

H. R. H. to
Duke
of
Portland.

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My dear Duke,

The regard wh. I have long felt towards You, as well as yr. candid & unequivocal light in wh. I always wish my conduct shd. stand, inclines me to open my mind to You, upon the present posture of affairs. I have never concealed from You the apprehensions I entertained previous to the commencement of the present Session of Parliament at the unwarrantable and seditions proceedings tending to endanger the public well fare, & wh. induced me, at the close of the last Session to give the most active & public testimony in support of Majesty's Prerogative; & wh. I then flatter'd myself shd. have been amply sufficient to have remedied the evil, as it then existed. I am since

You equally lament ^{with} me the little success ^{with which} this judicious measure has been attended; & equally regret ~~the success of the premium~~ ~~example of France~~ was likely to instill into the minds of the ignorant & unwary, when used by the disaffected in this country as a handle to propagate by all the art & industry of evil machinations id. prejudice, distortion & principles ^{in my opinion not only} of the existence of our happy Constitution. I am sure I need not also recall to yr. mind ^{ye. general state} of former ^{affairs} independence ^{of the} so universally prevailed antecedent to the present assembling of Parliament among the most thinking & temperate of all Parties & persuasions; nor can I

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help attributing due merit
 to those moderate & well-timed
 measures, wh. have through
 God restored confidence to
 the most timid & vigorous
 unanimity to all degrees
 of men thro' out the Nation.
 In these sentiments, my
 dear Julia, I am happy
 in believing we heartily
 concur, tho' I see with
 the deepest regret such
 wide differences of opinion
 upon such radical principles
 prevailing amongst men, of
 whom I have ever entertained
 the highest opinion, & for
 whom individually I shall
 wish always to feel the truest
 regard, that I can not look
 forward to a separation
 as a possible event, nor can
 I think, that in pressing
 some late measures to the
 extent that has been attempted
 under the present charge of

The Prince of Wales

to

The Duke of Portland

Jan'y 1793.

H. R. H.'s intention to

support such public

measures as should be

approved by the King

to trust upon their firm
and by aff. frankness & sincerity
wh. I trust as it were has so it
will continue to be. the principle
& guide of my conduct.

affairs, have they were
made it, a desirable one.
While anything amicable
was either likely or possible
to be adjusted, I refer to yr.
recollection whether I have
emitted any exertion of it, or
likely to accomplish it, &
I can not help acknowledging
the pain I felt when I perceived
the real cause, & consequently
the extent of the division.
Under these circumstances
I can feel but one principle
in my mind, namely the public
good, & wh. I consider will be best
served, by being guided by those
~~principles~~ of duty & affection to
my Father, wh. will lead me to give
every assistance in my power, in
support of such measures as he
approves, for the Wellfare & service
of his Government, & the happiness
of his People. I will not entertain
at length ^{so unpleasent} a subject, wh. I felt
myself impelled ~~by a frankness~~
& sincerity wh. I can have, & I
shall ~~not~~ ^{not} therefore conclude with a
repetition of those sentiments of the
truest regard with wh. I am shall remain
my dear Duke, yr. very sincere Friend
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