

Ld. Northington

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Sir & Most Gracious Sovereign,

In obedience to your Majesty's Commands I acknowledge the Receipt of them under your own Royal Hand, viz. That your Majesty would chuse to have inserted the Names of your Royal Family in the Regency Bill together with your Commands to me to get the same worded accordingly, & that your two Royal & adult Brothers A. R. H. the Duke of Cumberland & your two other Royal Brothers, now under the Age of 21, upon attaining respectively that Age should be of the Council & so nominated in the Bill, except such one as might be nominated Regent, by your Majesty.

Immediately on my returning Home I communicated your Majesty's Intentions to your Attorney General, to prepare the Bill accordingly.

And I previously desired, my Lord Halifax, to
send him official Instructions for that Purpose
as I could not make use of your Majesty's
private Commands.

I was so unlucky as to receive your
Majesty's Commands thro't the Duke of Bedford
& Lord Halifax before I had the gracious Honor
of your Majesty's Note; and It was my
opinion, that as your Majesty was upon this
occasion sole Judge of the Proposal you would
please to communicate to Parliament, It
was not advisable to have a Meeting upon It,
as the Council had before met on the same
Subject.

I expressed to the Earl of Halifax, that
I had no personal Objection to this Alteration; I hope
It will meet with not many; The Nomination of

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The Royal persons, I think can meet with none
the additional Number of 4 making in the
whole nine; was that upon which I humbly
submitted my Apprehensions, I hope they were
more attentive than founded.

Nothing could overwhelm Me with more
Happiness, than your Majesty's, graciously
noticing my Attachment to your Royal Person
& Zeal for your Service, as I am conscious,
I ever have been, & ever shall remain,

may it please your Majesty,

Your Majesty's

P.S. I shall obey
your Majesty's Commands
for Sunday.

most humble
most faithful &
devoted Subject &
servant

26 Apr 1765 Friday 9. p. M.

Northington

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