

Carlton House July 2<sup>d</sup> 1804

The Prince of Wales has received the Communication made to him by the Lord Chancellor on the 23<sup>d</sup> of June.

The Prince desires the Lord Chancellor to lay before the King's Ministers the inclosed Papers containing the former and further questions that have been put by the Prince to His Majesty's Physicians with their written answers; from whence it will appear that the Prince had not misunderstood that essential Fact on which alone His observations were grounded, that His Majesty, while exercising the regal Functions, was still under Control of Servants, introduced since His Majesty's Illness into His Service by Doctor Simmons.

The Prince has nothing to add to the solemn Protest communicated by Him to the Lord Chancellor on the 19<sup>th</sup> of June for the Information of His Majesty's Ministers, of which in their answer of the 23<sup>d</sup> of June, they have thought proper to take no notice. But the Prince must

make some observations on the last Para: 402  
graph of that answer, in which the Lord Chan-  
cellor, adverting to the Prince's having intimated  
that previous to the 30<sup>th</sup> of May He had received  
no official communication on the important sub-  
ject of His Letter, mentions, that in addition to  
the Communications personally made by Mr. Adding-  
ton, it was directed that the Prince should receive  
a daily communication of the State of His Ma-  
jesty's Health, by the daily personal attendance  
of some of His Majesty's Physicians on the Prince,  
which had been discontinued, only with the Prince's  
approbation. — The Lord Chancellor well knows  
that the above Communications all took place  
previous to the the time when, after a long  
suspension, the Lord Chancellor deemed it fitting  
for him to receive His Majesty's Commands  
for putting the great Seal to a Commission for  
passing Acts of Parliament. From which circum-  
stance the Prince could not but conclude  
that His Majesty was then perfectly recovered,  
and consequently when the Physicians propo-  
sed to the Prince to discontinue their atten-  
dance, He acquiesced, as He could no longer  
think it necessary under such circumstances  
to trouble them.

The Lord Chancellor must therefore

a security against a Relapse and as a means to perfect His Recovery, and during all this Time it appears that the King's Person has been kept under the control of Doctor Simmons and his attendants without any official communication having been made to the Prince of so extraordinary a circumstance as a King of England whilst exercising His Regal Powers being kept under any Personal restraint.

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The Prince is happy in the Hope given by the Physicians that His Majesty is fast advancing towards a compleat Recovery. But it is impossible for the Prince to indulge in the Belief that His Majesty is well, while so contradictory a circumstance as that of keeping him under the control of Doctor Simmons and His attendants exists, as the Prince understands to be still the case. which Protest-ment, if the King is not well His Majesty's Ministers can have no authority to direct; and for which, if the King is well, there can be no Pretence.

The Prince therefore in either Case renews his solemn Protest against a Procedure so unconstitutional and so deeply affecting the most essential Interests of the King, of the Prince, and of the Country.