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The Prince of Wales has this afternoon been informed by the Earl of Strafford that the Lord Chancellor represents the King as writing for an answer to a Paper delivered on the 23^d of November last.

The Prince of Wales never could have been guilty of such disrespect to His Majesty as to have left any communication from His Majesty so long unanswered. And he did imagine that he had fully testified his Duty to the King by the notes dated the very next day (the 24th of Nov^r.) which he transmitted to the Lord Chancellor.

The notes explained that there was a misapprehension in the Preamble upon which the Propositions on the part of the King were grounded, such as could only arise from His Majesty's not having been in possession of all the circumstances relating to the subject in question. As the effect of

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such misapprehension would persuade every arrange-
ment built upon it, & thereby alter the quality of
measures in which the Prince might otherwise most
cheerfully concur, there was a necessity that the
mistake should be remedied in the first instance.
The Prince of Wales, therefore endeavoured to recall
the Lord Chancellor's advertisement to a Special Com-
mission which the Earl of Mordaunt was originally
commissioned to insert, & on the apparent disregard
of which he was subsequently directed to comment.
Although that condition was only (through motives
of peculiar delicacy) indicated by the word "Exclus-
sively" the full import of it was detected by the
Earl of Mordaunt in the trust that His Majesty
would be made acquainted with its bearing;
an attention which the Prince of Wales could not
but suppose from the Paper of the 23^d of November
had been omitted. Till this is cleared, the Prince
of Wales can only repeat the unfeigned professions

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of his humble & affectionate Duty to the King, &
 the assurance of his anxious desire to gratify
 His Majesty's wishes in every particular, that
 may not injuriously affect his own Honour;
 a reservation which the Prince of Wales would
 not express did he not know that the King would
 be beyond any other ^{oblivion} ~~oblivion~~ Solicitation to guard
~~him against such a consequence~~ were His
 Majesty aware how it impended.

The Prince of Wales persuades himself
 that this explanation can not best satisfactorily
 remove all supposition of the existence of an
 inattention so inconsistent with his heartfelt
 reverence towards his Father & Sovereign.

Further Hence.

Sept. 4. 1804.

Dec. 23. 1804.

From the word consequence all the
 subsequent part of that sentence to be
 left out by Mr. Mahon in copying
 the desire of the Chancellor.

Jan. 26. 1804.

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The Prince of Wales

To

The Lord Chamberlain

Dec: 23. 1004.

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