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Sir

It is satisfactory to me to be able
to assure your Royal Highness that
the Princess Charlotte is better than
she was last week - tho' Her Royal
Highness has suffered severely from
her Blister. In Her Royal Highness
present circumstances there is more
lowness and nervousness, the effect
of her disease and the remedies,
than disease itself - and I believe
it will not be prudent to enjoin
too rigid a regimen.

Her Royal Highness has been
fairly tractable, and has permitted
with great good sense and good

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sumour all that was necessary for
her recovery.

In the rest, I may venture to assure
your Royal Highness that matters go
on pretty well on the whole. To speak
with that honesty which your Royal
Highness always approves, there appears
to me much more want of common
sense, and a knowledge of the world in
the Governour's than of tractability
in the Princep — and the consequence
of this is, that some difficulty or
other occurs perpetually to disturb
the lodge, and to create an anxiety
in the Castle, which might be prevented
by the exercise of a very little firmness
and discretion in the first instance —

In short there is too ready a complacence
 with the hasty quick desires of the
 off. without considering any consequences
 when these appear at length in their
 full light, and it is necessary to
 retrace their steps, disappointment
 and ill humour follows - and the
 place of residence, or the temper
 of others are found fault with, when
 the whole mischief has really
 been created by themselves - I could
 illustrate this by instances or two
 in which they have called upon me to
 interpose - but I would not have your
 Royal Highness's peace disturbed
 by these small operations - The Queen
 is all good sense and kindness, and
 I have only to lament that Her Majesty's

continued desire to visit, might prevent
that sleep on the Chevalier's part
which would be essentially useful to the
Prince's Charlotte, by promoting her
attachment to the Royal Family, and
facilitating the government. When
I have the honor of waiting upon
your Royal Highness, I will ^{take} ~~conceive~~
to speak still more fully, and to ex-
plain all that I have observed.
Pray, Sir, continue to me your
Royal Highness's usual confidence
and goodness, and believe
ever with most cordial respect
and attachment, your Royal
Highness's faithful servant

Henry Balfour

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The Duke of York