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30 Aug 1804.

The Lord Chancellor has had the Honour of receiving His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales's letter, of the 24<sup>th</sup> instant, inclosing a copy of the Order, which His Royal Highness has been pleased to send to Lady Elgin, respecting Her Royal Highness The Princess Charlotte, & which His Royal Highness informs the Chancellor it is his Intention should be kept strictly private, as long as the present Establishment of The Princess remains uninter-rupted, and her Visits are of the Nature she has been accustomed to make.

The Lord Chancellor, with every Sentiment of Respect and Deference to His Royal Highness, takes Leave to represent that he has felt very  
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considerable uneasiness as to the Effects, which this Measure might produce, and he is most sincerely anxious that the painful Discontents, to which it might lead, may, if possible, be avoided.

The Lord Chancellor thinks it probable, though not certain, that His Majesty will take no Step, respecting this important Business, before his Return from Weymouth. He has also much Reason to apprehend that the Knowledge of such an Order having been given might occasion uneasiness and Emotions in his Majesty's Mind, proportioned to the strong feelings of Satisfaction, which His Majesty was pleased to express, when a Communication of a different Nature was made to him, and which the Chancellor had hoped would lead to the most beneficial Consequences with  
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Under these Impressions it would have been the Chancel-  
 lor's Determination to refrain, for the present, from  
 mentioning the Subject to His Majesty, even if his  
 Royal Highness had not intimated his Pleasure  
 that the Order, which has been given, should, for the  
 present, be considered as private. But at the same  
 time he feels it, in his official Situation to be His  
 Duty both to His Majesty and The Prince earnestly  
 and respectfully to solicit his Royal Highness's  
 Attention to the Opinion of the Majority of the  
 Judges, in the year 1717, respecting the Rights of the  
 Kings of this Realm, as to the Care and Education  
 of the Royal Family: and the Lord Chancellor  
 cannot forbear expressing an anxious Hope that  
 all Proceedings, respecting this important Business,  
 will be conducted with the Delicacy & Caution, which  
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alone lead to an Arrangement consistent with  
His Majesty's Rights and equally satisfactory to  
the just & natural Feelings both of his Majesty &  
of His Royal Highness The Prince.

The Lord Chancellor

to

The Prince of Wales

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