss<sup>a</sup> Majesty is extremely anxious to conceal the real state of his health, and it is very important for the sake of Mr Elliot's Informers that this Intelligence should not transpire, for which Reason I convey it to yr Majesty in the most secret manner.

*[Faint, illegible handwriting on a piece of paper pasted onto a larger sheet.]*