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H.P.W. to the Queen

June 4 1796

I can not help being everlastingly
 Brother, as I am ^{reading} ~~reading~~ & I meant to send
 with a letter to the King upon his Birth-day
 scribbling a few lines to you ^{by the way} the
 opportunity to tell you that I wrote at
 an incredible length to the King yesterday
 to tell him that nothing but his resolution
 & presence of spirit, was being as all things
 at this moment, & sensible that if I fall
 all must fall without that we must all
 give our criticism if the King will but take
 a second look to the Parliament, & his

Ministers & to the World in general. But if self
 measures are adopted there is an end of every
 thing. Nothing can equal what I go through
 nor can any thing paint it strong enough
 to your imagination. You ask'd me doubt
 whether the very last time I saw you, whether
 I should have proposed a resolution to perjure
 when you I had taken my leave, I told you
 that when I felt myself in the right, that
 had I the whole Universe against me, nothing
 could ever shake me. This is not saying
 but ^{the} strongest conviction that I am serving
 my family in the best & most essential manner
 by ridding them of a pernicious & shapeless
 influence, ^{therein} not only I, but you & all the

rest of us, must make up our minds to submit to
 for the whole of our lives. To set aside for
 a moment the private questions of spirit of
 honour, & of a authority; politically speaking
 if we do not get her under her, all is over
 & all must be over, for it is not only her
 own wicked, ^{intriguing} mischievous (heed that we have
 alone to cope with, but it is an example
 to others who have seen how she will throw
 herself into the hands of any party to
 carry any view she may have at a particular
 moment, the same, that has attended her
 so far upon the present occasion, & if she
 was to carry her point to turn the scale to
 her in the face of the World, she would
 not only strengthen her Party greatly, by

every bulked & designing person who had views
 of their own to carry political &c. ~~but perfectly~~ ^{practically}
 usurp the whole power of the country, ^{into} ~~to~~
 her hands. ^{into} ~~to~~ the wicked set of whom
 she would be the best leaving ^{alone} ~~nothing to~~ ^{do}
~~nothing to~~ ^{the rapacious} ~~the rapacious~~ ^{land} ~~land~~
~~the rapacious~~ ^{land} ~~land~~ ^{that would} ~~that~~ ^{bring}
 her to the best possible court to answer their
 ends, and should be immense, everything could
 be said & done to try her up, to mount her
 abilities, her virtues, her amiable qualities.

At least others who may or might be ~~useful~~
 of such enormous political heads, though they
 would be expected to join in the general
 clamour, still frightened at the perseverance
 she has shewn, & at the tenacity of her grasp
 with which it has been followed up, and
 be actually afraid to open their mouths.

As to the present Project, my objection is
 most deplorable indeed as it is represented
 by the King, if He is to submit to the
 King so, but that is entirely in his own
 power. For if the King is to allow the
 separation to be so maintained & so stated to
 the House of Commons to allow them to have
 an option of entering upon the business, it
 is in fact, giving up his own Executive
 power, & doing nothing but giving up the
 Crown; it is making the Crown & the
 charge & situation of the King, it is
 making me the dependent, for actual
 subsistence upon him; so that this very
 argument of the King's, that for his sake
 as well as mine, would I have created any

then

(argument to have strengthened my adherence
to the unalterable resolution I have taken
this alone would have done it; & indeed it
would have been sufficient of itself without
any other reason to authorize the line I have
adopted. I can assure with honour, but
never shall it be said, that I am the despising
Wretch, to act contrary to every principle
that is just or right, every principle of
sense or reason, to the destruction ^{of the interests} of my
family, to the bartering as it were my own
Birthright with the Princeps, & all through
partiality to that a momentary clamour
& however great the ferment, when truth
comes to be known, it will carry with it
its own reward. I have retained & still

besides my own Lawyers to prosecute every
 Paragraph, every Paragraph that can be
 construed into a Libel. By the by I see
 by E. Cony's Letter that the Princess has
 been at the Duc's House, for God's sake
 let her know every thing that her self, tell
 me ~~nothing~~, or conceal nothing from me, I
 suppose she has made the best of her writing
 & told her lies as usual, turning them just as
 they best suited her purpose. I see by the
 News Paper likewise that Belmour
 has seen the Girl, if it is so, & you know
 what her part, pray tell me likewise, did
 a etc from a Letter, whether he has been
 sincere or not, for he has bid I only wish
 to be imprudent with him. I fear I have

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already extended this letter to a most unreason-
 ible length
 but I can not close it without adding a
 few words about Yourself, ever & ever the best
 of Mothers, my soul is too much wrought up
 in You, not to suffer some pain I fear you
 undergo at this crisis, there is in the power
 of language to express; if the sacrifice of
 my life alone, that life which I owe to
 you the point in question, you have too long
 known the road left of affection to a Mother
 of your Child, to doubt that he would ^{not} long
 in such a sacrifice; but when it is more
 than merely his life, his reputation, his
 his existence as a Man, as a Prince, your
 own Reputation deers to him than any
 thing else, the reputation of a number of

myself; there, these I repeat are considerations,
which entitle every thing else; as however
may be the momentary policy to shelter ^{one self} the
flame which has already burst, the evil which
would arise in consequence of such conduct
are so stupendous, & stare me so evidently
in the face, that it is impossible not
to see, that nothing but the entire ruin,
the crush of the whole family would infallibly
ensue. It is therefore my ever dearest,
dearest, dearest Mother, that I address
to a resolution which nothing can stagger
me in, convince that I act from a right
principle, the ever true mischiefs arising
from You will doubt by another time, I
should consider my self as the very oppressor
of. If the thing is not very firm, very right

I am well aware, that I must fall, but then
 I shall be the only sufferer; ~~the wife of a~~
 Providence to grant me life, & but common
 justice, I may ^{then} rise ~~again~~ ^{again} the rights
 then, your penitency makes you hope to see
 me, & I may have a chance to support, &
 defend a Mother, Sisters, my whole Family
 all in one, myself. But by a contrary
 line, I am sure you ^{which I never will do} ~~could~~ ^{will} ~~not~~
 describe both of Mothers & used parts of this
 letter to the King if you think it right, but
 at all events I have said my whole
 to you, I have explain'd to you the innermost
 feelings of my Heart; & believe me, when
 with the true persons of affliction I were to
 stand by you all ^{which I have} ~~shall~~ ^{life} ~~will~~ ^{God}
 I very much congratulate on this ^{at least} ~~is~~ ^{you all}
 I shall drink the King's health ^{to God} ~~to God~~ ^{I could have}
 been with you, but my heart will though I am not myself. God
 for ever bless you. ^{Your ever devoted} ~~affectionate~~
 George B.

June 24th 1736.

The Prince of Wales

to

The King & Queen

St James 4th 1796

(Prince of Wales)

[Signature]

to be made in the eye of you
please send to Brother, but
in a word to be defrayed