Dr Baillie has the honour of informing the Prince Regent, that during yesterday there was less irritation in his Majesty than there has lately been, and that his eagerness about arranging his Papers has ceas'd — once or twice however in the course of yesterday there was a slight reference to the usual error — His Majesty has slept last night five hours and a half, and this morning his manner is mild, and his conversation as good as usual —

Windsor Castle
May 1 — 1811

Dr Baillie has the honour of informing the Prince Regent, that his Majesty passed yesterday much in the same manner as the day before — He has ceas'd to arrange his Papers, but his Conversations with the Royal Family have been too full of Plans, and sometimes a little huffing —

His Majesty slept three hours & three quarters last night, and is this morning as well as usual —

Thursday May 2 — 1811
Windsor Castle

Dr. Robt. Willis has the honour of presenting his humble duty to The Prince Regent and of acquainting His Royal Highness that His Majesty passed the whole of yesterday in a satisfactory manner. The King's conduct and conversation were calm and temperate, equally free from impatience and from triflingness.

His Majesty slept five hours and three quarters during the night and, when awake, betrayed none of the usual marks of nervousness. His Majesty is this morning, in all respects, as well as he was yesterday.

Windsor Castle
May 3. 1811.

May 4

Sir

I have not yet had an opportunity of judging so fully of His Majesty's state from my own observation as I shall have at the end of another twenty four hours. His Majesty has appeared to me to be good natured and comfort- I think His conversation has been on more trifling subjects than one could wish to hear it, but there has not appeared any irritation since I have been at Windsor, nor have I heard that any delusion has been expressed palpably and decidedly – but there have been a great many arrangements and plans ~~some~~ of which, probably, have a reference to the familiar error.

The King has slept between four

and six hours, and there has been no adjustment of the bedclothes - but it should be remarked that His Majesty has got up as soon as he awoke both yesterday and day - even as early as at five o'clock in the morning.

I am, Sir, with the highest respect, Your Royal Highness's most humble faithful Servt

Henry Halford

May 4th. 1811.

May 6. 1811

MED/16/2/66

Sir

The most striking feature of the Queen's visit in the evening yesterday was the cool and determined manner in which the King expressed his resentment against the Queen's Council - saving the Majesty from all possible approach of the same time by a most delicate and gentle compliment. He being passed the rest of the evening mildly and appeared quite tired and sleepy before ten o'clock - His Majesty has slept nearly six hours, but was occupied in adjusting the bed clothes for a short time and arose at five o'clock - he knew no reason whatever to be dissatisfied with His Majesty's conversation this

morning. but this occupation amongst
his colleagues seems more trifling
than one could wish it to be —

I believe there has been no reference
to the familiar delusion since
your Royal Highness left London.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your Royal Highness' faithful
Servant

Henry Halford

Windsor Castle — May 6th.

I thought the Princess Mary so unwell
last night as to be unequal to write
without distressing herself.

1811

MED/16/2/67

Windsor Castle May 7th

Sir,

I have the honor to inform Your Royal Highness that His Majesty slept last night six hours, & that His Page, who was in the room, considered it as the best night he had witnessed. There was very little to characterize the last day. His Majesty has appeared generally mild & good humoured, but liable to momentary irritation upon very slight occasions. His conversation & manner yesterday evening and this morning have been little objectionable.

I have the honor to be
Your Royal Highness's
Most obedient
Humble servant
W. Heberden

Dr Baillie has the honour of informing the Prince Regent that his Majesty passed yesterday very much in the same manner as he has done some preceding days — His Majesty's conversation has sometimes been good, sometimes trifling, and sometimes mixed with considerable irritation — It appears that yesterday his Majesty had expressed himself in a way that is at least closely allied to his ordinary delusion, but Dr B. has not learnt that any thing of this kind occurred this morning — His Majesty slept last night between Four & Five hours ———

Windsor Castle
May 8 — 1811

Dr Baillie has the honour of informing the Prince-Regent, that his Majesty's conversation with the Archbishop of Canterbury and Lord Aylesford was yesterday highly satisfactory — His Majesty's conversation too in the Evening with Colel Taylor and two of his Physicians was in every respect unexceptionable — still however in the course of the day there was a slight reference to his more ordinary delusion & to Hanover —

His Majesty slept last night fully six hours, but has spoken this morning a good deal about Weymouth & has referred to his common error — His Majesty's Conversation this morning with Dr Willis & Dr Baillie was in every respect proper —

Windsor Castle
May 9 — 1811

Dr. Robt. Willis has the honour of presenting his humble duty to The Prince Regent and of acquainting His Royal Highness that His Majesty's manner was far from satisfactory thro' the greater part of yesterday. His Majesty was occasionally irritable, and His conversation consisted principally of plans and arrange:ments, which were detailed with a minuteness that was quite distressing. In some parts of the day, however, His Majesty conversed correctly and properly. Towards evening His Majesty became composed: He played at Backgammon for an hour, and His conversation was in all respects unex:ceptionable.

His Majesty slept about five hours in the course of the night, and has hitherto shewn no marks of hurry or of irritabi:lity.

Windsor Castle - May 10. 1811.

May 11. 1811

MED/16/2/71

Sir

It was stated to me on my arrival at Windsor yesterday from all quarters that His Majesty had passed a good day - and was more composed than he had been in any day in the week - Dr Willis took an opportunity of representing to His Majesty in the course of the afternoon the grounds on which the Physicians and the Queen's Council considered the thing as still ill - and we expected there for a greater degree of excitement in the evening than we found - His Majesty discovered occasionally signs of an impression made upon His mind by Dr Willis's conversation

but his manner was good on the whole, and the subjects of his conversation unexceptionable —

The King has slept about four hours and a half, and did not rise quite so early this morning. He has expressed every now and then some resentment against the Queen's Council, but in our intercourse, at the usual visit this day, we were satisfied with the King's deportment and demeanor.

I am, Sir, most respectfully
Your Royal Highness's
faithful servant
Henry Halford

Windsor Castle
May 11. 1811.

May 13. 1811 MED/16/2/72

Sir

We had occasion to notice a great degree of irritability and impatience in His Majesty in the course of the evening yesterday — and yet the visit of the Queen and Princesses went off satisfactorily — The King's conversation with the Physicians in the evening referred to the subject of his first illness — and we have often had occasion to remark that he always this when his mind is vexed and fretted — In the short the greater part of the day was characterised by impatience and excitement — but I cannot find that any allusion was discovered to His Majesty's favorite errors. The King slept four hours in the course of the night — and manifested the

usual signs of nervous up this morning for some time before he arose - what was soon after four o'clock -

I am, Sir, with the highest respect, your Royal Highness's faithful humble Servt

Henry Halford

Windsor Castle - May 13. 1821

Dr Heberden has the honor of informing
The Prince Regent, that he understands His Majesty
passd the last day in a good manner. He slept
five hours in the night, and appears calm and
good humoured this morning -

Windsor Castle
14 May 1811

Dr Baillie has the honour of informing the Prince Regent that his Majesty slept rather more than six hours last night — This morning his conversation has been unexceptionable with his Medical attendants, but his manner a little hurried — Dr B: understands that during the last two or three days his Majesty has been less irritable, but still there has been occasionally a slight reference to his ordinary delusion —

Windsor Castle
May 15 — 1811

Dr Baillie has the honour of informing the Prince Regent, that during yesterday his Majesty's manner was a little more irritable than it had been for the two or three preceding days — His conversation however with his medical attendants in every part of the day was unexceptionable, and was particularly good in the Evening — The Archbishop of Canterbury and Lord Aylesford reported well of their interview with his Majesty, and the visits of the Royal Family were not unsatisfactory — Still however in the course of yesterday there was some reference to the common delusion, but none this morning as far as is known —

His Majesty slept five hours last night & his manner is more compos'd this morning —

Windsor Castle May 16 1811

Dr. Robt. Willis presents his humble duty to The Prince Regent and has the satisfaction of acquainting His Royal Highness that The King passed the whole of yesterday well. His Majesty's conversation was uniformly good and His manner peculiarly placid.

His Majesty slept six hours in the course of the night, and His conversation this morning with Dr. Willis has been quite correct and proper; but His Majesty's manner is evidently hurried, and, according to the report of the Pages, His Majesty is more disposed to form new schemes and plans than He was yesterday.

Windsor Castle
May 17. 1811.

Sir

The King did not pass so good a day yesterday as the preceding one. His Majesty appeared hurried often in the course of it, and gave way to expressing of irritation. The King went to bed, however, composedly, and tho' He did not sleep more than three hours continually, His Majesty has had several short sleeps this morning, and did not rise 'till a little after six o'clock. The King's conversation with the Physicians at their visit this morning was unexceptionable, tho His manner altogether was too eager.

I am, Sir, with the highest respect, your Royal Highness's

Most dutiful Servant

Windsor Castle. May 18th 1811.

Henry Halford

May 20. 1811

MED/16/2/78

Sir

The character of the evening which His Majesty passed after your Royal Highness left Windsor was marked by the same traits which you observed during your Royal Highness's visit. The King's conversation was frequently trivial, tho' it was remarkably observable that His Majesty made observations indicative of great clearness and discernment when the fogs were in a state of mental health. We learned, after His Majesty was gone to bed, that he had referred frequently to the Lady, tho' with a marked caution and a disposition to great sensibility never forsook him throughout the day.

The King slept about five hours

and a quarter – and his manner to the Physicians this morning tho' still hurried is good humoured – The thing has expressed considerable satisfaction altho' thoughts of finding a kind of exercise which the increasing weakness of his Majesty's legs render preferable to much walking.

I am, Sir, with the highest respect your Royal Highness's faithful Servant

Henry Halford

May 20. 1811

Sir

I believe I have nothing to add, of importance, to my communication to the Prince Regent of this morning, tho' the pleasure of assuring your Royal Highness of my most respectful attachment induces me to write — Soon after my letter was sent, the King prepared to ride — but His Majesty could not get his ordinary boots on, on account of the swelling of his legs — The King sent therefore for a pair of large Military Boots — and having made his visit to the Queen for half an hour He mounted His Horse —

This done, I

left London —

I might add in continuation of my report, that a good deal has been said this morning about Hanover — and an intention of sending servants & horses there —

I am, Sir, with high respect your Royal Highness's faithful servant

Henry Halford

May 20. 1811.
5 o'clock P.M.

Dr Heberden has the honor to acquaint The Prince Regent that his Majesty seemed to a certain degree elevated in spirits throughout yesterday, & hurried in his manner, in consequence of the alteration that had been adopted in his manner of spending the day. He slept between four & five hours, & appears this morning nearly in his usual state.

Windsor Castle
21 May 1811

Dr Baillie has the honour of informing the Prince Regent that throughout yesterday there was considerable hurry in his Majesty's manner, but his conversation much as usual — This last night his Majesty slept five hours, and his conversation with his Medical Attendants this morning was marked with high spirits, but with no impropriety — In the course of the last two or three days Dr B. understands that there has been an occasional reference to the usual error —

Windsor Castle
May 22 — 1811

Dr Baillie has the honour of informing the Prince Regent that throughout yesterday his Majesty's manner was more hurried than usual, and his Spirits too high — Towards the evening he was for sometime irascible — In the course whereof yesterday his Majesty is reported to have referred both to Hanover and to his usual error —

Last night his Majesty slept nearly five hours, and his manner is somewhat more compos'd this morning than it was yesterday —

Windsor Castle
May 23 — 1811

Dr. Robt. Willis has the honour of presenting his humble duty to The Prince Regent and of acquainting His Royal Highness that The King exhibited a considerable degree of eagerness in His manner yesterday; tho', upon the whole, His Majesty passed the day better and more composedly than He had passed the preceding day.

His Majesty slept nearly six hours in the course of the night. His manner and conversation this morning are very much the same as they were yesterday.

Windsor Castle
May 24. 1811.

Windsor Castle May 25th 1811.

Sir

His Majesty's conversation and manner have not had that uniformity of kindness which we earnestly wish to observe – The slightest occasions have created great excitement, and we have seen the King depart most sometimes wholly without dignity. His Majesty has alluded frequently too to the Lady – and has frequently talked about Hanover with a less correct sense of the state of affairs there than the nature of Kings requires. He slept nearly six hours last night, and the legs appear less swollen since the King rode. I am, Sir, with the highest respect, your Royal Highness' faithful Servt

Henry Halford

May 27. 1811

Sir

His Majesty's manner continued good-humoured thro' the whole of yesterday evening – His conversation was rational and the subjects of it trifling. The King slept about four hours last night – but arose as early as usual this morning – He is occupied in giving directions as privately as possible about this Female Order, and manifests an extreme jealousy at any interference of any body with their execution. The Kings conversation and manner with the Physicians to day are of the same character as they were yesterday.

I am, Sir, Your Royal Highness's faithful Servant

Windsor Castle – May 27. 1811. Henry Halford

Dr Heberden has the honor to inform His Royal Highness The Prince Regent that His Majesty appeared yesterday to be kind & good humoured; but his conversation was generally hurried and desultory. He slept about five hours in the night, and seems rather in a more favorable state this morning –

Windsor Castle
28 May 1811

May 29. 1811

MED/16/2/87

Sir

I learn that the King passed a bad day yesterday - being under great excitement frequently - and talking almost incessantly - So far as I have had an opportunity of observing His Majesty since my arrival at Windsor this morning, the same state continues - but perhaps in a rather less degree. It may be mentioned with propriety perhaps. that His Majesty having learnt that one of the objects of the full meeting of the Physicians this day, (an extraordinary circumstance) was to answer a question proposed by the Queen's Council, whether any

change of air or of residence might contribute to the King's more speedy recovery, declared with much energy and repeatedly that nothing but main force should remove Him from London at present — and that His Majesty gave good reason for this determination — by adding that it was important to His comfort to be able to find His way about His apartments, which He could not do at Kew or any where else.

I will take care to inform your Royal Highness of the arrangements which may be determined upon at the meeting of the Queen's Council

to day. I am, Sir, with the highest respect, your Royal Highness

faithful Servant

Henry Halford

May 29th. 1811

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Windsor - Wed^y night.

9 May 29
(cf. Queen's Fast Kings
Sn H.H's letter of same date)

Sir

I did not leave Windsor until half past 8 o'clock this evening — It has been a most interesting day — The Queen's Council has sanctioned every measure which was recommended to it by the Physicians — and drew up a form and strong representation which was ~~sent~~ to His Majesty by the ABp of Canterbury in the presence of all the rest of the Council and all the Doctors. His Majesty heard it with a great deal of dignity, tho

he manifested some impatience before it was all gone through. The thing detained me half an hour afterwards - and certainly did not spare the Members of the Council -

I hope and trust this measure will have a good effect - It seemed to me much more promising that if it had been heard with apathy.

For the rest we have authority to use any means of control; (if control unhappily become necessary) but His Majesty is still attended

by His own Pages only.

I left the Queen and Princesses very low and in tears — so that I hope your Royal Highness's visit on Sunday will be a comfort to Her Majesty and the Royal Family — but I believe it will be better that your Royal Highness do not see the King — His Majesty's intercourse with the Queen and Princesses is suspended for a few days.

I am, Sir, with the highest respect, your Royal Highness's faithful Servt

Henry Halford

Dr Baillie has the honour of informing the Prince Regent that his Majesty's Interview with the Council has produced a great deal of irritation and Anger which he has expressed most fully against all the Members of which it is composed — His Majesty however slept nearly four hours — This morning his Majesty's conversation has been directed to the same subject and with the same emotions of Anger —— His Majesty is also said to have occasionally referred to Weymouth and the common subject of his delusion ——

Windsor Castle
May 30 — 1811

31 May

Sir

Your Royal Highness will have learnt by Prince Maria's letter addressed to Your Royal Highness all that has passed since Dr Baillie returned — I have been with the Queen who condescended to explain to me what Her Majesty had thought it proper to write to the Commander in consequence of the steps it had taken, and who was so obliging as to repeat to me what Her Majesty had stated more particularly in reference to myself and Dr Baillie — That a system of control is necessary, and indeed the only measure calculated to arrest the destructive course which His Majesty's disorder is taking, appears clear to the Queen — as it has done to myself — Her Majesty is reconciled to it therefore provided it may be conducted in the most gentle manner

possible - and that the ordinary Physicians have every necessary access to the King's room, and that superintendance & watch over the conduct of the Attendants which will be a security for their good and humane conduct. I learn with great satisfaction that the Majesty has particularly expressed her commands to the Council, that it should direct the Physicians to sit up at night - as before -

I have just been into the King's room but without making myself known - I have not conversed with His Majesty therefore - but had the comfort of seeing the King composed and quiet - He was speaking in German

& Hamilt — and had been playing
the flute — The day, I learn, on
the whole has been a calm one —
and that the introduction of the
Men at 9 o'clock this morning
produced less irritation than
might have been expected. Tho'
a temporary excitement and anxiety.

I will write more particularly
tomorrow morning when I shall
have had the advantage of observ-
ing Her Majesty in her conversation
with us —

I cannot help adding that I saw
great marks of anxiety and distress
in the countenance of the Queen
and all the Princesses. when I went
humbly, to inquire after Her Majesty
on my arrival — God knows this

second occasion of the necessity of stirrings
about the King's person at that late
period of Her Majesty's illness, and
all the circumstances which have
occurred in the course of this week
have been sufficient to call forth
the most painful feelings — I trust
however that a consciousness of having
been guided in Her Majesty's conduct by
one motive only, that of doing all the
Queen could in the most tender manner
to contribute to the King's comfort and
recovery will ~~support~~ uphold Her Majesty in
Her severe trial — and that the poor
Princesses will take consolation from
the sense of the support which they
give their Parent, in this dreadful
hour of ~~Her~~ affliction —

For yourself, Sir, it is impossible
to add an argument of comfort to
that internal satisfaction Your

Royal Highness must feel in having made your Public as well as your private conduct entirely subservient to the King's wishes and his happiness—

I am, Sir, with the highest respect, your Royal Highness' faithful servant

Henry Halford

8 o'clock - Friday evening—

Col: Taylor does not write anything in this enclosure because he has not seen the King since yesterday at one o'clock

May 31. 1811 MED/16/2/91

Dr. Robt. Willis has the honour of presenting his humble duty to The Prince Regent and of acquainting His Royal Highness that The King continued through the whole of yesterday in so irritable a state, and talked so incessantly to His Pages, that it was judged expedient to remove them from their attendance upon His Majesty and to place Strangers, for a time, about His Majesty's person. This measure was carried into effect this morning; and it is satisfactory to be able to state to The Prince Regent that it was productive of less irritation than might naturally have been expected from it. It is probable that His Majesty, from the occurrences of the last few days, had so far prepared His mind for it that the proposal was not altogether a matter of surprise to Him. After some

few expressions of displeasure, His Majesty acceded to it with apparently little reluctance, and has remained in a state of composure from that time.

Windsor Castle
May 31. 1811.