

Ld. Maria to H. R. H.

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Wilmington, July 27th
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Sir

In obedience to those commands
from Your Royal Highness which I yes-
terday received by General M^r Mathews's letter,
I write today to the Chancellor. It has
been no little surprise to me that I
have heard nothing on the subject since
I parted from. I should deeply grieve that
the past steps should prove barriers of those

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consequences to which every heart has look-
ed with eager expectation: but at all
events your Royal Highness must have
gained much towards Public Opinion of
the noble & generous manner in which
you have sought reconciliation without a
view to any personal advantage. I can-
not comprehend that Ministers should not
see this, & that they should not be anxious

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to have a share in the credit of reuniting
the Royal family when they could secure
the appearance at the cost of such trifling
exertion.

The gracious indulgence which
you always give to my humble suggestions
in matters so to submit to your Royal
Highness whether it may not be advisable
for you to take the opportunity of testifying
some ostensible kindnesses to Princess Charlotte

at the moment. The consideration which
presented that thought to me, was, that such
a measure would prevent the giving her ^{eyes}
to the management of the King from appear-
ing a matter which could be indifferent
to you; and would make it be understood, as
it truly is, a sacrifice to His Majesty's wish
in a point in which you take the most
lively interest. With necessary progress,

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Your happiness & the warmest gratitude
for all your kindnesses, I remain
Sir, ever

Your Royal Highness;
Most Obedt, faithful,
& respectful servant
Shirley

H. H. H.

The Prince of Wales
to the Queen

The Earl of Devon

to

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The Duke of Devon