

This & the following  
8 letters were bought  
in Dec. 1849. As they  
concern the question  
of the Regency in 1788  
they have been filed  
under Geo III & not as  
a "Collection"

Mem. of Mr. Pitt's  
rel. to a conversation  
with the Prince of Wales  
concerning His Majesty's  
Health

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9 Nov 9 1788  
of Stanhope's sketch of  
Pitt, Vol. I pp. 394-5

began his conversation by saying that he had sent  
to me in consequence of the present disturbing  
situation of the King. He then

The Prince of Wales, communicated a  
particular account of the Progress and  
Circumstances of the King's Disorder, and  
many Instances of Conversation and Conduct  
which shewed the Derangement of his  
Mind. He then sent for Dr. Baker, Warner  
& Reynolds, who stated their Opinion of the  
present Situation; which was that His  
Majesty's Understanding is at present so  
affected, that there does not appear to them  
any Interval, in which any Act that he could  
do, could properly be considered as done with  
a conscious self and Understanding of what he  
was about. - That the Disorder might either  
be one locally fixed on the Brain, or be  
a Translation of a Disorder from one Part to



another, that if it proved to be the latter,  
there might be a hope of removing it, but  
there would then be a possibility that it  
might attack some part when it might  
be dangerous to life - that if it was the  
former, there was more reason to think  
the disorder would be permanent, without  
affecting life; but that it was also possible  
it might proceed from local causes, which  
might come to affect the life, ~~was not~~  
~~unthinkable~~ that on the whole there  
was more ground to fear than to hope, and  
more reason to apprehend death ~~in~~  
than death.