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Since the unfortunate Hour on which your Majesty's Illness has deprived your Majesty's Children and Family of Your Protection & Guidance their Situation & particularly the Situation of the Prince of Wales has been full of Difficulty and Embarrassment.

The Prince & the whole Royal Family were left to act for themselves while the whole Power of the Crown and all the Influence of Office in & out of Parliament was in the hands of Persons who from the beginning the Princes had just reason to apprehend & had afterwards from Experience but too good reason to know & feel did not entertain very favourable Dispositions towards them & who far from treating them with the kindness & attention which the Princes had reason to expect [new page] from those who had been under such great Obligations to your Majesty's Favour, have done every thing in their Power to alienate from them the minds of Yr. Majesty's People & to heap every sort of Indignity on the whole Royal Family without any Distinction neither as we conceive have they been as attentive as they were in duty obliged to be to the preservation of Yr Majesty's just Prerogatives & the legal rights of the Crown

In this delicate & critical situation it required the utmost degree of Prudence & Circumspection in the Prince of Wales to avoid furnishing a Pretext for further Injuries & Insults & to submit in Silence to many Things in order to preserve some appearance of legal Government in the Nation & in order that Yr Majesty's just Authority during Yr Illness should not receive some more dangerous wound.

The Prince & the Royal Family have just cause to apprehend that Attempts will be made to misrepresent their Conduct but they trust in Yr Majesty's paternal goodness & in ye Justice which Yr Majesty has never refused to the humblest of Yr Subjects, that whenever Yr Majesty shall judge it you may attend to Your Majesty's Affairs without prejudice to your Health, that Yr Majesty will be graciously pleased to suspend a Determination upon any Plan, that may be suggested by Yr Ministers until those of your own Blood are enabled to lay before your Majesty & submit to Yr Royal & fatherly Judgment a full & fair representation of the Circumstances in which they have stood & the Steps which have been taken on all sides in Yr Majesty's Affairs publick & private since your Illness.