

The Prince of Wales

to

Lady Elgin

April 24<sup>th</sup> 1799.

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29 April 1799

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Many thanks for your kind Letter of  
Yesterday to which I only reply a few Lines my  
dear friend, as the Post is going out. You  
rejoice me quite with so good an account of  
the dear Child, but I am disappointed with  
your account of yourself, pray let me have a  
letter from you soon. As to myself I have been  
between ourselves very ill indeed, & it is little  
known how ill, but I thank God I am able  
to go out again, though I continue weak  
from the extreme severe discipline I have been  
obliged to undergo, for God's sake do not alarm  
my Mother, but state you the truth. How  
does the dear Queen do, pray let me know,

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Let me beg of you to send the enclosed to my beloved  
 Mary as soon as you get it. I wish her to get it as  
 early as possible as it is <sup>containing</sup> the best wishes of my  
 heart but ill & faintly expressed on her Birthday  
 Oh what an angel she is my dear Lady, how  
 gifted in Body & mind by Providence, & how  
 a Blessing she is to us all. I say not this  
 with a view of disparaging any of the rest of  
 my beloved Sisters as they are all equally  
 dear to me, but as her Birthday is so near  
 & I have of course been thinking much of her  
 & therefore she is more immediately under my  
 mind's eye, & therefore I can not help telling  
 of her, as I think, know, & with conscious pride  
 feel as her Brother that she truly deserves.  
 Yours were affectionately  
 Robert. to  
 April 24. O. My Love to Sister  
 if she is with you &

