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Copy of the Message from the King to the Prince
Delivered in writing by the Dukes of Grafton
and Richmond, and the Earl of Pembroke
September ye 10th 1757.

George R.

The Professions you have lately made, in your Letters,
of your particular Regard to me, are so contradictory
to all your Actions, that I cannot suffer myself
to be imposed upon by them.

You know very well, you did not give the least
intimation to me, or to the Queen, that the Princeps
was with Child, or breeding, untill within less than a
Month of the Birth of the young Princeps.

You removed the Princeps twice, in the week immediately
preceeding 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 concealed from me, and the Queen
every circumstance of this important affair; and you

at last, without giving any notice to Me, or ^{to} the Queen,
precipitately hurried the Princeps from Hampton Court,
in a Condition not to be Named: After having thus,
in execution of your own determin'd measures, expos'd
both the Princeps, and her Child, to the greatest perills,
You now plead Surprise, and your Tenderneſs for the
Princeps, as the only Motives, that occasion'd these
repeated Indignities, offer'd to Me, and to the Queen,
your Mother.

This Exhavaſant and Undutiſull Behaviour in ſo
eſſential a point as the Birth of an Heir to my Crown,
is ſuch an Evidence of your premeditated Deſiance of
me, and ſuch a Contempt of my Authority, and of
the Natural Right belonging to your Parents, as
cannot be excus'd by the pretended Innocence of
your Intentions, nor palliated, or diſguiſ'd by
ſpecious Words only.

But the whole Tenour of your Conduſt for a conſiderable
time, has been ſo entirely void of all real Duty to
me, that I have long had reaſon to be highly
offended with you.

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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, and thereby Weaken the Common Interest of the Whole.

In this Situation I will receive no Reply; but when your Actions manifest a just sense of your Duty, and Submission, That may induce me to Pardon what, at present, I most justly Resent.

In the mean time, it is my Pleasure, that you leave St. James's, with all your Family, when it can be done without prejudice or Inconvenience to the Princeps.

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I shall, for the present, leave to the Princeps, the
care of my Grand-Daughter, untill a proper time
calls upon me to consider of her Education.

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