

H.R.H. to D. of Portland - Draft,

Aug. 9 1797

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My Lord,

I came to Town ~~xx~~ purposely  
this morning to endeavor to have ~~an~~  
~~interview~~ ~~xx~~ a few minutes conversation with  
Your Grace ~~at the house of Mr. Pitt~~ ~~at the house of~~  
~~Mr. Pitt~~, in order to draw your attention  
to two most infamous libels that have  
appeared in the Gazette of the 1<sup>st</sup> &  
8<sup>th</sup> of this month ~~both~~ on the Constitution  
of this Country ~~as well as~~ <sup>as well as</sup> my own private Character  
I am sensible that as we have <sup>can be better settled</sup> ~~no~~ ~~power~~ ~~of~~  
to draw the protection of the Law of this Country



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~~consequently~~ of the Government, than the  
 His Majesty's Council of this Realm, I  
 address You <sup>therefore</sup> in your official capacity  
 to enjoin His Majesty's Law Officers  
 to prosecute the Editor accordingly, whose  
~~conduct~~ ~~is~~ ~~gross~~ ~~and~~ ~~unbecomingly~~  
 besides his malicious & mischievous ~~purpose~~  
 can not meet with too severe a <sup>punishment</sup>  
 as to yourself my Lord Duke, I am <sup>fully</sup>  
 thoroughly persuaded of your attachment to  
 the King & consequently to his Family  
~~to~~ ~~the~~ ~~King~~ ~~to~~ ~~with~~ ~~your~~ ~~cooperating~~  
 in every respect that individually concerns  
 You, in every manner that can bring  
 such important ~~business~~ <sup>affairs</sup> to just & exemplary



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Punishment. Not having the good fortune  
 to find your Grace at home, <sup>with the Duke of Devonshire at Bath</sup> I have ordered  
 Mr. J. Smith my Secretary to wait upon  
 your Grace at Bathurst with the two  
 papers containing the different Labels,  
 I am, my Lord Duke,

very sincerely  
Yours



The Prince of Wales

The Duke of Portland

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Referring to a billon  
subscription in the  
Lancaster

1787

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Sketch of a letter  
to the Duke of Portland