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My Lord

The enclosed letter from Mr. Holt to my Daughter requires to be laid before you not only on account of its general tone but because it imputes to your Lordship the having given directions which I am certain never could have entered your thoughts.

I agree perfectly in the propriety of impressing on the mind of my Daughter the advantages of punctuality; among which, its being an indication of polite attention to the individual is not the least. A remonstrance on the failure might have been made ^{in a proper manner} in terms of becoming deference; but I must be quite astonished when Mr. Holt

puts this upon the footing of a
respect due to him, and I am
sure your Lordship will see in
that expression a proof of the
necessity there was for such an
explanation as I lately gave
to you. It is true, the course
thus addressed to my Daughter
may be construed to hint rather
to ^{the} ~~the~~ Ladies ^{whose Government}. Yet that would
not alter the impropriety of
the language, nor am I pleased
at being observed either
the disposition or the mode
of cavilling at them.

Mr Pitt seems to applaud
himself on his procedure in
giving way before Princess
Charlotte's arrival; and at
the same time says that
~~he follows~~ ~~his~~ ~~instructions~~
in the step he acted con-
-sistently to directions. This

am persuaded must be
an error, for he could have
received Directions from so
one but your Lordship. He
is said to wait for the
Princeps instead of being
entitled to expect that
she should wait for him.

He appears altogether to
be understood his situation.

He is Princeps Charlottes husband
"a & not her" most faithful
Friend" as he pleases to
subscrib himself; a fortify
of intimacy which I have
never authorised, and of which
your Lordship will of course
prevent the asumption in
future. It is clear that your
Lordship did not see Mr. Pitt's letter.

... & he must have misapprehend-
ed them strangely when he conceiv'd
them in part to be such as he has
stated.

* as you would have forbidden its
transmission. Having imparted it to
you, as the mildest woman in which
I could take the necessary notice of
it, I have only to add that I wish
matters to go on smoothly & that the
dis-satisfaction which I thus reluctantly
touch, ~~the~~ should not be known
beyond ourselves. No prejudice against
Mr. Pitt will remain on my mind for
a circumstance which I regard as inju-
-ratory only in his not having del-
-ivered ^{indeed in his signature} his
-king ~~letter~~ ^{letter} to me both to Decem-

I have many thanks to return for
your Lordship's letter. And am certain
you will exert yourself to make things
run smoothly & with good humour. in which
you will have all assistance from me!