

The Earl of Arundel
to the Lord Chancellor

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St. James's Place

Dec: 24.th 1804

My Lord

As soon as Your Lordship had quitted
me yesterday afternoon, I went to report to
the Prince of Wales that you had told me
His Majesty was in expectation of an
answer to the Paper of the 23rd of November.
His Royal Highness expressed all the
surprize at the intimation, which I had
apprehended he would feel, conceiving that

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He had already said every thing on the
subject which its present state admitted.
He felt it his duty, however, to prepare an
answer immediately, which I have now
the honour to enclose. With every solicitude
to be explicit, The Prince had it not in his
power to make this answer differ much
from the former: Because, you must see,
that had he not rested upon the difficulty
before urged, His Royal Highness must
have invited the imputation of having advanced
unnecessary obstacles; than which nothing

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could be farther from his wish, or from fact.
In truth, the matter stands just where I
took the liberty of representing to Your Lordship
it unavoidably would, if this were the
sole step. This Answer does not forward
the business at all, nor shall we get on,
unless Your Lordship will apprise His
Majesty what is the real pressure on the
Prince's mind. Out of a fitting delicacy,
and from a wish to spare His Majesty the
unpleasant necessity of entering into the
causes of his dissatisfactions, His Royal

Highness directed me only to specify as a
condition, that Princess Charlotte was to
be committed to the care of His Majesty
exclusively: But I had the honour of
explaining to you, that this was meant to
bar all interference on the part of the Prince
of Wales. Most unfortunately there
happened, just at the moment when the
arrangements were to be made, a more
marked display of intercourse between His
Majesty and the Prince of Wales, than

had taken place for a long time before. Whether this may have had relation to the Establishment of the Princeps Charlotte, or not, is no matter: The Publick, arguing from appearances, so connects it; and that is sufficient to rouse the Prince's apprehension. Thence, His Royal Highness laid particular stress on this point, that he should seem to be acting solely upon what he had understood to be the King's wish. With this principle, the Preamble of the Paper dated the 23^d. Nov. did not agree. The differences now existing

may be easily remedied by explanation;
but they will not be surmounted without
it. I have at the same time the happiness
to assure Your Lordship, that nothing can
breath more duty or more ardent affection
to the King, than every sentence I have heard
from the Prince in the discussion of his
subject.

I have the Honor to
Remain
Your Lordship's
Obedient
Servant
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