

The Earl of Moira

to
The Prince of Wales,

June 21. 1796

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London, June 21. 1796
3 o'clock

As I have not yet any thing
material to communicate I do not think
it right to let the day pass without your
Royal Highness's having the information
as to where the matter stands. I have
been with Lady Grosvenor to explain to
her all the circumstances antecedent
to the conversation of which she was a
witness. She said that after my departure

on Sunday evening, she told the Princess that
she wondered Mr. H. did not meet by
propositions: but that the Princess said she
must reflect upon them, which evidently
was from a fear of taking any step with-
out the advice of her Counsellors. I con-
sulted the Morning Herald of yesterday to
the Duke of Portland. I read His Grace
observe that the paragraph in which
my name was mentioned was only one among
many articles, all calculated in different

ways to strike at Your Royal Highness's
character. I said that it was not for
me to suggest what kind of protection
His Majesty's Ministers should give to His
Majesty's family against such attacks;
But, that I came to declare to His Grace
the entire falsity of every part of the
statement in that paragraph, leaving
the comment, & the procedure which
ought to arise from it, to His Grace's
judgement. He said he would talk with

His colleagues upon it. In consultation
with the Duke of York today, I think, Sir,
it will be better not to ask an audience
of the King tomorrow, but to postpone that
step till Friday: because the Duke of
York will represent to the King that
matters are not any forwarder, & will
urge His Majesty to indicate to the Prince
more distinctly his wishes on the subject.
The Duke of York speaks & acts in the hard-
-most manner possible with regard to Your
Royal Highness.

H. N. W.
The Prince of Wales.

I am, Sir, ever most respectfully
Your Royal Highness's faithful servant
M. Pitt