

An accurate statement of His Royal Highness Prince William Henry's Health, from the Twenty fourth of March 1786, to the present Period — Including the time of the Pegasus fitting out at Plymouth, the passage to America, from thence through the W. India Islands, the return to America, and back to England.

His Royal Highness appeared in the possession of good Health, during the whole time of fitting the Ship out, except once a slight affection of the Stomach attended with Giddiness, which was removed in a few Hours — And a slight Rheumatic pain in the Leg, occasioning for some Days a difficulty of walking but not producing any other effect — Soon after the sailing from Plymouth, which was early in June, a Gonorrhoea visulenta appeared: as application was made immediately, and the Symptoms were not severe,

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it required only a very mild Treatment - Before it totally disappeared, a Rheumatic Attack took place; seizing the Right Hypogastric Region, and Thigh of the same side: attended with severe pain. This first pointed out the tendency of His Royal Highness' Constitution to a Phlogistic Diathesis. When Recovered, His Royal Highness' Health continued good till the Arrival of the Ship in the W. Indies, where He had repeated, severe Attacks of Fever: happily removed by timely Application, joined with a strict conformity to the Aid of Medicine. A Venereal Infection contracted soon after the arrival in the W. Indies, appeared with Chancres on the Glans Penis, and Inflammation in the Right Testis. By internal Medicines, & Operation, the Disease was entirely removed, and no Complaint or Symptom of any kind remained. Neither Injury to the Constitution, or Predisposition to any Disease - The Attacks of Fever were many, and although short, the consequence produced, was a general Debility, & Relaxation of the Habit, with great Depression of the Spirits.

The Spasmodic affection of the Stomach, and the whole Intestinal Canal in these Attacks, were certain Indications that Fevers of a more Bilious Type, must have been the consequence of remaining longer in that Climate - The change to a Northern Air prevented this, still the effects of the extreme Heat continued to show in the Constitution, and it was not till after His Royal Highness had been a considerable Time in America, that He recovered; having once there, had a return of the Fever - This seemed to terminate the Disorders occasioned by the Hot Climate.

On the Passage Home His Royal Highness enjoy'd good Health, and has continued so, except a slight Catarrhal complaint soon after His Arrival at Plymouth, & which has now left Him.

Although His Royal Highness observed the strictest regularity in preserving His Constitution, during the whole of His continuance in the W. Indies, nevertheless on maturely weighing the circumstances of His Constitution, & frequent febrile Attacks which He suffered, and serious effects produced on the habit during the Period of a few Months
only,

The Opinion must be given, that it will be improper
for His Royal Highness to return to a Climate where
Health is so very precarious, & Disease so suddenly fatal
and that should He be under the necessity of going,
His stay there, should be as short as possible.

Plymouth,
March 9th 1768.

And for further satisfaction We
beg leave to observe, that His Royal Highness's Constitution
has been for many Months past, and is at present,
perfectly free from any venereal Taint, or Effects
produced from the Use of Mercurial Medicines —

M. Fidge
L. Wright.

Report of Surgeon
Williams Health
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