

Duke of Portland to H.R.H.

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Sir

Little as I am in the habit of standing myself upon  
Your Royal Highness, I should think myself wanting in the Duty  
& Attachment I most sincerely feel for You, were I to forbear laying  
my acknowledgements before You, for the communication which Your  
Royal Highness had the goodness to direct to be made to me.

It having been my constant & uniform Opinion, not only, that His  
Majesty's Throne derived splendor from Your Royal Highness's appearing  
publicly

publicly, to give it, but that it was a Circumstance which, added firmness &  
stability to the Establishment of the Government. I should not at any time have  
hesitated to have recommended to your Royal Highness to have, accorded to  
such Terms as His Majesty would have been supposed, to have, required of  
you, as the condition of your being effectually relieved, from your personal  
embarrassments. I must freely confess that the Inauguration, the extent &  
probable duration of the Sacrifice your Royal Highness is disposed to  
make, would have almost deterred me from submitting, such a measure  
to your Consideration, although the superiority & preeminence of the  
Advantages it proposes, render it worthy of being conceived, & adopted by  
your Royal Highness. Permit me therefore, Sir, to offer you the humble,  
but grateful tribute of my applause & admiration of this Act of yours

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Impressively, my sense of it. I am at a loss to do justice to, but I will  
beg Your Royal Highness's leave to illustrate it by referring to a  
transaction, which lately happened, but which never appeared to me, important  
or serious enough, to trouble Your Royal Highness with the detail of.

In the late Conversations or Overtures respecting a new Ministerial  
arrangement which took place soon after the dissolution of Lord Shelburne, I was  
asked by Your Royal Highness that a principal motive for attending to them at all  
(I beg to be understood as including every one of the very few Friends of mine who  
had any share in those conversations) was the hope & prospect of its facilitating  
the arrangement of Your Royal Highness's affairs which has never been thought  
of otherwise than as a matter of High National Moment & Concern. What then  
must be the impression which his magnanimous Detraction of Your Royal  
Highness's

Referring to arrangements  
made for legitimating  
Dolls

The Duke of Portland  
to  
The Prince of Wales  
9<sup>th</sup> Oct: 1792.

Expenses must have made upon our minds? I say that it will be over held by me  
on the highest & most gratefull estimation is a very poor return for it. But Sir,  
I trust & believe that there is no one advantage which <sup>can be wished for by</sup> those who are most  
zealously & honestly attached to your Royal Highness's Person & Family,  
& to the Constitution of the Country which you must one day govern,  
which you may not expect to derive from the Curator & Spoliation of the People  
for this Great Example of Justice & Fortitude.

I am Sir  
with every sentiment of Devotion & Attachment  
Your Royal Highness's  
most Dutifull Servant  
Lorke

Carlstede  
Tuesday night  
9 October 1792