

Notes of the Message
received Thursday
27th May 1773

Duke of Gloucester to
Archb. of Canterbury (Cornwallis) &
Bishop of London (Terrick)

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The Duke of Gloucester desires the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, and the Lord Bishop of London, to present his humble Duty to the King, accompanied with his sincerest acknowledgement of His Majesty's goodness, in Declaring in the terms communicated to the Duke this Morning, His Royal Satisfaction of the validity of the Duke's Marriage after which He will not believe that any other will presume to doubt of the Veracity or Sufficiency of the Evidence, that has been produced upon that Subject. It can therefore be no Object with the Duke to go a second time through the Ceremony, but that as any other mark of Obedience to the King, the Duke will cheerfully yield, if it should be thought that it can be of any use; and His Majesty's consent with the other necessary preparatory Steps, can be gone through before the Duke's Delivery, after which such a Ceremony would be obviously improper.

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