Du. Nov.r 1811

Sir

I have to report to your Royal Highness another day passed by the King under great apparent irritation, altho' until bed time, His Majesty's conduct was not altogether turbulent and intractable. A very violent storm took place on the proper hour of retiring being announced, and His Majesty was carried to His chamber, and undressed by force. Nevertheless the King has slept in the whole after night, above four hours - but His discourse, since He awoke, has been entirely with imaginary company, as it was throughout yesterday, on subjects altogether irrational and wild - and His Majesty was so impatient of interruption at our visit this morning and gave way to expressions of so much anger, that we all thought it more prudent to withdraw from His Majesty

measure, when it became obvious that by pressing conversation, the King's indignation and exhaustion would have been increased, perhaps dangerously, certainly without an speculation of the slightest good therefrom.

I conveyed Your Royal Highness' commands respecting an additional letter to the Doctors Willis — they are both equally desirous with myself of meeting Your Royal Highness' wishes — but it occurs to us all, and I have understood to represent it honestly, that while we are all so entirely agreed on the terms in which the King's state should be described, Your Royal Highness

might perhaps be troubled only by a repetition of the report — and we ask your Royal Highness' leave therefore to let the communication be made as usual until the days on which Dr Abercrombie is in waiting — when it shall be Dr Willis' or Dr Roberts' care to enclose your Royal Highness at the same time a copy of the report made to Her Majesty's Council — when I have the honor to wait upon your Royal Highness on Saturday. I will crave your permission to lay the reasons of this proposed arrangement before your Royal Highness, and ask your indulgence

for this hesitation in obeying Your Commands.

I am, Sir, ever respectfully Your Royal Highness's Faithful Servant

Henry Halford.

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Nov.r 2. 1811

MCO/16/3/36

Sir

It appeared probable that the report of the consulting Physicians to the Queen's Council would be a very favourable one, and the tenor of the examinations of the ordinary Physicians confirmed this suspicion. The Council assembled consisted of the Abp of Canterbury, Duke of Montrose, Lord Aylesford, and Lord Somerville, and when Dr Heberden was about to be dismiss'd, it seems, he requested the Council to put some of the questions which he had formerly prepared for the general consultation in London to the consulting Physicians for their opinion on the applicability of any of the measures refer'd to in them to the present circumstances of the King's case. Those questions related principally to management - but the Consulting Physicians

requested further time to answer them — and they were ordered to attend again next Friday.

The ordinary Phys.: were very much astonished after the Queen's Council had broken up, to find that the Consulting Phys.: conceived themselves by their original instructions not to be authorised to interfere, or even to express any opinion upon points of management. This struck us as very strange — because it was inconceivable that they should be thought necessary here to assist in the medical treatment only. On referring to their instructions there did appear some ambiguity in directing them to report to the Council whatever suggestions they had to offer in respect to management — instead of ordering them to communicate at the

general consultation of Phys.: whatever
might occur to their judgement and
experience likely to be of use in the
conduct of the King's case. It gave us
an opportunity, however, of asking with
propriety, and with a view to instant
use, if they had really any thing to
offer in the management of His Ma-
jesty different from the system now
acted upon. They declared unequi-
-vocally that they had nothing differ-
ent to propose - and as decidedly
that they had seen nothing in the
sick room at any of their visits
which they thought inadvisable, or
which they could improve. After this
we all felt satisfied - and I trust that
Dr Willis, to whom such a declaration
must have been most grateful, will
have no reason to distrust their written

opinions whenever they do present them to the Council. I confess I felt for him sincerely ~~this morning~~ - for there appeared in the manner of the Council something different from what we have usually observed - a want of confidence perhaps (Dr Willis remarked this particularly) which was uncomfortable.

In regard to the appearance of improvement in His Majesty's state, which the Consulting Physicians inferred from the King's conversation this morning, it really did not appear to me to warrant the conclusions which were drawn - nor would either Dr Baillie or Dr Willis admit them. I could not help representing to the Council, in answer to the impression which had been made by the previous examination of Doctors Simmons and Monro that the determined disregard to cleanliness, which had been noticed only occasionally a month ago and

& was now become systematic and commanded
was a melancholy counterpoise to the
good presumed from the power of
detailing some anecdotes, by which
little more was proved than the
faculty of memory, and I know that
Dr Baillie observed to them that
some tenths of the Insane Patients
of the Island were capable at certain
times, of as much correctness as
the being manifested this morning.
I do not know exactly what Dr Baillie
stated, but I am sure his argument
would be forcible and sound - and
I am pretty sure that he is of opinion,
that his Majesty not only is not
better - but rather worse in fact in
the course of the last three weeks.

I do not know that I have any
thing else to communicate to Your
Royal Highness respecting this day's

Council, and will add therefore commendatory that I am, Sir, with the highest respect one of your Royal Highness's most faithful servants

Henry Halford.

Carlton St. Saturday night. Nov. 2.
1811.

2nd Nov.

Sir.

The King maintained his tranquillity and good humour until dinner time yesterday — and as has been usual in his Majesty's more composed state, his thoughts were observed to be engrossed by his Ladies — His Majesty did not eat till he had gone through his accustomed ceremonies — and after dinner he was more agitated, and burst forth into a violent fit of unprovoked passion — these storms have recurred frequently since — soon after four his Majesty desired to go to bed — but he was not appeased but rather without manifesting vehement indignation — we have observed lately that his Majesty is much sooner tired than usual, and we could not fail to notice

this morning that the King has lost his muscular flesh remarkably lately, and become considerably thinner — His Majesty did not rise till after two o'clock — but has slept nearly four hours in the course of the night — and, excepting these occasional violent bursts of passion, which have occurred three or four times since His Majesty went to bed, He has passed a quiet night — and no means of Restraint have been necessary.

It has been hinted, and I find the remark chronicled in our journal that ~~His Majesty~~ ~~of~~ cleanliness and decency which I have sometimes reported to your Royal Highness has

seldom, if ever, ~~been~~ noticed, excepting when His Majesty has been under confinement — This is not correct — His Majesty was unmindful of His own comfort in that regard early last night, when no such plea could be offered for the indecency —

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

Henry Halford.

Windsor Castle - Nov: 2. 1811.

Sir

We left the King under great irritation at our visit yesterday morning - but this subsided, and His Majesty passed the whole day in a tranquil and quiet manner - the most striking features of it were the usual religious ceremony at dinner time - and a more frequent reference to His Ladies - His Majesty went to bed without reluctance - but has passed the night entirely without sleep, and almost wholly under confinement. When we waited upon His Majesty this morning, the King discovered initability, some of the strangest and most extravagant actions - and would not endure to be set to rights, on a misfortune this of the period of the year - but the impatience presently abated, and His Majesty conversed for a considerable time in a more correct manner than usual - giving proofs that some of

his faculties are still but little impaired by the disease. This it still prevails in an unabated degree.

I have yet to learn that the professional Physicians think of his Majesty's symptoms by their comparation and at this visit. I think it likely that they may form too favourable an opinion from what passed this morning. It is certain that nothing escaped his Majesty yesterday, but what discovered the malady, in its full force. and I thought I collected from both of them, that his Majesty appeared precisely in the same state as he was at their first visit.

I am, Sir, most respectfully your Royal Highness's faithful Servant

Henry Halford.

Dr Baillie has the honour of informing the Prince-Regent, that His Majesty passed yesterday upon the whole quietly, but with one or two strong bursts of anger — The usual ceremony preceded His dinner, and He slept from Two in the afternoon till nearly Six, when He awoke in a great passion, for which no reason could be assigned

His Majesty went to Bed without reluctance and slept about three hours — When He awoke He was less turbulent than usual, but towards Five in the morning He became so intractable that Restraint was for a short time necessary — At the usual interview this morning His Majesty was in good spirits and good humour — He mention'd an anecdote about Bishop Watson with some drollery, but at the same time He mention'd several of His irrational notions, which seem as strongly impress'd on His mind as ever —

Windsor Castle
Novr 3 — 1811

Bulletin

His Majesty continues nearly in the same state —

Dr Baillie
Novr. 3. 1811.

Nov.r 4. 1811

Dr Baillie has the honour of informing the Prince Regent, that His Majesty passed the Forenoon yesterday quietly — At dinner however there was too much of High Spirits & Turbulence — At the end of dinner He threw away His Cup & water, and pushed down the Table — About half an hour after dinner His Majesty wetted Himself and He made so much resistance to His Linnen being changed that Restraint for that purpose became necessary — The Remaining part of the afternoon & Evening His Majesty passed quietly, and He went to Bed without reluctance — While undressing He got into two violent Gusts of passion against Pendrigton and one of His Men, quite unprovoked

His Majesty slept only an hour and three quarters during the night, and was so untractable, that Restraint became necessary for several hours — His Majesty was so untractable this morning that conversa

tion could hardly be held with Him
He mention'd some of his distemper'd no
tions, and dismiss'd his Doctors with
execrations —

Windsor Castle
Novr 4 — 1811

Windsor Castle Nov. 5.
1822

Sir,

I have the honor to acquaint Your Royal Highness that His Majesty had been more engaged in addressing imaginary company yesterday morning, than for some time past. But this continued only till two or three o'clock in the afternoon. During the evening His Majesty was generally still and silent, and slept in his chair about an hour previous to his usual bed time. His Majesty slept afterwards nearly four hours in the night, and was altogether rather less disturbed than usual. This morning His Majesty's conversation has been very wild, and rapid, but hitherto without reference to any imaginary personages —

I have the honor to be
Sir, Your Royal Highness's
Most obedient
& humble servant
W. Aberdeen

Sir,

I have the honor to inform Your Royal Highness that His Majesty passed a very quiet day yesterday after the first irritation of the morning was over. His Majesty slept four hours between his dinner and bed time. I am sorry to add that His Majesty got no sleep in the night, but was noisy and disturbed. This morning His Majesty has not adverted to any particular error, but has appeared irascible and extravagant in his language and conduct.

I have the honor to be
Sir, Your Royal Highness's
most obedient
and humble servant

W. Heberden

Windsor Castle
6. Nov. 1811

Windsor Castle. Nov. 7th
1811.

Sir

The inclemency which has been noticed as prevailing more remarkably in the course of the last three days continued, this with intervals of comfort throughout yesterday, and it was striking to observe His Majesty burst forth into expressions of extreme indignation against persons who have been long since dead, as tho' they were standing about Him, and had given Him cause of offence at the moment.

The King ate but very little dinner but made no complaints of indisposition - and went to bed at His usual hour - His Majesty has passed a quiet night, but slept only two hours and a half - The King was good humoured at one interview this morning, and told

some anecdotes of past times correctly and pleasantly – but, before we left the chamber, His Majesty discovered all the disembarrassed motions, and appeared, if possible, more deeply impressed by them than ever.

It needs not be represented to your Royal Highness that this perfect recollection of past events is quite compatible with such a disordered state of the mind, for insane persons are constantly found capable of recording, or even reasoning correctly upon any points which do not clash with their assumed erroneous ideas. I am, Sir, most respectfully

Your Royal Highness's faithful Servt

Henry Halford.

Windsor Castle - Nov. 8th 1811

Sir

The King preserved his composure and tranquillity until after dinner yesterday when this was announced to his Majesty said Grace solemnly, and then observed all the rest of his religious ceremonies deliberately - crossing himself on the forehead and breast, and mentioning the Favorites in whose names he took as his own he ate the bread and drank the water - and terminating the whole with an Amen - His Majesty had not used any ceremonies of this kind the day before.

At 3 o'clock his Majesty fell asleep and slept until half past seven, with an interval of a quarter of an hour only.

We dare not flatter ourselves that this would lead to sleep at night - and have not therefore been disappointed -

His Majesty passed the whole night without one moment of rest – and has been more noisy and turbulent than I have almost ever known His Majesty to be – having been in the next room the whole night. I had an opportunity of ascertaining the degree of disturbance

In this state of excitement which continued at the usual time of our visit we did not think it proper to mention the urgency of measuring the milkstool by making ourselves know to the King for the sight of putting of obtaining additional information of His Majesty's condition.

I am Sir, most respectfully your Royal Highness's faithful servant

Henry Halford

Nov. 9. 1811 MED/16/3/45

Sir

The King did not continue to sit up yesterday longer than two hours, and the state of agitation and excitement under which His Majesty awoke after a short sleep induced us at once to acquiesce in His wish to return to bed. His Majesty took no denier at all, having refused it peremptorily and with violence. At five o'clock He fell asleep, and continued to sleep till nearly nine, and His Majesty has slept an hour in the course of the night. The rest of the time was passed in noise and turbulence, and the greater part of it under confinement.

His Majesty's conversation when He awoke yesterday was full of error, nor has He paid to discover all His material and unnatural conceptions at one subsided this morning, tho He paid a momentary attention to the observations of the several Physicians, and held His conversation in perfect good humour. There was a rapidity, however, in His language, and in the

succession of these ideas which manifests a great excitement in His Majesty's system not unlike that which has preceded a paroxysm, tho' such a degree of it has often subsided before without this consequence taking place.

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

Henry Halford.

Windsor Castle
Nov. 9th 1811

The Ballots to be opened tomorrow

His Majesty continues nearly in the same state.

Signed by

H Halford
Ts. Baillie
W. Heberden
R. Willis

Nov. 10. 1811

Dr Baillie has the honour of informing the Prince Regent that His Majesty continued in high Spirits and very talkative throughout the whole of Yesterday - Some parts of His Conversation shewed, if possible, his Mind to be more wrong than ever - He had a long Conversation with Princess Amelia as if she was in the Room with him, and gave her a minute account of all the particulars of her Funeral — His Majesty went to Bed at the usual hour without reluctance, and has slept nearly six hours - While awake He worked a good deal with the Bedclothes, but was not so intractable as to require Restraint - At the visit this morning His Majesty was in good humour and very talkative - His Conversation was full of error - In talking to Dr Baillie He told Him that He was at that moment shut up in a Room in the Queen's Lodge, so that the impossibility of the same Person being in two places precisely at the same moment did not strike His Mind

Windsor Castle
Novr 10 - 1811

Dr Baillie has the honour of informing the Prince-Regent, that His Majesty passed yesterday in high spirits — He was almost constantly talking, and His conversation was addressed to imaginary persons whom He believed to be in the Room with Him — Before dinner, the ceremony yesterday was more strongly marked than usual — His Majesty still persevères in his disregard of Cleanliness, but rather in a less degree than about a week ago —

His Majesty slept three hours last night and passed the remainder of the night more quietly than usual, so that confinement was not imposed —

At our interview this morning His Majesty was in good humour, but his conversation was full of error —

Windsor Castle
Novr 11 — 1811

Windsor Castle Nov. 12
1821

Sir,

I have the honor to inform Your Royal Highness that although His Majesty began the day yesterday with a considerable degree of excitement; yet after his dinner this subsided into a state of composure and silence, which continued through the evening, and indeed through the night. His Majesty slept about three hours in his chair, and as much afterwards in bed. He has appeared good humoured this morning, and has detail'd some little stories cheerfully, and we presume correctly. Yet His Majesty has manifested some of his accustom'd false images with as much force as at any former time.

I have the honor to be,
Sir, Your Royal Highness's
Most obedient
and Humble Servant
W. Heberden

Windsor Castle Nov. 13.

Sir,

His Majesty may be said to have pass'd a good day yesterday, in as much as he was free from any considerable excitement. But I am concern'd to add that this state of tranquillity was accompanied by no corresponding improvement of the mind. His Majesty slept less than three hours last night; but was not much disturb'd, or noisy. This morning The King received us in good humour, detailed some circumstances of past times, and took up some subjects that were proposed to him. At the same time His Majesty exhibited those characters of a disordered mind, which prevented us from considering Him in any degree improved.

I have the honor to be
Sir, Your Royal Highness's
most obedient
and very humble servant
W. Heberden

Nov. 14 1811 MCD/16/3/50

Sir

I mentioned to Sir Francis Milman on Tuesday evening that Her Majesty had consented to permit Dr John Willis to assist his brother in the sick room at Windsor – when he stated to me as an anecdote of some importance, that previous to the King's 3rd illness in 1804 His Majesty had said that if Dr J. Willis were to attend Him, He verily believed He should try to destroy Himself – and on my return to Windsor last night I found Dr Heberden had reported to the Queen the same declaration. I trust, Sir, that I do not depart from the strict line of my professional duty when I acknowledge to Your Royal Highness that I think a proper attention to His Majesty's safety in the first place, and a respectful regard to the feelings of the Queen's Council in the next will justify me in asking Her Majesty to desire Her Majesty's Council to take the several opinions of the Physicians in attendance, how far they may

consider it safe, in reference to this strong declaration to make Dr Stockmar well known to the King — or at least what precautions they may recommend to ensure his introduction with impunity to His Majesty.

I am impressed the more with a sense of the necessity of this previous consultation by knowing that a state of excitement is on particularly to be avoided in the King's illness — and by having observed the formidable effects of passion in His Majesty's constitution upon the slightest possible provocations: for instance, the mention of this home of going to bed, when His Majesty has not expected such an announcement has been followed by such paroxysms of rage attended with paleness, and, I had almost said, a convulsion of the whole system, as have given rise to apprehensions of danger in the minds of all the attendants in turn — and as instances of sudden death

from never have been known, your Royal Highness will not be satisfied I am sure unless You know that every care has been taken to provide against the most remote chance of such a calamity.

Your Royal Highness remembers, I dare say, the Historian's most awful account of the Dictator Sulla's death in ancient history - who, it is said, "Spiritum ejecit et mirris commisitur Eve-nit." and the remark was made that "Sulla hominis effigiem ejecit Sullae ira". That John Hunter died in a passion we all know but it is answered that a disease of the heart rendered this fatal to him and who shall say that a disease of the brain may not produce a similar catastrophe — God forbid! that the fact should be confined to the King's case — It is too awful to look even at a possible event only, in such

a Light — and this respect to Her Majesty & your Royal Highness — to the Queen's Consort, and to ourselves induces me to take the liberty I have done in mentioning my wishes to Her Majesty — and to ask the Queen to let it be perfectly enquired into whether there is any reason whatever from the object in question —

I am Sir, most respectfully your Royal Highness's faithful Servant

Henry Halford

Nov: 14. 1841

Nov. 14 1811 MCO/16/3/51

Sir

The King continues to live in a world of his own, and to be occupied with the company of people whom His imagination supplies incessantly in the greatest abundance. His Majesty amuses himself by providing arrangements for their amusement, and He seems to be engaged all day long in concerts and entertainments.

The ceremony at dinner time yesterday was more distinct and particular than usual. In the early part of the evening His Majesty slept above three hours - and when the proper time of going to bed was announced the King burst forth into a violent storm, and was manifested by force. Nevertheless His Majesty has passed a quiet night.

Yrs'

he has slept but one hour – However, the thing is asleep at this moment, and we cannot offer your Royal Highness any intelligence of the comparative state of His Majesty's mind but what has been infer'd from his manner and conversation at an early hour this morning – From these it should seem that the character of it is precisely the same as it has been for many days past.

Sr Robert Willis has this instant received a letter from his Brother dated Monday the 11th – when he was at that instant about to get into his chaise to go to Buxton for a fortnight – The King's Messenger would overtake him, I suppose – but this will retard

his arrival here a day or two -

I am, Sir, with the highest respect, and zeal, your Royal Highness's most faithful humble Servants

Henry Halford.

Nov: 14: 1811.

Windsor Castle

Nov.r 15. 1811

Sir

The King awoke very soon after our dis-patches were sent off yesterday morning, and His Majesty received the Physicians in a kind and good humoured manner — but His discourse was confined almost entirely to a detail of what had passed in a conversation between His Majesty and the late Ps. Amelia — the preceding day — nor was the King diverted from this subject by such occasional interrupt-ions as were offered by the remarks of the Physicians, and their questions respecting His health.

His Majesty dined pretty well, after the usual ceremony, and slept in the early part of the afternoon nearly three hours with an interval of one hour spent in sleep between His sleep — The night has been one of the worst characters — His Majesty has not slept at all — and

has been noisy - violent and matters to clearness - nor did we find his Majesty accessible this morning - no single question about his health having drawn down a torrent of abuse, which precluded all further attempts to hold conversation with his Majesty -

I am, Sir, most respectfully your Royal Highness's faithful Servant

Henry Halford

Windsor Castle

Nov: 15. 1811

Nov. 16 1811

MED/16/3/58

Sir,

The state of excitement under which we left the King yesterday morning soon subsided, and His Majesty passed a better day than we expected. His Majesty's demeanour throughout the day, indicated an irritable state of nerves — and tears and laughter succeeded each other rapidly.

The King was very at dessert, and did not eat His usual quantity of food — He went to bed in a storm, but has passed, comparatively speaking, a quiet night, tho' His Majesty has slept less than three hours.

His Majesty received the Physicians in a kind good natured way this morning, and entertained them with several anecdotes — It was obvious that the King continued to be impressed by the same extravagant unnatural notions, tho' the allusions to them were often slight, and transient — Most of them however, upon which His Majesty has

doubt so perseveringly and so long were discernible in them, and there is no reason to believe that any of them are in the slightest degree weakened —

I am, Sir, most respectfully
your Royal Highness's faithful
Servant

Henry Halford

Windsor Castle
Nov: 16. 1811

Bulletin, for tomorrow —

His Majesty continues nearly in the same state —

Signed by

H Halford
Ch. Bacher
W. Heberden
R Willis

Dr Baillie has the honour of informing the Prince-Regent, that His Majesty passed yesterday upon the whole in good humour, and in good spirits — He was almost constantly amusing himself with conversation with ideal Persons, a Concert, and an Installation of the Ladies —

In the Evening there was a Storm of Passion which soon subsided — His Majesty went to bed by his own desire and quietly a little before the usual hour — He slept four hours and a half, and altho when awake He adjusted a good deal the Bedclothes, He did not require confinement —

This morning His Majesty received His Medical Attendants in good humour, but His Conversation was very silly and very wrong —

Windsor Castle
Novr 17 — 1811

Dr Baillie has the honour of informing the Prince Regent, that His Majesty passed yesterday upon the whole quietly — He was sometimes occupied in Conversation with Imaginary Persons, but was chiefly engaged with a Concert, which He gave to Ladies, many of whom have been long since dead —

Immediately before Dinner there was a Storm, but it soon subsided and He took His Dinner tolerably well — He said that He was prevented from taking the Sacrament by the Pashey Washeys —

His Majesty went to Bed at the usual Hour without Reluctance, and slept four hours uninterruptedly — While awake He wrestled a good deal with the Bedclothes but He was not so turbulent as to require Restraint — This morning His Majesty was so irascible that it was hardly possible to have any Conversation with Him — The little that He said, however, shewed His distempered Ideas to be in their full force —

Windsor
Novr 18 — 1811

Sir,

His Majesty was generally quiet through the last day, though liable to fits of irritation. His Majesty was sometimes engaged in addressing ideal company, at other times he was silent, or amused with his Harpsichord. He slept about three hours and an half in the night, and was free from turbulence. This morning His Majesty did not shew any anger; but he was altogether more than usually engrossed by false images, and that, without any interposition of what was real, or natural.

I have the honor to be

Sir, Your Royal Highness's

Most obedient

and humble Servant

W. Heberden

Windsor Castle
19 Nov. 1811

Dr John Willis arrived at Windsor yesterday evening.

Windsor Castle Nov. 20.

Sir,

I am sorry to inform Your Royal Highness, that His Majesty had yesterday more uninterrupted delusion, with less irritation, than usual. His Majesty slept three hours in course of the day. at night he slept about two hours more, and was free from any considerable disturbance. This morning the King has appeared very irascible, but without any thing besides to distinguish this day from several days preceding -

I have the honor to be,
Sir, Your Royal Highness's
most dutiful
& humble Servant
W. Aberdeen

Nov. 21. 1811 MGD/16/2/58

Sir,

I learnt on my arrival at the Castle last night that His Majesty had passed the day as ill as he had done any one of the last six weeks - In fact the King was under Restraint from one o'clock till five - had eaten no dinner - and was gone to bed before seven - The King slept from seven till nearly eleven with a short interruption - and has slept about forty minutes more in the night - but His Majesty was as accessible to the Physicians this morning as yesterday from the vio-lence of his manner - and we had no conversation at all - From the nature of His Majesty's discourse throughout the night and this morning

it is clear that the mind is not less
disempaired than it was — and it
is melancholy to find that Dr Robertson
Willis is clearly of opinion that
the King is worse than he was
six weeks ago — In what foundation
therefore the reports of improvement
made by Drs Simmons and Monro
can rest I cannot conceive — but
I take it for granted that the Privy
Council will hesitate until Saturday
to give full credit to their intelligence
however acceptable it might be
if true.

I gave your Royal Highness a full
-conveile message to the Prince Mary-

who was much delighted with it –

I should be happy to hear Your Royal Highness was able to be moved to London – but I fear it is too probable that I may still have the opportunity on Saturday of opening Your Royal Highness at Oatlands how much I am, Sir, and how respectfully one of Your Royal Highness' faithful Servts

Henry Halford.

Windsor Castle

Nov: 21. 1871.

Qu Nov. 21. 1811 ?

Sir

I am grieved to hear that your Royal Highness's stomach has suffered sickness to day –

I left every thing at Windsor in as sad a state as I have seen it at any time these six weeks past – The Council met numerously, I believe every Member there excepting Ld Winchilsea –

Lords Eldon and Ellenborough & Sir William Grant saw the King at Windsor – and came away convinced of the deplorable state of affairs – Indeed this is the worst day we have had for a long time – and I am not without an apprehension of a Paroxysm – yet I think I have seen as much threatening

of a storm blew over —

I shall myself at your Royal Highness's feet at half past eleven tomorrow morning — and am most devotedly, Sir, your Royal Highness's faithful servant

Henry Halford

¼ before 6 —

Windsor Castle. Nov: 22. 1811.

Sir

We lament that I have to inform your Royal Highness that His Majesty was again inaccessible to us when we made our usual visit this morning, our several questions respecting His Majesty's health being immediately answered by heavy denunciations. This state of irascibility prevailed throughout yesterday – and in one of the storms of passion The King was more than usually forgetful of what was decent. I should regret this exclamation less, I confess, if in the intervals of his bursts of indignation His Majesty's mind appeared interested and occupied by real objects of life and nature – but the King lives constantly in a world of

his own, and creates amusement and business for himself out of subjects which have no foundation in reason or truth in the society of persons who have cease to exist for ages.

His Majesty ate his dinner pretty well yesterday – and has slept about four hours in the course of the last day and night.

I am, Sir, most respectfully
Your Royal Highness' faithful servt

Henry Halford

Sir

The irritability in His Majesty which had prevailed so continually throughout the greater part of the week abated gradually yesterday, and the King became good humoured, and contented before dinner. His Majesty ate well - and amused himself with his harpsichord - That the same wrong impressions were in full force was obvious from the manner of His entertainment which appeared directed altogether to the amusement of the company of His own fancy. The King went to bed quietly, and has slept almost four hours - and about visit this morning preserved His good humour even under an attempt to correct one of His erroneous notions - We are not able to infer more from the whole from observing than that the same disease of the

mind is not at this moment accompanied by so much irritation of the temper.

I am Sir, most respectfully
your Royal Highness's faithful Servt

Henry Halford

Windsor Castle
Nov. 23. 1811.

Bulletin for tomorrow.

His Majesty continues
nearly in the same state.

Signed H. Halford
M. Barlee
W. Heberden
J. Willis
R. Willis.

Nov 24 1811

Dr Baillie has the honour of informing the Prince-Regent, that His Majesty passed yesterday quietly — He amused Himself with His ideal Company & His Harpsichord and did not once advert either to the introduction of Dr John Willis or to the Council — When He went to Bed (which was at his own desire about eight O'Clock) His Majesty even said it had been a comfortable day as nothing had occurred to disturb Him — His Majesty slept about four hours & a quarter last night, and while awake adjusted the Bedclothes very little —

When Dr John Willis's name was announced at the interview this morning His Majesty got into a passion, but it very soon subsided — He did not refer at all to his introduction yesterday — His Majesty at the interview spoke in good humour — He mentioned several of His distempered notions, and related an anecdote or two about the late Lord Dorchester (Sir Guy Carleton) and Lord Howe —

Windsor Castle
Nov 24 — 1811

Nov 24 1811 MED/16/3/63

Dr Baillie has the honour of informing the Prince Regent, that His Majesty passed yesterday in the usual manner — He was often talking to ideal Persons, was sometimes making ridiculous marriage Matches, and sometimes was playing on His Harpsichord —

At Dinner the ceremony was longer than usual, and there was a great deal of turbulence & Anger which soon subsided —

His Majesty went to Bed at the usual hour without reluctance, but His conversation then was perhaps more silly & childish than has yet been witnessed —

His Majesty slept in the night three hours & 25 minutes, and adjusted the Clothes less than usual —— His conversation this morning was good humoured, and had some mixture of Anecdote — Upon Dr J. Willis's name being announced He did not burst into a Passion, but took no notice of Him

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Sir,

I have the honor to inform Your Royal Highness that His Majesty's disorder bears quite the same character which it has done for some time past. The King exhibited a good deal of irritability yesterday, but was frequently still & silent. The introduction of Dr John Willis has not appeared to produce any particular excitement; and His Majesty has used only general expressions of dislike when Dr Willis has thought fit to address him. The King slept three hours & a quarter in the night, and was generally quiet. There has been some irritability and some trifling this morning, and nothing of a natural or reasonable character -

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your Royal Highness's
most obedient & humble Servt.
W. Aberdeen

Windsor Castle Nov. 27

Sir,

I have the honor to inform Your Royal Highness, that His Majesty was less irritable yesterday than he had been the day preceding. With regard to the actual state of His Majesty's disorder, there is no apparent change. His Majesty slept little more than two hours in the night, but was generally quiet. This morning we witness'd a great degree of anger directed against Dr John Willis, especially upon his resisting some of His Majesty's extravagancies; yet in the midst of this passion He shewd great quick-ness and discernement. In fact there is no appearance of decay in the powers of the body, or mind, though His Majesty has indeed very little control from reason, or judgment, or natural feeling -

I am, Sir,
Your Royal Highness's
most obedient
& very humble servant
W. Heberden

Nov. 29 1811

Sir

His Majesty passed the last twenty four hours in a state of great irritability - the violent & precipitous paroxysm occurred only occasionally. The King dined yesterday without so much of the preliminary religious ceremony as usual, and slept three hours in the course of the evening - but awoke in the same temper, and it was necessary to carry His Majesty to bed, and to undress Him by force.

The King slept four hours in the course of the night - but the same irritability prevails this morning; and it appeared to us after having put two or three questions to His Majesty, in vain, more prudent

Entire, than to risque an increase of excitement by frequent ineffectual attempts at conversation.

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

Henry Halford

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Sir

The King's demeanour throughout yesterday was more unsatisfactory than usual. His Majesty was under so much irritation while dressing in the morning, and at the time of his meals that he could not govern himself at all – and he threw away his food altogether. Soon after one o'clock His Majesty's manner was so violent and untractable as to require the restraint for some hours. When this was removed His Majesty took Cocoa in ample quantity. In the evening the King's conduct and conversation was much in contrast with what we had observed in the morning; and we were as much distressed to remark a levity in His discourse equally abhorrent from His Majesty's deportment when in health and in possession of His reason.

The King has slept but three quarters

open home in the night, and we do not find any thing comfortable to rest upon in all our observations at the usual visit this morning.

I am, Sir, most respectfully
Your Royal Highness's faithful Servt

Henry Halford

Nov: 30th 1811.

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Bull^n. for tomorrow.

His Majesty continues nearly in the same state.

Signed by all the Physicians.