

Lord Chancellor
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From the
Chancellor

The Prince of Wales

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Nov. 30. 1780.

The King's Illness

Upon communicating to Lord Weymouth
your Royal Highness's wish, that he should
be present at sealing up the King's papers
at Windsor, he answered (of course) that,
if these were your Royal Highness's
commands, there could be no question, or
hesitation about obeying them. But he
begged leave to suggest, first, whether
it would not be still more delicate and
respectful to the King to bring the drawers
other repositories unopened to New, and deposit
them there in some safe place: secondly,
if the papers are to be in any manner sorted
and packed, that can only be done with
tolerable neatness by some hands used to
the packing of Papers. These are to be had

only from some publick office; and
most properly from the Secretary's
of State. He therefore wished to
submit to your Royal Highness, how
far it would be thought convenient
to draw a business into private hands,
which in several respects seemed to
belong to the Secretary of State, especially
if his Clerks were to be employed
in it. These suggestions appeared to
deserve so much consideration, that the
Chancellor has thought it his Duty to
lay them before your Royal Highness.

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