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My dearest Son. Your Letter was delivered but a few minutes, before the Committee of both Houses came to me by my own appointment. Considering the Proposition as a Resolution of Parliament, I thought only one answer could be given to it. And, if Your suggestions had come in time, they are not sufficiently particular to furnish an alternative.

I saw Nothing in the address of the two Houses, but their Desire to charge me with a Trust, which, in all private Respects was my Duty before, with such Powers as seemed to them necessary for that purpose. That tender, and anxious Office I have endeavoured to perform, ever since the Melancholy occasion arose; and I have no views beyond it.

How the Kings Government is to be carried Administered, what provisions are to be made for replacing it in His hands, and what stile of dignity should attend His Person in the mean Time

are considerations, upon which I can form no adequate
Judgement.

If the care of so great a Person is thought by the Public
necessarily to draw after it an establishment, which is really
capable of being abused in the manner You represent, I must
consider even that circumstance as a mark of Their confidence,
that no such abuse will be attempted.

Conscious of my Claim to Your Affection and Confidence,
I believe You without Hesitation, when You assure me,
that You depend upon my Duty to the King, and my con-
stant affection to my Children, for preserving harmony
& mutual Kindness in the Family. Nor can I omit to
thank You from my Heart for this solemn promise, that
It shall continue the constant Object of Your wish
to cherish and promote it.

When it shall please God to restore the King to Us
and the Nation, I will not fail to lay before Him Every

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te. Paper, and make every other representation, which You
may wish to convey through me: for I shall resume with
joy the Office, in which I have always delighted, of Conci-
liating and maintaining the harmony of my Family.

How long our common calamity may last, God, who
inflicts it, alone can foresee. In the mean time You
will easily conceive, how much of my consolation must
depend on preserving the affection of my Family.

I am my dearest Son

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Your very affectionate

The 1st February

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Queen's Letter in
answer to the Prince
on the subject of the
restrictions

The Queen

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The Prince of Wales

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