

initially by Mr. Pitt's plan
Although ~~some~~ you have
explained in some parts, & not very
fully opened in others
It is impossible for the Prince to

mistake the design & tendency, or to
not be fully aware of the effect it is
calculated to produce.

The very extraordinary Project delivered
to him by Mr Pitt. this

of the Proceedings which have

concerning the steps which Mr Pitt
without any communication to
him has already taken in Parliament
the Pr. is silent.

the steps taken in Parliament, the
Prince is silent. Nothing done by the

two Houses can be a subject of his
proper

admission. But when Plans are
submitted to Parliament, it must be

communicated to him before they
are brought into any
discussion in Parliament, a communication
is made to him to him of schemes
It is proper that he should deliver his

opinions concerning them
in which he is directly & indirectly
concerned, & to be directly affected
personally in which he is
personally concerned, & by which the
public welfare, the Royal
authority, & the public welfare

may be deeply affected the
Prince is obliged to give his
at liberty to conceal his sentiments
cannot be justified in withholding his
opinion an explicit declaration
of his sentiments.

His silence might be
construed into a tacit approbation
upon his part, & a sort of previous
assent upon his part to plans

of government, the purpose of receiving his
opinion upon them, or of giving him
notice of designs against him, which
by every allowable means he is at
Liberty to traverse. Let his Silence

when such a plan is formally
communicated to him should be
considered as a tacit approbation
of it, ~~it is~~ it necessary to declare

to the official Ministers, that
however his respect to the
Parliament may make him hereafter

acquiesce in whatever shall be
resolved there, he thinks himself
bound on duty to the King, to the
Queen, to the whole Royal Family, to
himself & to the Nation, to declare

to declare that this plan has not his

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previous sanction, nor any sort of
approbation from him.

The heavy calamity, ^{with} which it has
pleas'd the divine providence to visit
the King had overwhelmed the Prince
& the Royal Family with affliction &
distress for a considerable time,
which was sacrificed to natural affection, to
filial piety & to publick propriety.
The Prince during that time had
taken no steps whatever to counteract
the designs which were carrying on
against him. They were in a considerable
degree of forwardness before he could
put himself on his guard against them,
or indeed suspect such an intention.

In that state ^{of dependence} in ^{the} Prince of the whole Royal Family was
reason to expect ^{of} due attention to
his personal distresses to look for
every thing lenient & consolatory to his
feelings, especially from Ministers, who
have been distinguished by an abundant
measure of the favours & benefits of the
King, his father.

The difficulties to Government
in that melancholly situation of ^{affairs} ~~things~~
were ~~few~~ many & great. It was
not expected, that those difficulties
would be aggravated by persons who
were under every obligation to ^{facilitate} the publick service.
It was not expected that attempts

of the whole Royal Family was
wounded by the severe heavy calamity
which has fallen on the King that
had reason

The Prince of Wales has reason to be surprised, that a plan for conducting the Kings government on the principles of the Project delivered to ~~the Prince~~ ^{him} by Mr. Pitt should have been continued by Ministers most of whom have been loaded with the favours of the King his father.

In the state of heavy calamity under which the Royal family is oppressed by the dreadful ~~infortunes~~ ^{infortunes} stroke of Providence ~~is~~ has fallen upon the King, the Prime must naturally have ~~looked~~ looked for every thing on the part of his Ministers, the most attentive to his person, & the most diligent & consolatory to his feelings. Their conduct has not answered his expectations.

In so distressful a situation it was natural that the difficulties in the management of the public concerns would be very considerable. It was not expected, that these difficulties would, ~~be aggravated~~ be aggravated by those who had received so many & such distinguished obligations from the King, ^{to be appropriated} in the hands of any person whatsoever who was intended to represent the Kings authority, ~~and~~ ^{and} ~~they~~ ^{they}

to be deprived of the power of
granting these honours, & dis-
tinction, & favours, which
create or reward attachment,
whilst all the arduous, harsh,
& unviduous parts of Government,
& those w^{ch} are in their Nature
are most exposed to doubt &
objection, are devolved upon
him.

It is obviously, the Design of this
project to put the Prince into
~~the most~~ a situation of all others
the most perplexing, on the
one hand, that of being obliged
to accept the Trust of Govern-
ment ~~and~~ without any adequate
means of performing its duties
or on the other hand ~~if he should~~
that of entering into discussions
with either house or both
houses of Parliament.

For the consideration of a situa-
~~tion~~ of Government so wholly
unprecedented, doubtful, & perplexing,
that & for his final determina-
tion upon it - He is allowed
the space of one Night.

In this truly ~~disagreeable~~ situation
apprehensive, that if more time
~~is given, more Assistance is demand~~
more material supplies will be
prepared for ^{his Majesty's} Royal authority,
that ~~his family~~ new ~~attempts~~
of attempts might be made
to create new, ~~unavoidable~~
unavoidable

if the Prince ~~was~~ to give way, to
his private sentiments & per-
sonal feelings dictate on the occa-
sion

~~Unnatural~~ ^{Unnatural} ~~and~~ ^{and} ~~some~~ ^{some} ~~divisions~~ ^{divisions}
in ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~kingdoms~~ ^{kingdoms} in
which the Prince only values the
Power he holds as the means of
demanding his devoted attachment
to ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~Prince~~ ^{Prince} ~~is~~ ^{is} ~~possible~~ ^{possible} ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~be~~ ^{be} ~~decided~~ ^{decided}
without any reserve whatsoever
to throw himself upon the wisdom
of Parliament; ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~accept~~ ^{accept} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~Trust~~ ^{Trust} ~~created~~ ^{created} ~~by~~ ^{by} ~~a~~ ^a ~~necessity~~ ^{necessity}
which of all the Kings subjects
he devalues the most; in any
way in which they shall think
fit to settle it during the
Kings illness only; in full confi-
dence that their loyalty to the
King & their experienced affection
to his Person, & the generosity
of Character which has always
distinguished this Nation will
supply the want of so many
of the usual supports of Govern-
ment & carrying him thro the
many difficulties attending
his most critical Situation.

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1. The Prince of Wales ^{has done reason} ~~to be surprised~~ ~~to apprehend~~, that a scheme of Govern-
 ment, or rather of confusion, like ^{designed to him} ~~that had been~~ ~~laid~~ by Mr.
 Pitt, last - should be ~~attempted~~
~~executed~~ prepared, & ~~executed~~ ~~into~~ ~~a~~ form
 by any combination of men; but most
 particularly ^{all of whom are} ~~of whom are~~
 Ministers loaded with the favour
 of the King, ^{his father} & some of whom
 have been, by
 his gracious ^{indulgence} ~~partiality~~ & condescension
 elevated in the earliest period of
 life, to those ^{as they first very first} ~~to those~~ ~~educations~~ ~~which~~
 which have usually been ~~considered~~
 as the fruit of duty, ^{faithful} ~~service~~ to the
 Crown, & of tied attachment to
 the Principles of the constitution.

2.

It might have been expected, that
 such the benefits would have
 produced another sort of ^{to the King's family} ~~return~~.

3. The Prince overwhelmed with grief
 & dejection, at the cruel stroke by
 which the royal family was
 deprived of its natural head, was
 for a long time ~~unable to~~ (even if
 he had ~~not~~ could have looked for
 such a design, from such persons)
 wholly ^{for a considerable time} ~~disabled~~ ~~from~~ ~~any~~ ~~idea~~
 of such a design, ^{his defence against it} ~~his defence~~ ~~against~~ ~~it~~
 & how the Prince sees
 the plan for the ruin of the royal
 authority, ^{by the King's reports} ~~delivered~~ ~~to~~ ~~him~~, - before
 its proposed execution in Parliament.
 Attempts are made to corrupt
 the fidelity of the servants of the
 Crown.

It is not long since, that he knew
 it by the post.

2. The studied disrespect shown to the
 Prince since the melancholy Event of the
 King's illness, in which he ought to have
 looked for every thing the most
^{hoped}

(and of course & conculatory) the ~~best~~
~~to not communicating to his will~~
 from him all communication on the
 public affairs as if he had no
 concern in them; ~~by excluding him from~~
~~by excluding him from~~
~~father relative to the treatment of his~~
 father directed by Ministers ~~as to~~
 without taking his opinion of them,
 all this misconduct
 did not prepare him for this event.
 The whole scandalous humours &
 other publications ~~but~~ the Prince
 now find, that the plan ~~is~~ ^{is} to form
 a ~~body~~ ^{body} composed of the servants of the King
~~of the King, who during the two years~~
 tampered of the King's illness

The outrage offered to his domestic
~~was excluded from the office~~
~~the domestic duties of his office~~
 directing many things (the Prince
 conceives with little judgment &
 discretion & with no good effect)
 have thought proper to direct many
 things relative to the treatment
 of his father's malady.

by an abuse of the Royal Revenue
 has an attempt is made to debauch
 the servants of the King into a
 party for the ~~service~~ ^{service} into a ~~total~~
 opposition to his Government.

& almost the most directly & irrepara-
 bly dependent on the pleasure of
 whoever is to represent the King
 & to ~~hold~~ ^{hold} them, for a length of time
 but too uncertain) as a ~~factor~~
~~weapon~~ ^{weapon} ~~of government~~
 whilst on the other hand the
 Prince Regent is deprived
 of the grant of all honours &
 favours, which create attachment
 whilst all the arduous & ~~difficult~~
~~difficult~~ ^{difficult} ~~harsh~~ ^{harsh} & ~~inconvenient~~
 parts of Government are devolved
 upon him.

The Prince is well informed of the
 means which have been used
 to ~~alienate~~ ^{alienate} from him, the
 hearts of his Majesty's faithful
 subjects.

The P. has the greatest reason to
 suspect, that attempts have been
 made by ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~most~~ ^{most} ~~unscrupulous~~
 to create ~~unnatural~~ ^{unnatural} ~~dependencies~~
 to ~~deprive~~ ^{deprive} the Prince of his
~~share~~ ^{share} ~~of~~ ^{of} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~government~~
 of the Kingdom.

part of which the King's present
 unhappy condition requires the most
 cordial union in the Royal family

Mr. Parker