

Transcript of the letter GEO/ADD/2/9, with some abbreviations filled out for ease of reading.

Before Your Majesty gives an answer to the application for your permission to place under your authority, the direction & appointment of the King's Household, thereby to disjoin from the difficult & arduous office which I am call'd upon to fill, the accustom'd & necessary support & dignity w[hic]h have hitherto belong'd to it. Permit me with every sentiment of duty & affection towards Your Majesty, to entreat your attentive perusal of the Papers which I have the honor to enclose. They contain a sketch of the Plan now propos'd to be carried into execution as communicated to me by Mr Pitt & the sentiments which reason & duty suggested to my mind in answer to that communication. It is also my earnest wish to be permitted to lodge authentick Copies of this Correspondence in Your Majesty's Hands, confiding that whenever it shall please Providence to remove the malady with w[hic]h the King my Father is now unhappily afflicted, Your Majesty in justice to me, & to those of the Royal Family whose affectionate & cordial concurrence [new page] & support I have receiv'd th[r]o' the whole of the critical situation in which I have been plac'd will take the fittest & earliest opportunity of submitting to his royal perusal, this just explanation of the true grounds & principles upon which we have acted, & I have solemnly repeat to Your Majesty that among those Principles there is not one which has guided or now influences my mind, so much as the firm persuasion I have that my conduct in endeavouring to maintain unimpaired & undivided the just rights, Prerogatives & dignity of the Crown in the Person of the King's Representative is the only Line of conduct which would entitle me to His Majesty's approbation, or enable me to stand with confidence & without self-reproach in his Presence, on the happy Day of his recovery, & on the contrary I have the same firm persuasion that those who under colour of respect & attachment [new page] to his royal Person have contriv'd this project for weakening and degrading the executive authority of the Empire will be considered by Him, as having risk'd the Peace & Happiness of his People for the purpose of their own interested ambition & as hav[ing] shaken the security of the Throne by establishing a fatal Precedent, which may hereafter be urged against his own authority, or be revived in various Pretences against the Rights of his Successors. In speaking of my opinion of the motives which may have actuated the Proposers of this Scheme, I trust I need not assure Your Majesty, that the perfect duty & affection I ever have felt For Your Majesty, have never suffer'd me for a single moment, to consider You as countenancing in the slightest degree their plan or their purposes. I have the firmest reliance on Your Majesty's early declaration to me on the subject of Publick Affairs, at the commencement of our common calamity, & whatever may be the effects of evil [new page] & interested advisors, I have the same confidence that Your Majesty will never permit nor endure that the influence of your respected name should be profan'd for the purpose of distressing the Government, & insulting the Person of your Son. How far those who are manifestly pressing both these objects, may be encourag'd in their purpose by Your Majesty's acceptance of the Powers of State denied to me, I will not presume to say. The Proposition itself has assumed the form of a Resolution of Parliament, & therefore I leave unsaid much of what I feel & apprehend upon the subject. Your Majesty however will, I doubt not, do Me & Yourself the justice to weigh the opinions I form'd & entertain'd before the two Houses had adopted the present Plan & with those before you, which I have the honor to submit, will enable Your Majesty's own judgment to decide upon. Actuated as I am sure you will be, by your duty to my Father, & by your constant affection to Your Children I feel the firmest reliance on the Principle that nothing [new page] will ever prevail upon you to lend your countenance to any Councils, that can in the smallest degree be liable to even the suspicion or rumour of having consented to adopt measures, that were likely to interrupt in the slightest degree that harmony & affection that has ever

invariably prevail'd hitherto, & [which] it shall continue the constant object of my wish to cherish & promote. I remain, with the sentiments of the truest affection & inviolable respect,
Madam, Your Majesty's dutiful and affectionate Son

George R

Carlton House, Jan. 30th 1789