

The Queen
to
The Prince Regent

GEORGINA

20th Nov 1812

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My dearest Son. I want words to express my obligations to You for the Letter I ~~was~~ have just received & tho I am desirous to return to the Castle as soon as possible. I am anxious to profit of the opportunity ~~given~~ afforded me to be explicit upon so painfull a Subject as that of Yr Sisters.

I never did oppose their going to Town at any Time & did tell them so one & all, but I did do now at this moment object to their going ~~at~~ ^{to London} ~~at~~ when I feel it more decent that in their ^{Personal} Situation Witness of the Distressing Situation of their Fathers ~~that~~ they should upon particular Occasions decline appearing in Public. This was the case on Saturday when the Duke of York brought Yr Message & upon Augusta's informing me of it I immediately went to Her as well as to Elizabeth. ~~that~~ ~~that~~ my reasons against it, which

I am convinced if You reflect one moment can by
 no means injure me in the words: You will allow
 that Yr appearance at the House which was Yr
Duty to do is in reality more melancholy than
 the King's ^{Death} can there be I appeal to Yr own Feeling
 a more painfull & a more Horrible Situation than
 the one Yr Father labours under; & was it not my
 Duty to state to Yr Sisters, that they having no
 personal Duty ^{which} calls upon their Presence at the
 House of Lords, it would shew more attention &
 Female Delicacy to decline it, but left it to their
 option to do as they pleased, for Yr own Daughter
 there could be no doubt ~~but~~ about Her going, She
 could not have those feelings, that Her Aunt says
 to have ~~up~~ & which as they did so appears to me
 a Full declaration to the World that the King never
 can recover & which You well know ~~the~~ Not even
 any of the Physicians have ever ventured to declare

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I come now to the other part of Y^r Letter about
the Princesses appearing with Charlotte to that
I did agree so far, as sometimes, but not every way
as you must be sensible that with the small Society
I have here, I should by that be almost left quite
alone, as the whole Number left when two are gone
are only five. I was surpris'd that Y^r L^{ty}
Liverpools Paper did not strive Y^r Pride as it
did mine when I saw the Easy manner in which
He disposes & settles the manner of the Royal Family
their appearing in Public. I said nothing at the Time
but felt most amazingly offended, & cannot suppress
it any longer.

As to the representation Y^r Sisters have made of
what has did pass on Sunday Night before they left
Windsor I am ignorant of, but I will not deny tho
I do not mean to justify my own Conduct, that the
Answer I received from Mary when I found fault with

for not even telling me she intended to go, proved, ^{to} me to the quick, for she assured me she could no longer lead the life she had led & that Mr. H. H. was of the same opinion, & when Elizabeth by defending her own conduct struck ^{to} ~~that~~ a most violent manner upon a Mr. B. saying she would have an Oath that she had done all in her power to please it so provoked me that I did say after that violence I should not be surpris'd at her given me next a Box at the Ear. which gave her an hysterick fit, & they left me determin'd to report it the moment they came to Town. which & moreover they added that they had mentioned what had pass'd on Saturday to the Ladies —, Whether this conduct is what a Mother ought to expect from her Children leave to the judgements of those who have any. In short this last journey of theirs has given me a Blow

which can not be easily Effaced, for the coming
to ask my advice & heaving my objections & not
following is treating me like a Fool. The telling
me that the ^{living} life with me here in my distress
is disagreeable, & to repeat to any Body what
concerns the Interior of a Family is more
then Impudent. You have now my whole
Confession I have not spared myself consequently
It must be sincere & having made you my
Father Confessor, I do desire that no Brothers
nor Sisters nor any Minister may say more
upon this Subject, The Dures of York & Cambridge
impertinent Behaviour to me on a former
occasion I can never forget, & as to Ministers
they can have nothing to do with it at least
If they do, I shall stop them short.
I promise you I will keep peace, I am conscious

I have often made it when it was least expected
but I do not always meet with it again, what
I feel you may easily ~~to~~ ^{that} imagine, to forgive
it ever is out of my power, but I will do
what I can. for it is so hard a Blow that
only I can feel.

I am truly grieved to learn that there should
have occurred more disagreeable circumstances from
another Quarter. that you may never feel what
I feel now is the sincerest wish of
my dearest Son.

Wroonmore
the 2^d of Dec^r

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Your ever affectionate Mother
& Sincere Friend

Charlotte

Mary & Elyza deny what I have said
about L. H. H., as also that my objection to
their going to the House of Lords.