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Lord Mordaunt to HRH.

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St James's Place

Nov 22, 1804.

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On the point of setting out for  
Scotland, it strikes me that I ought not to quit  
London without leaving with Your Royal Highness  
a brief recapitulation of what has passed be-  
-tween me & Mr Pitt; but any loose recollection  
in a more distant day should represent the mat-  
-ter inaccurately. In the first interview  
with Mr Pitt, I asked him if he understood distinc-  
-ly that, as the reconciliation was sought without

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any stipulation on the part of Your Royal Highness, there was not to be any implied condition attaching upon you. Mr Pitt assured it was to stand clearly on that ground. I observed that Your Royal Highness had professed to concur with a number of the Members of both Houses in opinion upon points which had appeared to you of the highest importance to the Public Good, and that it was impossible for you to depart from that pledge. It is, I remarked, was a matter which the King should understand as reserved from any

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influence of the domestic reunion between His Majesty & your Royal Highness. In a subsequent interview, I explained the blame which your Royal Highness had taken at a report corroborated by the marked intercourse at that juncture between the King & the Princess of Wales, that His Majesty went to arrange with the Princess of Wales the establishment & system of management for Princess Charlotte. I stated that such a purpose would be a direct contravention of the terms upon which your

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Royal Highness had specifically offered to con-  
-mit the care of the Princess Charlotte to His  
Majesty: but I said I was directed to declare  
that your Royal Highness / howsoever great the  
pain would be with which you should do any  
thing unsatisfactory to the King / would feel  
yourself constrained to refuse to let the Prin-  
-cess Charlotte be removed from your immediate  
guidance whilst such a plan could be supported  
in agitation. I took the liberty of most anxious-  
-ly deprecating any step which could render neces-  
-sary such a refusal with its consequent inconveniences.

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I told Mr Pitt that at any rate the appearance  
of consultation which had taken place made  
Your Royal Highness conceive it indispensable  
to retain a direct interference respecting Prin-  
-cess Charlotte; and I think the expression I used  
was that you must feel it your duty to hold  
one hand of her while the King held the other.  
Mr Pitt assured me with great earnestness, &  
I am sure with perfect sincerity, of his convic-  
-tion that the King never had the notion of  
taking any step respecting Princess Charlotte  
without your entire concurrence; adding that

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He was satisfied the first measure on the part  
of the King would be to lay before Your Royal  
Highness in writing for your consideration what  
struck him as expedient on the subject.

Mr Pitt expressed the greatest solicitude that  
these arrangements & Your Royal Highness's  
future intercourse with the King might be  
of a tenor the most gratifying to you; in a  
very liberal manner disclaiming any preten-  
-sion to merit with Your Royal Highness for  
endeavouring to promote in the Royal Family.

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that having which he felt it the peculiar  
duty of his station to advance with every pos-  
sible attention.

I remain, Sir, with profound

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Your royal Highness's

most dutiful &

obedient servant

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