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Ed. Moore to H. R. H.

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Half past Three

Sir

I have had the Honor to
 deliver your Royal Highness's letter to
 the Princeps. It would be an unworthy failure
 towards that confidence which you have
 the goodness to repose in me were I to
 suppose that I was not altogether sa-
 tisfied with the way in which she received
 it. The address of her name I did not proceed

in any degree from the tone of your Royal
Highness's letter: Because she had assumed
that air before she broke the seal, altho'
she must have known from Lady Cholmondeley
in consequence of the note in which I begged
her Ladyship to procure me an audience,
that my mission was of an agreeable nature.
I should at all events have felt bound in
honesty to say this to your Royal Highness.
But it is peculiarly expedient to do it,
lest the Princeps should show the same temper-
tomorrow & that your frankness should be

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wounded by a reception less conciliating than
 you expected. I cannot do any harm in
 giving you the information; since your Royal
 Highness has ascertained to yourself the
 principle upon which you act. Setting aside
 every other consideration, you have resolved
 to satisfy the King's wishes, & your own
 sense of propriety; neither of which objects
 depend on the degree of cordiality in the
 Princess. This may on her part be only a ho-
 temperamentary forwardness, perhaps pointed solely
 at me. Should she tomorrow meet your Royal

Highness with cheerful courtesy, nothing that
I now say would prevent your permissibility
from instantly corresponding to her tone.
Should she appear in a distant manner, the
being prepared for it will not incline
you the less to meet it with the behaviour
which policy & dignity most equally
recommend to you. It would not become
your Royal Highness to enter into a quarrel
of peevishness, and, with the view & course
- the purpose which you have placed before

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your eyes, you will not be advised to desert
the line which you have laid down for yourself
for any failure on the part of the Princess.

If by politeness you bring her to good sense,
it will be the noblest triumph for you. If
you fail to conquer her spleen, your ten-
-per in the endeavour will secure you the
highest praise. Therefore, every way, it is
the clearest policy for Your Royal Highness
not to be repelled by any want of cordiality
in her, in order to which, you must not
appear sensible of the defect. This I say on

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the supposition that she may be forward: Yet the
I will hope that she may be better disposed she
tomorrow. Pardon me, Sir, for the liberty I
have taken in describing the bearings of a
case which you are to discuss, if you
took the trouble of the examination, would
define to you better: But I may be allowed
to fear that, if you did not fix your un-
-derstanding beforehand, your feelings after
the cruel imitation they have suffered
might be too rapid for your judgement. If

Yet the Princess wished to defeat a reconciliation,
 she would naturally recur to the trick of endea-
 -vouring to revolve you by a manner the faulti-
 -ness of which could never be proved to the
 public, so that the new breach might be
 chargeable upon your impatience: a ha-
 -zagement against which Your Royal High-
 -ness would of course be upon your guard.

It is probable, however, that the Princess only
 felt vexed at yielding before us to the
 very terms of which I had assured her
 Your Royal Highness near a month ago;

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& she possibly may be in perfect humor with
you. I reminded her of the letter which
she had promised me, for the purpose of
declaring that she had not countenanced
the shameful charge against Your Royal
Highness of your having used brutal
language to her & made her a State Pris-
-oner. But, she evaded it by saying that
the sponge was to be passed over every
thing; & that no explanations were to
take place on either side. Do not, Sir,
misapprehend me & imagine that in the

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conduct of the Princeps there is any thing
that savours of petulance towards you. All
that I allude to is a want of that
cheerful & cordial compliance which
I hoped to have perceived: but I have
already said by observation you be in cor-
rect as to here being a deficiency even
in that respect. I will not apologise
for the length of my letter, as it was
my duty to put your Royal Highness
into complete possession of every par-

icular. With the truest & most perfect
respect, I remain ever

Sir

Your Royal Highness;
Obedient & devoted servant
Thos. Pitt

H. K. W.

The Prince of Wales.

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