

The Queen  
to  
The Prince of  
Wales

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the original]

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My dearest Son. If I had not a very  
good Conscience Y<sup>r</sup> Letter would have  
puzzled me indeed, but as I have no-  
thing to reproach myself with & You  
choose to Accuse I can only say in an-  
swer, that I demand an explanation  
For it is clear that when a Person  
keeps Silent upon every Subject as I do  
& have done, I cannot plead guilty.

One thing only I have to aid, As You  
say that people of less quickness of Feeling  
than Yourself perceive & regret my beha-  
viour towards You, may I beg to ~~know~~  
be informed who they are, as it may will  
put it in my power to contradict those  
reports that have been circulated ~~about~~



which though perfectly false too must  
Naturally have such the Spirit of a Poem  
& I trust You are too just to deny of  
this Demand.

I am very much obliged to You  
for having so immediately named  
Miss Boulton as Maid of Honor I hope  
& trust she will be deserving of  
this Favour.

3<sup>rd</sup> Parent