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The Earl of Moira

to

The Prince of Wales

June 1796

St James's Place

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> of July

I have seen the Duke of York, and I can assure your Royal Highness that his sentiments are just such as you could wish them. He is perfectly sensible of the in steadiness & undue pretensions of the Princeps, so that I am certain you may depend upon his representations to the King & his intercession if it be requisite for any further explanation to the

Princess. He understands completely the course  
of life which you were supposed to pursue  
when the reconciliation took place. Your  
purpose of dismissing Mr. Fitzroy if Mr. Pittman's  
resignation were required was mentioned by  
him. But I assured Mr. H. H. that you had  
abandoned that intention & that you only  
talked of sending away Miss Lacoste. He  
said he was exceedingly happy that you would  
not dismiss Mr. Fitzroy; & for the same

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reason he should think it politic not to  
discharge Miss Lacoste. His reason is this,  
that the Prince is now upon such bad  
ground that any intemperate requisition  
of his will be put to the account of  
jealousy & will justify your Royal  
Highness's want of comfort in her  
society; whereas, if Miss Lacoste were  
sent away it would appear like a  
balanced brief. Indeed, Sir, I think

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the observation judicious. It accords with  
my view of your situation, which I think  
has no advantages that you have any  
to adhere to politeness, & the Princess  
if she continue forward not lose the  
opinion of every one.

I remain Sir, with the  
greatest truth  
Your Royal Highness  
Most faithful & devoted  
Servant  
H. R. A. Maria