

Mr Fox to HRH  
20<sup>th</sup> June 1703.

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Sir

After a good deal of conversation  
last night it seemed to be the general opinion  
that his Majesty's Ministers had no part to  
act in the business of your Royal Highness's  
establishment but to submit it entirely to  
the King's pleasure. The Duke of Portland  
however will not fail to take an opportunity  
of suggesting to his Majesty how very desirable  
it would be to give such an Allowance as

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may be in some degree agreeable to your  
Royal Highness's wishes, and will endeavour  
to render this idea the more palatable to the  
King by so shaping the proposition that  
the more your Royal Highness is to receive  
the less His Majesty will be to pay; for if  
the granty allowance is adhered to, the King  
must pay it all, for nothing shall make  
me go to Parliament to leave the civil list,  
unless I see at the same time that such a  
provision is to be made for your Royal  
Highness as may be tolerably satisfactory.



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factory.

But notwithstanding the way in which it  
will be put to His Majesty I must fairly own  
that my opinion is that he will still adhere  
to the small allowance, in which case your  
Royal Highness will certainly be in a worse  
situation than before. I need not say how  
much I have felt for the manner in which  
y. R. H. has been treated, I do not wonder  
that you should be so sensible to it, but  
do let me conjure you, Sir, to bear it with  
calmness & with constancy, and, whatever you  
may feel, to conduct yourself so as to put  
the world on your side. I have suffered

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many misfortunes & disappointments in my  
life (God forbid that your Royal Highness  
should ever know any more) I have always  
found the pride of bearing them with dignity  
to be the best consolation. If I did not feel  
the attachment which I do for your Royal  
Highness I should not presume to advise  
you upon such delicate points, but I feel that  
much of your Royal Highness's reputation  
in the world will depend upon your conduct  
in this trying occasion. Where the world  
thinks that Duty is owing believe me it is  
always right to shew Duty, and if any  
one forgets what he owes to you, there is no  
conduct so dignified, there is no revenge so



noble as to shew that you do not forget  
 what is owing to him. I am afraid your  
 Royal Highness will think I am presuming  
 very much upon the condescension you have  
 shewn me, in venturing to write in this manner  
 but if this letter should appear too much like  
 a sermon, it comes at least from one who  
 does not wish to be serious more than is  
 necessary and whose attachment to your  
 Royal Highness makes him as solicitous  
 for your reputation as he could be for his  
 own. I am with every sentiment of  
 respect, gratitude, & attachment,

Sir,

your Royal Highness's most  
 dutiful humble servant

St. James's Friday. 20. June

C. J. Fox



