

HRH to
Lady de
Clifford

My Dear Lady de Clifford

I was much obliged of the communication you were so good as to make to me about the notification you received from the Princess of Wales. You not only have acted up to the sacred trust imposed upon you by your Office in acquainting me immediately with the circumstance, but you have shown your usual excellent judgment & good taste as well in your way of meeting the Princess as in signifying to me the proposed Visit without any comment. Had it been impossible for you not to know how I must regard it, then you notice the date of this letter, & the time at which you receive it, you will comprehend that I did not wish to explain my sentiments more fully to you till the Visit was actually over, lest the Princess should put any question to you & should be subjected

to embarrassment of the answer you would have been
 forced to give. The step having been taken by the Princess
 it was my wish that the visit should not be interrupted
 -ed, that nothing might appear discordant to the
 polite attention always to be observed, tho' I might
 have my suspicion that the visit was not really
 made from a reconstruction of the licence I had
 granted in a special instance, but was an attempt
 to pass beyond the line established by me thro' the
 King. In the regulation laid down & transmitted
 by His Majesty to the Princess, it is precisely defined
 that she is not to visit her Daughter at Barrick
 House, that House being considered a part of Carlton
 House. Charlotte's Illness, which prevented her from
 going ^{to her Mother} ~~to her Mother~~ at Blackheath, was a case not
 foreseen, & was a sufficient reason for relaxation

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in the particular instance; but as my Daughter has for
 some time been able to go about again that pretext
 must no longer remain, & I cannot expect to the
 Princess's visiting at Warwick House on any other
 grounds. Her Apartments not being ready at Ken-
 sington can be no excuse whatever. I must of course
 visit hereafter ^{immediately}
 request you, My Dear Lady, to ask for an
 audience of the Princess at Blackheath, when, with
 all that respectful delicacy which nobody knows
 so well as yourself how to testify, you will ex-
 plain to the Princess the line herein enjoin'd you
 & will entreat her not to come again to Warwick
 House, ^{which she cannot do} without my previous consent & which can only
 be given on some consideration as strong as what
 lately induced me to grant it. According to the ex-
 isting regulation, Charlotte may always, in moderation

to wait for by her mother to Blackheath or Kensington
under the limitation of its not giving any peculiar
interruption to her studies, or the necessary train
of her education.

C. H.
Jan^y 4th night.
April 19th. 1808

The Prince of Wales

to

Lady de Clifford

April 9th. 1808.

(Princess Charlotte)