

[? Date]

My Lord

The arrangements for the course of my daughter's Education were not established by me without having been duly considered tho' I could not think myself obliged to explain the motives which determined each particular. Your Lordship's representation consequently did not apply to any oversight; and it was on that account necessary for me to be minute in enquiring whether there were any real grounds of expedience for the alteration which you

The arrangements for the course of my daughter's Education to which I have hitherto assented had not been suggested by me to you without due consideration.

proposed.

Your Lordship discovers to me that you had submitted to the King a plan which you had never communicated to me for the appropriation of my Daughter's time. Had his Majesty been pleased to express to me any wish on the subject, his desire would have been a Law. In the absence of the King on that head I find only a new proof of his exemplary delicacy & of his just sense that I alone could be competent to judge from a variety of details what was the fit

- the distribution of the day
with a view to the Child's health
as well as instruction.

It is well known to you,
my Lord, that, from the time
of my Daughter's rising till
the time of her Dinner, there
is not a period which is
not devoted to some lecture.

You have yourself observed,
& it might have been rea-
-sonably supposed, that the
- suspension of study instan-
- taneously after dinner was
peculiarly incon-
- -venient to the
Child & consequently inpro-
- -fitable from the impossibi-
- -lity of commanding her atten-
- -tion. You therefore desire that

Mr. Holt may be allowed to pass
the evening with her: And, as
if to color the singularity
of the request, your Lordship
puts the ^{proposed} arrangement on the
footing of its being Princess
Charlotte's special desire for
the amusement which she pro-
-vided herself in Mr. Holt's visit-
-ing to her. Thinking that
this must be a misapprehension
on your Lordship's part, I
have mentioned my daughter,
adding the assurance of my
sincere disposition to gratify
her in any thing reasonable
-able to propriety & conveni-
-ence. It was not with sur-
-prise that I received from
her the declaration of her
never having expressed to

The Prince of Wales
to
The Bishop of Salisbury
Wm. Pitt - Barrington
of the Princess Charlotte

Your Lordship my wish that
 Mr. Holt might be allowed to
 attend her in an evening, be-
 cause such a misconception
 was not extraordinary when
 you could misunderstand Lady
 de Clifford's answer to you
 appears to have been my
 distinct. You say, by Lord, that
 your offer to me is mit-
 ten with the knowledge of
 Lady de Clifford, & that she
 writes in the application.

Lady de Clifford informs me
 that she knew of ^{your intention to send me} the letter
 from your Lordship's having
 asked her to concur in the
 representation, but that
 she had professed to your
 Lordship her sense that

it would be a great breach of
propriety on her part if she
joined in any degree in the
proposal. She was perfectly
aware that the existing ar-
rangements had been made
with full consideration &
with a regard to articles which
had altogether escaped your
notice. Your Lordship has
assisted in the Education
of Princess: but there are neces-
saryments & Mansers requisite
for a Princess which cannot
be in your contemplation. &
neccessary attention to this point,
as well as a proper Stipend,
must make it a rule not to be
infringed that by Daughter
shall never be left alone with

any of her Masters. His princi-
ple will explain to your Lord-
ship a distinction which it is
desirable you should comprehend,
namely that his ^{the} ~~the~~ in-
structor at the Capricorn
of Princess Charlotte.

When your Lordship observes that
if left entirely idle every evening
she will ~~surely~~ fall into a
state of listlessness which will
destroy the activity of her mind
& warm her temper, you show that
you are unacquainted with
the manner in which her evening
are employed. The Lessons of Mus-
ic & Dancing are given on
alternate evenings, & are as much
as possible made to appear neces-
sary for the Child. After that
^{& her governesses}
the Ladies read to her out of

That Mr. Thomson ^{altogether entirely} ~~is~~ unknown to her
having been placed in his present si-
tuation without my having been
immediately referred to. But I have
a very good opinion of him in every
respect, & that I enjoy proud-
ly from my general Determination
not to set down any of those
persons which have I thought her
wisely observed ~~of~~ relation to
the female branches of the
Royal Family.

some amusing but instructive letter.
This is just what you propose to ~~have~~
should do; only that it has left the
impression of a lesson to the Child,
& her remarks on what is read are
the more encouraged by the apparent
want of formality. A similar relaxa-
tion of form I should not approve in
the case of Mr. Holt: but I repeat to
your Ladyship that no man is to be
of my Daughter's private society.

If the time which Mr. Holt has
in the morning for giving his in-
structions be thought too short,
I can have no objection that
an addition should be made to
it. This could be done by shortening
or omitting some less important
Lesson in the forenoon: but I should
see whether that Lesson might not
be given in the evening so as
not to interfere with the music
or dancing, or the exercise regu-
late for my Daughter's health. Any
other alteration does not present
itself to me as convenient or necessary.

I have written at some
length, because I was led by en-
-tering into details on this oc-
-casion to give your Ladyship
a full knowledge of the prin-
-ciple on which my Daughter's edu-
-cation is to proceed, and this
is the more necessary as I might
not have the same disposition
on other points to assign the
reasons which would influence
by assent or dissent; tho' nei-
-ther would be given without
the fullest consideration on
-whether so interesting to my
feeling. From my concern in
His Majesty's nomination of your
Ladyship; from my estimation of your
character; & from my sincere wish
to show you every attention, I shall
at all times be happy to see you
& receive your suggestions: but there
may be subjects on which I may not
be able to answer you if expressing
of inclination ^{whatsoever that may be} without any dissipation.