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I humbly beg Leave to acquaint your Majesty  
that the Regency Bill is completely pass'd the House  
of Commons, & I am order'd to carry it up to the  
House of Peers on Monday. We continued to sit  
till  $\frac{1}{2}$  an Hour past eleven in Order to go thro' it.  
A great Variety of Alterations & Debates attended  
almost every Part of its Progress. The first Question  
was whether the House should agree with the Committee  
in the Amendment made for inserting the Name of  
Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales amongst those  
whom your Majesty is enabled to appoint Regent.  
Mr Rose Guller began with Opposing it, tho' in very  
moderate Terms, & several Gentlemen whose Names are  
specify'd in the Paper which I have the Honor to transmit  
to your Majesty, spoke for & against that Motion, but no  
New Arguments were urg'd on either side, & nothing very  
extraordinary happen'd in the Course of it. Many of the  
Opposition were

Opposition were absent, notwithstanding which a  
Division was made, & the Numbers were 167 Ayes to 37 Noes.  
The Amendment for leaving out the Words Both Houses of  
Parl<sup>t</sup> in order to insert either House of Parl<sup>t</sup> came next to  
be considered. This I desired might be kept as it was  
originally, (agreeable to your Majesty's Wishes). Mr Nugent began  
the Opposition to it, & was followed by the other Gentlemen for &  
against it according to the Order in which They stand in the  
inclosed Paper, & in the End it was given up without a  
Division. The next Amendment was upon the Alteration  
& Explanation of the Words now & usually. For this Purpose  
the Attorney General proposed some Words which were  
accepted, & it was agreed that a Proviso should likewise  
be added to the Bill, which the Attorney General withdrew  
to prepare. Mr Pryse Campbell objected that another  
amendment would be necessary to disqualify all such as  
should marry a Papist, or intermarry with any Subject without  
Consent of Parl<sup>t</sup>. This after much Altercation produced a  
motion to recommit, to which the previous Question was put,  
Those who moved the Question to recommit having wished  
to withdraw it. The Numbers upon the Division for  
recommitting were

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recommittting were Ayes 34, Noes 156. They then  
proposed to adjourn, but Mr Blakistone offering to  
produce the Proviso above mentioned as settled by the  
Attorney General. The House accepted that Proviso to  
which an Amendment was proposed agreeable to the Act  
of Settlement, by inserting or in Case such Person, so  
nominated or appointed Regent or Guardian shall marry  
a Papist. This after a long Debate & a personal altercation  
between Mr G. Inslow of Surrey, & Mr Charles Townshend was  
agreed to. Mr Poyse Campbell then moved his Proviso to  
prevent any Person appointed Regent &c from marrying  
without Consent of Parl<sup>t</sup> but upon the motion to bring it  
up, a Division ensued, in which the Ayes were 37 & the  
Noes 129. Lord John Cavendish then moved another Proviso  
to declare that the Regent & Council should not grant any  
Peerages, Pensions for Lives, or Reversions without an  
Address from both Houses of Parl<sup>t</sup>. This was carryd in  
the Negative without any Division. Mr G. Inslow of  
Surrey moved to leave out all the Words in the Bill  
relative to the Council of Regency, but that likewise  
passd in the Negative without a Division. A motion  
was then made

was then made to adjourn: The Question was put  
& carry'd for going on by 150 ag<sup>t</sup> 24. The Bill was  
then read a Third Time, & the Question being put  
for its passing, another Motion was made for an  
Adjournment, but no Division on either of these  
Questions. The Whole of this Days Debates upon all these  
various Propositions were so Uninteresting & unimportant  
that it is impossible for me to think of troubling your  
Majesty with them, & the Fatigue of the Day as well as  
the present late Hour renders me almost unable to  
do it as I ought to do, which I hope will plead my  
Excuse for any Errors or Imperfections in this Account.

Downing Street

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25 after 3: A.M.

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Question to agree with the Committee in the Amendment  
authorizing the King to nominate the Prince of Wales.

Mr Rose Fuller against agreeing  
Mr Nugent for  
Ld Palmerston against  
Ld Falkenburgh for  
Mr Fitzherbert against  
Mr Cholmondeley against  
The House divided Ayes 167. Noes 37

Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer against  
Mr Delaval against  
Mr Yorke against  
Mr C. Townshend against  
Mr Glynn against  
The House divided Ayes 34. Noes 156.

Question to agree with the Amendment  
made in the Committee by leaving out  
the words "both Houses of Parliament"  
& inserting instead thereof, the words  
'either House of Parliament'  
Mr Nugent against agreeing  
Mr J. Townshend for  
Mr Nugent against  
Ld Savendish for  
The Noes carried it without a division

Motion for adjourning  
Mr Onslow for adjourning  
Mr Chan. of the Exchequer against  
Mr Onslow for  
Ld George Savendish for  
Mr Gil. Elliot against  
Ld John Savendish for  
Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer against  
Mr Nicholson absent for  
Mr Blackstone against  
Noes carried it without a division

Mr Pryse Campbell objected that no  
Provision was made in case any of the  
Females who were enabled to be appointed  
Regent should marry a Papist or a  
Subject upon this Ground a Motion was  
made to recommit the Bill.

Mr Blackstone offers a Proviso to  
declare that the Person nominated  
Regent shall have his usual Residence  
in Great Britain from the time of  
his Nomination to the time of his  
succeeding to the Regency & that he  
shall continue to reside from the  
time of his succeeding the noncompliance  
with either of these Conditions to be a  
disqualification. Mr Chancellor of  
the Exchequer proposed as an Amendment  
to this that if the Regent married a  
Papist, that should be also a  
disqualification. Motion was then

Genl Conway for recommitting  
Mr Onslow for  
Mr Wm Meredith for  
Mr G. Savite for  
Mr J. Townshend for  
Mr Dempster for  
Mr Pryse Campbell for

Made for adjourning

Mr Onslow for adjourning

Mr Pryce Campbell for

Mr C. Townshend against

Mr Onslow for

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Mr Onslow for

Mr C. Townshend against

Col Onslow for

Ld J. Cavendish for

Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer against

Gen Conway for

Col Onslow for

Ld George Cavendish for

Mr Hewett for

Mr Nicholson Calvert for

Mr Doddeswell against

The Noes carried it without a

Division & then the Amendment was

proposed & carried.

Mr Pryce Campbell proposed his

Proviso that none of the Persons

enabled to be Regents should marry

without Consent of Parliament signified

by Act of Parliament

Motion to bring the Proviso up

The House divided

Ayes 37. Noes 149

Motion that the Regent may not

dispose of Peerages or Possions for

Life or Places in Reversion

Ld J. Cavendish for

Mr Onslow for

Mr Gil. Elliot against

Mr T. Townshend for

Mr Shelley against

Mr Stanley against

Mr Wm Meredith for

Mr Pryce Campbell for

Gen Conway for

Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer against

Ld J. Cavendish for

Mr Nicholson Calvert for

Mr Doddeswell against

Mr Wm Meredith against

now carried it without a Division.

Motion to omit the Clause for establishing

the Council of Regency

Mr Onslow for

Ld J. Cavendish for

Mr Nugent against

Mr Onslow for

Noes carried it without a Division

Motion that the Bill be read a

3<sup>d</sup> time.

Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer for

Ld George Cavendish against

Ld John Cavendish against

Mr Nicholson Calvert against

Mr Hewett against

Mr Chan<sup>r</sup> of the Exchequer for

Mr Nicholson Calvert against

Mr Stanley for

Mr Hewett against

Mr Onslow proposing that the Speaker

be named of the Council

Motion to adjourn

Ayes 24 Noes 150.

Bill read a third Time

motion to adjourn

Mr Onslow for

Mr Nicholson saluted for

Bill passed without a Division.

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