

H. R. H. 6<sup>th</sup> Lord Chancellor  
Draft of following

The Prince of Wales  
has received the  
Lord Chancellor's letter  
of the 10<sup>th</sup> Inst. in answer  
to that which the  
Prince sent to His  
Lordship on the 7<sup>th</sup>. He  
has weighed with all  
the attention which so  
important a subject  
requires, that answer,  
the <sup>four</sup> Reports of  
H. M. Physicians dated  
on the 31<sup>st</sup> of May, the 5<sup>th</sup> &  
the 9<sup>th</sup> of June, and their  
answers ~~generally~~ <sup>to</sup> these  
to the questions put to  
them

them when they attended  
the Prince on the 18<sup>th</sup>  
Inst.

It is necessary for  
the Prince to remark  
that altho' the Lord  
Chancellor states in  
His letter that "His  
" Majesty's servants have  
" thus laid before Him  
" the most authentic  
" information <sup>upon</sup> of the  
" state of His Majesty's  
" Health up to this time,"  
yet this information  
is in fact confined  
to the circumstances  
which have occurred  
since the 30<sup>th</sup> of May  
last, previous to which  
no official communica-  
tion has been made  
to the Prince.

the Physicians "continued  
to think his Majesty

From this information  
the Prince collects, That  
~~on the 31<sup>st</sup> of May the~~  
King appeared in the  
~~Princed of the Physicians~~  
"to be sufficiently re-  
"covered to be capable  
"of exercising His high  
"Functions; But that  
"there were still certain  
"Symptoms remaining  
"which made them  
"apprehensive of a  
"Relapse unless His  
"Majesty would strictly  
"and uniformly exert  
"Himself to correct those  
"ideas which occasionally  
"shewed themselves in  
"His less guarded moments.  
"and that as they could  
"not conscientiously

" pronounce His Majesty  
 " to be out of danger  
 " of a Relapse till those  
 " symptoms no longer  
 " existed, they therefore  
 " thought it their duty  
 " to express their opinion  
 " of the absolute necessity  
 " of His Majesty's still  
 " conforming to Medical  
 " guidance, till they  
 " could have the satis-  
 " faction of declaring  
 " that the Recovery was  
 " perfect".

This opinion the  
 Prince observes to be  
 confirmed by the report  
 of the 5<sup>th</sup> of June in which  
 the Physicians' ~~with~~ urge,  
 the necessity of Medical  
 attendance, both as a  
 " security

After stating that certain  
 " deviations from H. M.'s  
 " natural manner ~~which~~  
 " do still ~~appear~~ <sup>occasionally show themselves</sup>  
 " are equal in the ~~degree~~  
 " of similar disorders

although they state  
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in their subsequent  
reports of the 9th &  
16th of June, in the  
- In answer to questions  
put to them by the  
Prince when they  
attended at Carlton  
House on the 10th

introduced into his Majesty's  
service since his Majesty  
by

*[Signature]*

to desire the D. Chancellor

" security against Relapse,  
" and as the means of  
" perfecting His Majesty's  
" recovery;" So that report  
the Physicians again  
refer ~~to the~~ 9th of June,

and on the 10th they express their hopes  
of a speedy & perfect Recovery.  
When they attended the

Prince they informed  
him that His Majesty  
was still ~~as he~~ attended

" by persons, ~~appointed~~  
" by Doctor Symonds"  
that  
and, those persons ~~did~~  
actually ~~exercise~~ <sup>had</sup> a  
" control over His Majesty."

The knowledge which  
the Prince has thus at  
length obtained, altho'  
confined to the King's  
actual state, compells  
him to express to His  
Majesty's

Majesty's Ministers His  
sense of what has  
hitherto been done,  
and of what is still  
pending, on this most  
delicate and interesting  
subject. The discussion  
is in many respects  
painful to Him: but  
His silence might imply  
an acquiescence in pro-  
ceedings which both as  
a dutiful and affectionate  
Son, and as a faithful  
Subject, He has every  
reason to disapprove.

It is now not less  
than five Months since  
H. M. was afflicted  
with a return of His  
former unhappy Malady.  
His Recovery, however  
advanced

advanced, is still im-  
 perfect; and His situ-  
 ation continues to require  
 the guidance and control  
 not only of His Physi-  
 cians, but also of ~~these~~  
 inferior attendants of  
 these distressing circum-  
 stances no communica-  
 tion has ever been made  
 either to H. M.'s Privy-  
 Council, or to His Parlia-  
 ment. His Ministers ~~II~~  
~~have claimed, on the~~  
~~contrary,~~ <sup>have acted from</sup> ~~to act in such~~  
~~a situation from their~~  
 own authority; and  
 appear to conceive that  
 "the trust which H. M.  
 "has reposed in them"  
 for very different pur-  
 poses, empowers them  
 to exercise their own  
 discretion

If His Ministers on the  
 contrary have acted from

discretion or public  
interests to which that  
Trust certainly does not  
extend. Without any  
communication with the  
Prince, H. M.'s medical  
treatment has been regu-  
lated under their orders  
alone, even when it  
became necessary to  
exclude from H. M. the  
whole of His own Family  
By their opinions it  
has been determined  
at what seasons H. M.  
should be importuned<sup>(d)</sup>  
with difficult business,  
and exposed to fatigue  
the most likely to obstruct  
His recovery. And by  
their judgment alone  
it is now decided that  
under the British  
Constitution



Constitution the King's  
 commands may legally  
 be received on the  
 highest matters of His  
 Government, at the very  
 time when His Person,  
 and all His ordinary  
 actions are subjected  
 to ~~constant and necessary~~  
 control.

Under such circum-  
 stances the Prince can  
 no longer forbear to ex-  
 press His entire disap-  
 probation of principles  
and measures, which  
 He sees to be full of  
 danger to the British  
 Monarchy. He cannot  
 acknowledge in the King's  
 Ministers an authority  
 which they have assumed,  
 as He believes, without  
 warrant

warrant, and which is  
manifestly capable of  
the worst abuse. Still  
less can He recognize  
a Practice so injurious  
to the Constitutional  
Rights both of the Crown,  
and of Parliament, as  
that under which H. M.'s  
Government has been  
administered for the  
last five Months, while  
His Majesty's Person has  
been under restraint,  
and His Parliament,  
though sitting, kept in  
utter ignorance of His  
real situation. Against  
the alarming consequen-  
ces of such a Precedent  
the Prince of Wales feels  
it His indispensable  
Duty to make this His  
solemn

solemn Protest, as the  
 King's Son, as the first  
 Subject of His Empire,  
 and as the Heir Appa-  
 rent of His Throne. And  
 if the Hopes which He  
 now anxiously cherishes  
 of the King's immediate  
 and perfect Recovery  
 should unhappily be  
 still disappointed, He  
 thinks it necessary thus  
 formally to require, on  
 the behalf both of the  
 King and of His People,  
 that all future pro-  
 ceedings in this momen-  
 tous business shall hence-  
 forth be strictly regular,  
 warranted by some  
 Authority already known  
 to the Law, or in cases  
 of unforeseen difficulty  
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referred to Parliamentary  
decision.

This explicit decla-  
ration of His sentiments  
on so solemn an occasion  
the Prince has judged  
to be due to His Sovereign  
to the Country, and to  
Himself. The necessity  
of expressing them adds  
to the pain which he  
feels from the afflicting  
circumstances to which  
they relate. But He  
should never cease to  
reproach Himself if any  
apparent acquiescence  
on His Part, could be  
thought to sanction a

both as a dutiful & affectionate  
son, & as a faithful subject  
he has every reason to disap-  
prove.

course of conduct which  
He must always deeply  
regret to have seen  
pursued.

Carlton House  
June 29<sup>th</sup> 1804

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