

H. R. H. the Lord Chancellor

June 7 1804

The Prince of Wales has received from the Lord Chancellor the written opinion signed on the 5<sup>th</sup> Inst. by the Physicians in attendance on the King, respecting the state of His Majesty's health. Receiving this paper in answer to the Prime's demand of an official statement on a subject so deeply interesting both to His Public & Private feelings, it was impossible for H.

The Prince ~~to~~ to consider it as ~~officially~~ confidential, in any sense that could preclude Him from consulting upon it with those ~~whom~~ <sup>He</sup> to whose opinions ~~H. R. H.~~ <sup>He</sup> thinks proper to have recourse on such an occasion. Nor can He now forbear to observe how

much

much such a communica-  
tion ~~as has been~~  
~~readertion~~ falls short  
both in form & substance, of that ~~for~~ statement  
which His Affection and  
His Duty had induced Him  
to call for, and which His  
Birth and Station entitle  
Him to receive. From that  
Paper His ~~Self~~<sup>The P</sup> now learns  
with the deepest concern, that while H. M. has so  
long been represented to  
the Public as recovered, His  
state of Health ~~has continued~~  
~~to be such up to the present~~  
~~moment,~~<sup>is still such</sup> as indicates, in  
the judgment of His Physicians,  
not the total absence, but  
the decline, of His disorder;  
and ~~is~~ still requires medical  
attendance, <sup>both</sup> as a security  
against relapse;

and as a means to  
perfect his recovery.

In this ~~most~~ delicate  
~~and important~~ circumstances  
and ~~distressing~~<sup>afflicting</sup> situation, His Majesty's Physicians  
declare

and His Ministers to receive His commands on all the most important concerns of His ~~the~~ Dominions. on the competency of His Majesty's Physicians to the decision of a legal & constitutional point of so much importance, or on the propriety of His Majesty's Ministers acting upon ~~under~~ <sup>from</sup> their own authority, ~~His Royal Highness~~ <sup>The Prince</sup> forbears for the present to express any opinion.

~~I~~ ~~to~~ ~~be~~ ~~not~~ ~~to~~ ~~rest~~ satisfied with the defective information hitherto laid before him, ~~on~~ ~~that~~ ~~he~~ ~~thinks~~ ~~it~~ ~~necessary~~.  
Therefore

<sup>in their opinion</sup>  
declare Him, perfectly competent to the ~~the~~ transaction of business ~~on~~ ~~the~~ legal or constitutional propriety of such an opinion, or on the tendency of such a mode of treatment to accelerate or to perfect that complete recovery to which A. R. A. looks with the most dutiful and anxious expectation, A. R. A. expresses no judgment, because he has not before Him those full materials on which it ought to be formed. But His Duty to His Father, to His Sovereign, and to the Country obliges Him <sup>once more</sup> to desire that He may receive a full and official communication of those particulars ~~on which the judgment of the Physicians is founded~~, and of which His Majesty's servants have thought

and he specifically desires  
a communication of the  
report which the L.C.C. stated  
the Physicians to have  
made after ~~an~~ <sup>the</sup> examination  
~~of a student~~ <sup>which took place on H. Majesty's</sup>  
~~which took place on H. Majesty's~~  
~~his return from~~ <sup>The Prince's</sup>  
~~it being~~ <sup>the Prince's</sup> intention  
to direct the Physicians  
for the future to make  
to him a ~~regular~~ <sup>regular</sup> communication  
on this most interesting  
subject.

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thought it their duty to  
inform themselves, by a  
recent examination not  
only of A. M. Physicians  
but also of His Majesty's  
state. ~~And he further~~  
desires that such communi-  
cation may be regularly  
continued to him without  
the necessity of fresh  
application, so long as  
His Majesty's state of health  
is thought to require the  
continuance of <sup>that</sup> ~~his~~ <sup>that</sup>  
medical attendance to  
which ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> is ~~is~~ <sup>is</sup> particularly  
advised to ~~it~~ <sup>it</sup> in the ~~with~~  
opinion of the Physicians

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