The Prince of Wales has received the Note of the Chancellor, in which His Lordship appears to decline to lay before His Majesty the Answer which the Lord Chancellor received from the Prince, to the communication made to Him through the Lord Chancellor by command of His Majesty.

The Lord Chancellor has only to refer to that Answer to Him, that the Prince never doubted His Lordship's assertion that the communication in question was made by the commands of His Majesty. The presumed error therefore of the Prince in this respect can afford no ground for the Chancellor's continuing to decline, or defer to communicate the Prince's Answer. At the same time the Prince desires it to be most distinctly understood that in returning the Paper transmitted by the Lord Chancellor, nothing is so distant from the Prince's feelings and intention, as to be guilty of the least disrespect to His Majesty, or to depart in the slightest degree from that dutiful and grateful attention, with which the Prince must ever entertain any communication coming

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from His Majesty, when he shall have reason to think that His Majesty has been duly informed of the grounds upon which such a communication professes to proceed; but the Prince feels himself bound explicitly to declare that he cannot entertain any proposition which has for its preliminary the idea that the Prince is to relinquish the care, custody, and education of His Daughter, however solicitous he may be, as he ever has been, to meet His Majesty's wishes, and to have the benefit of His Majesty's gracious Advice and Counsel, upon the most important and interesting subject.

The Prince of Wales is compelled to add that after the very full explanations which have passed upon these points, between the Earl of Moira on the part of the Prince, and the Lord Chancellor and Mr. Pitt, he did not expect that His Majesty would have remained so ill informed of the Prince's sentiments, as to have commanded the Lord Chancellor to transmit to the Prince a Paper wholly grounded on the statement of a wish on the Prince's part, which if ever expressed to the extent assumed, (the Prince having no Copy of the Lord Moira's letter

letter) subsequent explanations and even the accompanying that letter, must have clearly shewn, to warrant a very different conclusion from that which has been drawn from it; and it is only for the purpose of securing that a distinct statement of these explanations shall now be made, that the Prince has thought it necessary to take this course.

With regard to what has occurred in the interviews of Lord Moira with the Chancellor, or Mr. Pitt, the Prince places the most implicit reliance on the representations verbal and written made to him of what passed in those interviews by Lord Moira, to whom the Prince will immediately communicate the letters of the Lord Chancellor and Mr. Pitt and by whom the misunderstandings, if any such have in fact arisen, can be cleared up.

The Prince has only further to observe, His Majesty has never once been pleased to speak to the Prince on this important subject, nor to the Earl of Moira in the Audience with which He deigned to honour him, that if the Lord Chancellor and Mr. Pitt decline to return to His Majesty such reply as the Prince humbly conceives himself bound to make to the proposition was conveyed through them, the lamented appearance of disrespect towards the King can in no degree be imputed to the Prince.

Lord Moira desires the Lord Chancellor to communicate this Note

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