

H. R. H. The Duke
of Clarence

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Dear Sir,

On the 30th June the fleet sailed, and in the evening of
the same day I received your Letter of the 17th 2^d and 3^d of last month. to
which I shall now answer methodically. I had heard of the young
indisposition and of the Prince's accident, which thank God have
had no bad consequences. The private communication from a fo-
reign nobleman may be true and will not be a main concern
but I believe is not likely for some quarters but for your
Letter of the 9th of last month I am sorry to learn that the compe-
ble firm to succeed to the Prince's office station, and equally on the
Prince's desire of my going to Portsmouth which has been confirmed
by convey. My meeting the Prince there I am afraid will do more
harm than good. The present moment appears to me every way pro-
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for Dr. W. and Dr. J., upon Tenison's favourable report of the Andromeda
to prefer in a certain quarter for my not going abroad and for my
appointment to a Guardianship at Plymouth, particularly as the state
of Europe is by no means settled and as it is the intention of several
-ing a fact to see every summer, of which I should always be
to be. If the objection is the fear of my wishing to spend the winter
in London, I can assure you my hearty wish is to keep it
to the pleasure of that place. Show this letter to the Prince and let
him to speak to the Duke. Thus my application will be
that to and provide for Wine given me can't return you
thanks for your attention to me on all occasions and more particu-
-cularly to the last about Wine. The Company are now exceeding
-ing well. Warriner off Plymouth and the opportunity of a
sailing but I embrace it and this letter. I desire the Prince to
be all success for Wine.
Yours Affly
M. Hilliard