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1803

My dear Wilson,

I shall fight, I shall die, if necessary for
The King; but never will I flatter his unjust
Prejudice against his Son; never, never will I
consent to adulate any created Being at the
expense of truth & honor. I fear nothing
but God, and on the great & solemn occasions
of Life, it requires no effort from me to place
myself above the pitiful wrath of Man. I
certainly am amongst the most attach'd. of
His Majesty's Subjects; my Allegiance is
Passion & Sentiment; and not the cold effort of
interested Judgment. My proud heart
detests the wild, the sanguinary, the dirty
Ravings of Democracy; I would rather even
submit to the Tyranny of a King. I do not
know who is the Author of those Letters, if
~~His~~ Majesty does me the honor, or the injustice
to attribute them to Me, before He proscribes
me, I would recommend it to him, to peruse
them a second time, and then ask his conscience,
with the candour of an honest mind, and the

Devotion

Devotion of a Religious Man, whether there is
a word, or a sentence, which his Son and his
Successor, ought not to have address'd to his
Father & his Sovereign.

As for the Duke of York, if he
supposes, that I shall endeavour to widen the
Breach between him & his Brother, he does
me great injustice; I am entirely and
irrevocably attach'd to The Prince, I will share
his Fate & Fortunes, whatever they may be,
no human Power shall ever separate us, but
I should little consult his Honor, his Interest,
or his Dignity, if I endeavour'd to set him
at variance with any Branch of his Family,
particularly The Duke of York. As for
myself, whenever he shall treat me with
that attention which I think I deserve, he
shall ever meet with a just return on my
part, though Intimacy is impossible, we
shall preserve those external appearances,
which Decorum, and the Circumstances of
the Country require; if he will be but fair
and open, and shew no farther proofs of
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idle jealousy against me; that is all I
desire; as for the Favor, the Affection; or
the Friendship of the Duke of York; I neither
wish nor hope for them; I have so little
vanity and so much pride, that I am
not desirous, perpetually, to put him in
mind, that I commanded the Army in
Egypt, unless, when he appears to be
dispos'd to forget it; 'Though I know
this to be the true firm, & front, of my
offending -

(signed) Hutchinson

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Copy of Lord Mulgrave's
letter to Sir R. G. Wilson

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