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"You know very well, you did not give the least intimation to me or to the Queen, that the Princess was with child, untill within less than a month of the Birth of the young Princess.

"You remov'd the Princess twice, in the week immediately preceding the day of her delivery, from the place of my residence, in expectation, as you have voluntarily declared, of her labour, and both times, upon your return, you industriously conceal'd from me, and the Queen every circumstance of this important affair ...

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"And untill you withdraw your regard and confidence from those, by whose instigation, and advice you are directed, and encouraged in your unwarrantable behaviour to me, and to the Queen; and untill you return to your duty, you shall not reside in my palace, which I will not suffer to be made the resort of them, who under the appearance of an attachment to you, foment the division which you have made in my family.

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