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Sir -

When I had the honour of seeing your Royal Highness last, I had had no opportunity of hearing any conversation upon the step you had taken and consequently could only guess that the judgment of the Public would coincide with my own in the warmest approbation of your Royal Highness's plan. I have been since very happy to find that my conjecture was well founded, and I may without flattery as truly as cordially congratulate your Royal Highness upon having by this manly & judicious step united the universal opinion of all descriptions of Men in your favour. Praise comes from some more willingly, from others with more Reserve, but it comes

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from all; and there can not be a more convincing proof of the wisdom of your Royal Highness's measure than this; that those who are least willing to express favourable sentiments dare not blame it, but only doubt or affect to doubt your perseverance in it. Will your Royal Highness pardon me for suggesting my opinion that even this Doubt might be ought to be done away? It is founded as I understand upon this circumstance only, viz. that the money to be set apart for the Creditors will still be in the hands of those from whom your Royal Highness has a legal right to demand it, and consequently that it will still be in your power to break the Resolution which you have taken. That your Royal Highness is incapable of this Those who know your Royal Highness know, that no Man of sense would break a Resolution the very announcing of which has gained him such general nay universal applause is whatsoever

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one must feel; but yet the bare possibility of such a thing is a twig to catch at for those who wish at any event to prevent your Royal Highness being thought of as you deserve. Now this possibility might I conceive be easily removed by a measure which has (I understand) been already suggested to your Royal Highness and met with your approbation, I mean by assignment of 35,000 £ or 40,000 £ per Annum out of your allowance from the King to Trustees for the express purpose of paying it to your Creditors by such instalments as shall be agreed on. These Trustees should be Men of known reputation and not new in your Royal Highness's service, I think Lord Southampton should be one. I am sure your Royal Highness will forgive me for offering my advice even if you should not follow, but I really think it is a pity that so glorious an act as your Royal Highness's should not be complete and perfect. Add to this that the

greater the probability of the whole business  
being soon settled, the greater the necessity of  
adopting the scheme of Trustees, because otherwise  
it may be said (and every thing that can be  
said to open you will be said) that if your  
Plan had not produced an early effect, you  
would not have had the Resolution to persist  
in it, whereas if you put it out of your own  
power, your greatest enemy can not dispute  
your intention. With respect to the probability  
of an early effect being produced I will fairly  
confess that I am less sanguine than the generality  
of those with whom I have conversed, nay I  
am not quite convinced that a very early  
effect is the thing most to be wished. I am  
certain that, if the Public see your Royal  
Highness being for any time upon a confined  
system of expence and actually converting  
the greater part of your Income to the payment  
of your Creditors, that they will conceive  
no just an opinion of your Royal Highness's

character as to render you not only popular  
 in the extreme, but (what perhaps is of more  
 consequence) to make you considered by  
 thinking Men as a Man that can be depended  
 upon in the most difficult Tryals, and such  
 a character (excuse my freedom) is cheaply  
 bought especially by a Prince by being  
 confined in expence for one year, for more than  
 one it is impossible to last. Most People think  
 the next Section must settle the Business; I  
 doubt, but should not be afraid to be  
 responsible with my life for the Section  
 following it if (which I doubt as little)  
 your Royal Highness perseveres in your  
 plan. - If I write too freely to your Royal  
 Highness it is your own fault since it is  
 your goodness which has encouraged me to  
 do upon the most delicate occasions, and I  
 do so now the more readily because the more  
 joy I feel at the credit & glory you are gaining

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by this manly step gives me unusual spirit.  
It is an epoch in your Royal Highness's  
life, and if I am not deceived a most fortunate  
one, It will give the Public an insight to  
your character, which belonged before only to  
us who had the honour of knowing you, it will  
do away those millions of calumnies which  
have been so industriously spread and which  
could only be received from a total ignorance  
of your Royal Highness's true character.  
There would be no end if I were to enumerate  
all the good effects which I foresee from this  
to usiness, it is better a thousand times better  
than if you never had been in debt.

Before I conclude this long letter I  
would take the liberty of suggesting to  
your Royal Highness whether there <sup>might</sup> not be  
some propriety in acquainting by letter the  
Duke of York, the Dukes of Brunswick  
and possibly Prince William too (who I  
understand is near 4 age) with the step you

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have taken and your motives. Popilly too the Duke of Gloucester and the Duke of Cumberland ought to be apprized of it. I suggest all this from an apprehension that your Royal Highness may not <sup>have</sup> considered the extreme importance of the step you have taken in the same light that I do. - But surely it is a matter of moment enough to make it a subject of communication to the Persons I have mentioned. I beg your Royal Highness's pardon for having troubled you with so very long a letter, but I feel so sincere an admiration for your conduct that I can not help thinking of every little circumstance that may tend to make it more perfect and troubling your Royal Highness with my thoughts as they occur to me. -  
I am with every sentiment of gratitude & respect,

Sir,

your Royal Highness's most  
dutiful & most humble Servant

C. J. Fox

St. Anne's Hill 16. July 86

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