

52808

Georgius Rex

H.M. 16
P of Wales
(Frederick)

The professions you have lately made in yr
of yr particular regard to me, are so Contradictory to your
Accounts that I cannot suffer myself to be imposed by them you
know very well you did not give the least Intimation to me or yr
Queen that the Princess was with Child until within a month
of the Birth of yr young Prince.

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You removed the Princess twice in yr week immediately
preceeding the day of her Delivery from the place of my
Residence in expectation as you voluntarily declared
of her Labour; and both Times upon yr Return you indis-
criminately Excused from me and yr Queen every Circumstance
relating to this important Affair And you at last without
giving Notice to me or the Queen precipitately hurried yr
Princess from Hampton Court in a condition not becoming

After having thus in Execution of your own determination
measures exposed both the Princess and her Child to the
greatest perils you now plead surprize & wonder
for yr Princess as yr only motives that occasioned these
repeated indignities offer'd to me & the Queen & Mother
This extravagant and unbecomingly Behaviour in so essential a
point as yr Birth of an Heir to my Crown is such a manifest
premeditated defiance of me & a contempt of my Authority
the right belonging to yr parents as cannot be excus'd by
the pretended & unprovoked intentions nor palliated or disguis'd
by specious words only. but the whole tenor of yr conduct for
a considerable Time has been so entirely void of all real duty
that I have long had reason to be highly offended with you, and
until you withdraw yr regard from those by whose
instigation & you are directed & encourag'd in yr unwar-
ranted behaviour toward the Queen & until you return to
yr duty you shall not reside in my palace which

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George R

The Professions w^{ch} you have lately made in
your Letters, of your particular regard to me
are so contradictory to all your Actions, that I
cannot suffer my self to be imposed on by them.

You know very well, that you did not give y^e
least Intimation to me or y^e Queen that y^e Princess
was with Child or breeding untill within less than a
Month of y^e Birth of y^e young Princess; You
Remove y^e Princess twice in y^e Week immediately
preceeding the day of her Delivery from y^e Place
of my Residence, in expectation, as you have
voluntarily declared, of her Labour; and both
times upon your Return you immediately conceal'd
from y^e knowledge of me & y^e Queen, every circumstance
relating to this important Affair. And you at
last without giving any Notice to me or y^e Queen
precipitately hurried y^e Princess from Hampton Court
in a Condition not to be Nam'd. After having thus
in execution of your determin'd Measures Exposed
both y^e Princess & y^e Child to y^e greatest Perils, you
now plead Surprise, & your tenderness for y^e Princess
as y^e only Motives that occasioned these repeated
Indignities to me & the Queen your Mother.

This Extravagant & Undoubtful Beha-
viour in so Essential a point as y^e Birth of an
Heir to my Crown, is such an Evidence of your pre-
meditated Defiance of me, & such a Contempt of
my Authority, & of y^e Natural Right belonging
to your Parents, as cannot be excus'd by the
pretend'd Innocence of your Intentions, or palliated
or disguis'd by Specious Words only. But y^e whole
tenour of your Conduct 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, and untill you withdraw your Regard

and Confidence from those by whose instigation and
advice you are directed & encouraged in your
unwarrantable behaviour to me & my Queen, and
untill you return to your Duty, you shall not
reside in my Palace, which I will not suffer to be
made a Resort of them, who, under the appearance
of an Attachment to you, foment a Division w^{ch}
you have made in my Family, & thereby weaken
my common Interest of my whole.

In this Situation I will receive no
Reply. But when your Actions manifest a
just Sense of your Duty & 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 shall be done without
prejudice or inconvenience to my Princess

I shall at present leave to my Princess
the Care of my Grand Daughter, untill a proper
time calls upon me to consider of her Education.

George R

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to His Royal Highness Frederic Prince of Wales
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& Richmond, & of Earl of Pembroke, Sept. 27th 10th
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The Professions you have lately made
me 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 the Queen that the
Princess of Wales was with Child till within less
than a month of Birth of young Princess,
you removed the Princess twice in a week im-
mediately preceding a Day of her Delivery, from a
place of my Residence in expectation (as you have
voluntarily declared) of her Labour; & both times
upon your return you industriously concealed from
me & the Queen every circumstance of this im-
portant

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to y^r Grace 12
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