

Lord Moira

to

The Prince of Wales

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Sir

At three today I had
the honor of an audience from the Prince.
I had previously learned that he orders to
me to wait upon her were the consequence
of advice which the Chancellor had consented
to be given to her. The Royal Highness
began by saying that her persuasion of
my being peculiarly attached to your Royal
Highness should induce her to speak to

me without reserve, in order that I might
judge whether she were or were not truly disposed
to merit your friendship by every convenient
-tory disposition. She then professed the
sincerest attachment to Your Royal High-
-ness, & the truest sense of duty; observing I
that it would be utterly inconceivable
with the latter to expect any thing that
could be construed into a submission on
your part. This expression naturally
gave rise to a considerable discussion that

It could or could not be deemed Subjection.
I took the liberty of representing what
I thought judicious & drew attention to
your Royal Highness required from the
High Council at present. To which I added that
I could not expect the Royal Highness to
form a decision in the instant, but that
as I proposed to have the Honour of again
waiting upon you, he should be happy
to be the bearer of any assurance which
the right or reflection be inclined to

change re with. The conversation stopped
here. As far as it went / as it could
not in such an interview be expected to
be other than indecisive / I was much
satisfied with it. She explained all the
business of the Opera House very anxiously,
in order to remove the suspicion of her
having instigated such a scene; and, indeed,
in all things she professed the highest
respect for Jan Kugel Highness, and
declared her conviction that she could not

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be any thing in this Country without you.
There was not the least appearance of
her being intoxicated by that popular
applause, or of her relying on it in any
shape; nor did she use any of lenient
means whatsoever. In short, Sir, from
the temper that I have found here, and
from the correspondent disposition on which
I rely in your Royal Highness, I flatter
myself that this painful & hazardous
business may still be at length with

security to your Honor & comfort to your
feelings. With the truest respect
I remain Your Royal Highness's
most faithful & obliged servant
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The Prince of Wales.