Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

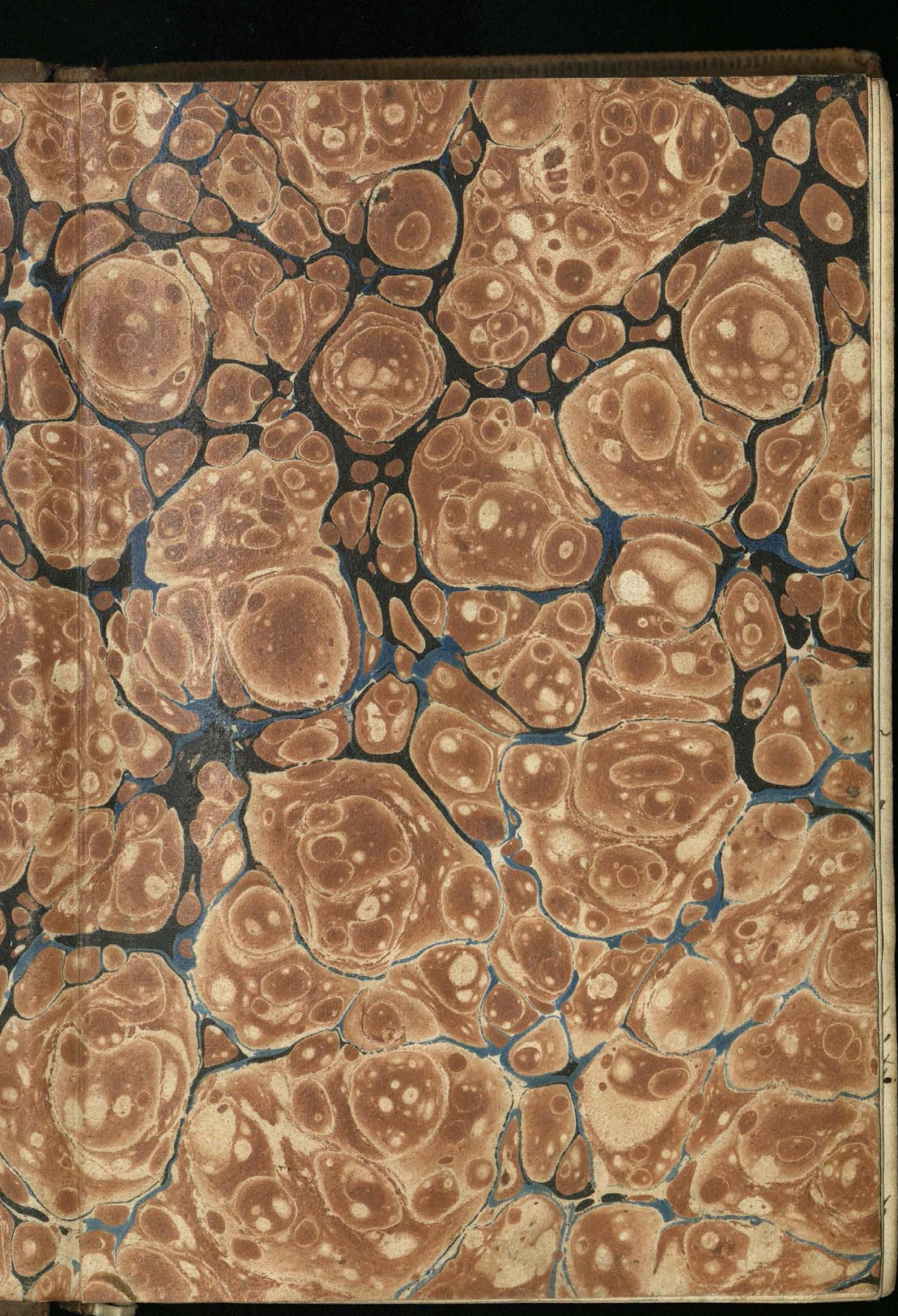
ROBERT FULKE GREVILLE MSS. II

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

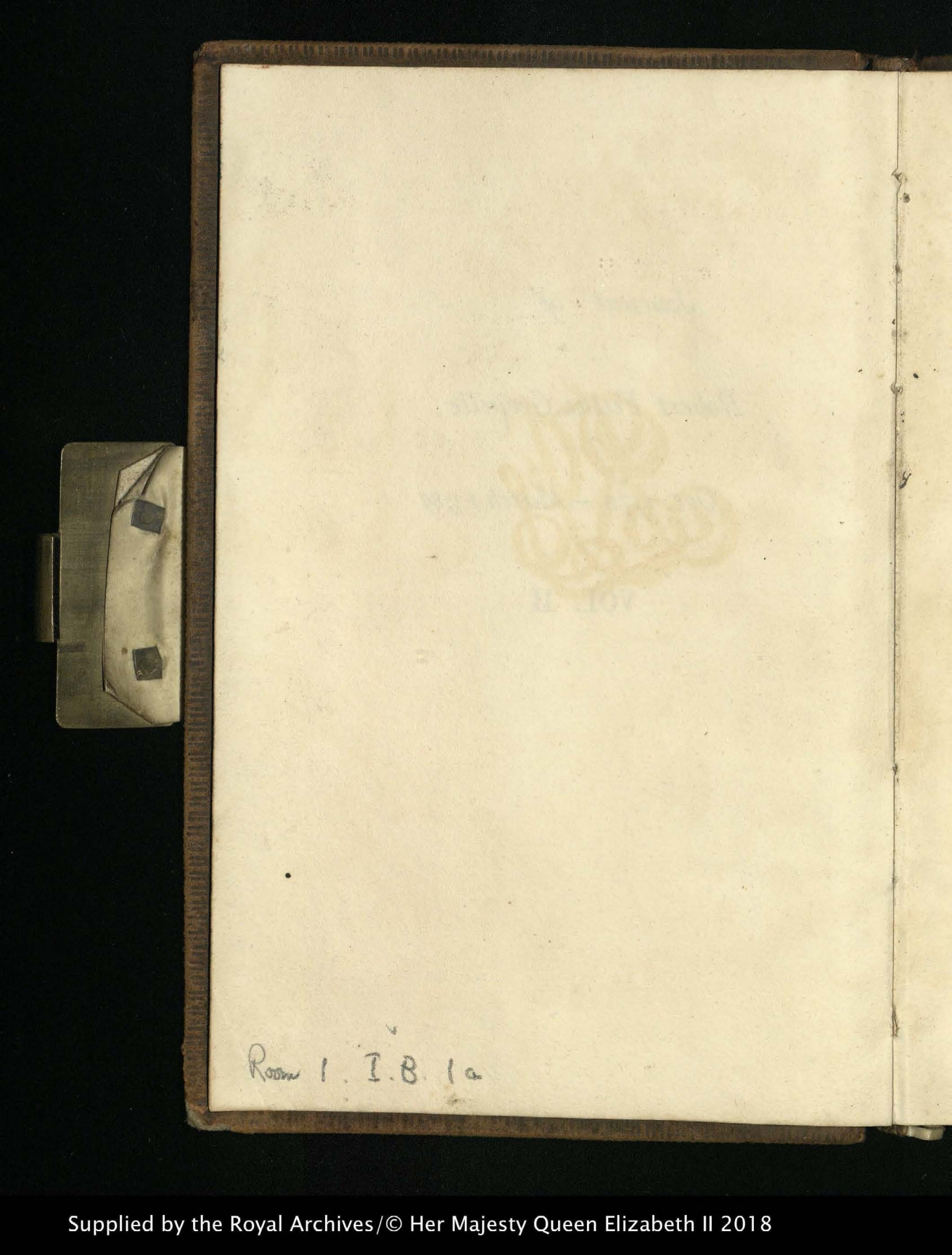
KIRTON,
Stationer,
1. G.t Portland Street.



Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018



Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018



Room 1. I.B. 1a

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

Edward N. Buck Slater
Carlton Club
London S.W.



Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

Journal

of His Majesty's most serious & afflicting

Illness,

which begun the latter end of October in the year 1788 at the Queen's Lodge Windsor —

This Journal was daily continued by Me on the Spot, both at The Queen's Lodge at Windsor, & at Kew Palace, to which latter place His Majesty was removed from Windsor, in the course of this Illness. ——

1788.

His Majesty had not long recovered from an Illness at Kew, before unpleasant Symptoms of interrupted Health appeared at his after residence at the Queen's Lodge at Windsor, & which was attended by new & unfavorable appearances in his manner —

Those around Him perceived a change in his manner, & in his temper, & thought His Majesty had become more peevish than He used to be. He now talked much more than usual, & spoke to every body, on strange varieties of Subjects.

His incessant talking became at last so remarkable, that it was thought necessary to recommend H: M: to be a little more silent; His Physician Sir George Baker accordingly hinted to Him, that it was Essential to his health to be

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

less frequent & earnest in his conversations, which He did not take amiss, but on the contrary thanked Him for his advice — They continued however much the same after this — Those around Him frequently reminded Him that He was talking too much, & He often desisted on the hint —

Succeeding symptoms of approaching disorder appearing, it was judged necessary to propose His Majesty's removal to an apartment seperate from the Queen's — With difficulty this was acceded to, but on condition that the Queen would promise to sleep in the next bedchamber to that in which He was to remove — This change took place on Wednesday the 5th of Novr. 1788.

In the night H. M. found an opportunity of getting out of his Bed, & taking a Candle He open'd the Queen's Apartment, & coming gently to the bedside, He open'd the Curtains & looked in — Miss Gr. who slept in the Queen's Room, & Her Majesty, were much alarmed — The King looking Earnestly at the Queen, said "I will confess the Truth, I thought You "had deceived Me, & that You was not here" He then expressed his satisfaction at not having been deceived, & with little persuasion He returned to his own room.

The next night the Queen was advised to remove to a more distant part of the Lodge at Windsor — The Doors of Her Apartments were fastened, & the King's bedchamber was afterwards constantly watched — Novr 6th — This night however H. M. contrived somehow

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

to slip past those who were in the room, & Entering the adjoining one He there saw H. R. H. The Duke of York Genl. De Budé* & Colonel Digby.†† He seem'd much surprised at seeing Them there, & ask'd what they did in that room — His intention seems to have been to go to the Queen — Instantly all endeavor'd to persuade H. M. to to return to his own room, observing to Him, that He would catch cold — Colonel Digby then fixing his Eyes steadfastly on H. M. took Him by both Hands, & Gently prest his return. The King looked at the Duke of York & exclaimed, "Oh My Boy" & soon after He was persuaded to return to his bed —

After this occurrence a regular & a constant watch was kept over Him, & this important charge was with His Majesty's Equerries (who all came to Windsor as soon as they heard of His majesty's alarming Illness) & with his Pages.

Sunday Novr. 9th — Great Agitation & much incoherence in thought & expressions — continued through the two preceding days, to this — Dwelt on Religion — Heberden, & The Trinity often named The Queen &c &c —

Had only two hours sleep this Night. ——

Monday Novr. 10th At waking the same disturbed rambling continued, & all the late unfavorable Symptoms remain'd the same & unabated — This Night much the same as the last in all respects — Pulse 84. ——

Tuesday Novr. 11th There was less agitation of thought this day but the ramblings continued constant — In the Evening H. M.

* Genl. Budé — of The Hanoverian Service & In The Duke of York's Family
†† Colonel Digby Vice Chamberlain to The Queen.

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

had 3 hours & ½ Sleep, but on waking the same incoherence & wildness appeared, but not of that distressed & puzzled nature as before — often laughing & joking —
I have remarked, that H. M. has never yet spoke German to any of his Pages, except to those who could speak that language —
Hitherto He has known People, but the clearness of this recollection at times has appeared but transitory —
I saw Him this Night sit up & Eat his Supper, & afterwards take his draught — The former He Eat as well, & seemingly as composed as Ever, but the ramblings continued, & were more wild than before, amounting alas to an almost total suspension of reason ——
No Sleep this Night — The Talking incessant throughout —
Wednesday Nov.r 12th. ——
In the Morning constant rambling of thought continued, yet still at times recollecting Persons around Him by Name —
H. M. was quiet until 11 o'clock this day — after that time to 1 o'clock He became more loud, & his Voice more exerted than I had ever heard it, & He became much agitated, & the subjects changed — He now talked much of Eton College of The Boys rowing &c but every thing He mentioned was with great hurry & agitation — at length this Extreme agitation, continued through the two last hours, caused a Violent perspiration — He called to have the Windows opened, & complained of burning — He was prevailed upon to drink some Barley Water, after which He laid down

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

with more calmness for a little time, & sleep seemed likely, but after a short interval the same agitation of thought begun again, & continued –

H. M.ty pulse this day, was strong & quick, & from 90. to 96.

About 3 o'clock this day He became more violent & his talking was hurried & agitated to a great degree, & in consequence He put Himself in a violent perspiration. At this time his pulse rose to 130, but being occasioned more from agitation of Spirits, the Fever soon after became less, but at five o'clock this Evening, H. M. became exceedingly turbulent, & made strong efforts to get out of bed – His exertions with great agitation of Words, continued about an hour. He afterwards became more composed, but the rambling remained ——

This Night I sat up with H. M.ty, during the first part of which the ramblings were great, but afterwards He was for some hours more composed than He had been throughout most part of the day, drinking Barley Water, & taking his draughts without the least objection – On being first asked if He would have some Barley water, & assenting, preparation was made in the next room for getting some, but for a change it was proposed to offer Him some Water Gruel – The Page told Him when He offered it to Him, that He had brought Him some very good Gruel – The King who was about to drink it, stopped, & said He prefered Barley Water, & asked if He might have some – Being asked

7

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

if it was his pleasure to have it changed He said Yes with much apparent satisfaction, waited for it, & then drank it with much composure, & lay afterwards more quiet—

His Pulse now 86. _____

About five hours after, viz about 3 o Clock, K. M.r had a violent struggle, jerking very strongly with his Arms & Legs, but made no attempt to rise — His pulse at this time rose to 110. Three quarters of an hour after this, He became quite recollected, during which time the opportunity was taken of making Him more comfortable, by changing the Sheets & Blankets, & at which He expressed much satisfaction. Immediately after He was put to bed, & sitting up in it, He talked of being shaved, & proposed to clean his mouth. Water being brought to Him for this purpose He did it as well as could be, washing his Mouth & gargelling his throat as well ever in his usual Habits.

At this time He appeared to me more collected than I had seen Him since his illness began — He asked how many days He had been confined to his bed, looked round at his Attendants with attention, & smiled, & nodded to Them frequently — He then laid down & said it was most comfortable to get clean things, & then recollecting Himself He desired He might change his linnen — All this He did as well as could be, & on one of his Pages offering to assist Him in putting on his flannel Waistcoat He said, "No Sir, I can do

8

"that for Myself, when I have the use of My own Hands."

On laying down He promised to Endeavour to compose Himself, & Said He would sleep if He could; & indeed it was now particularly desireable He should have some rest, as He had been without sleep for above 29 Hours.

I have remarked that most commonly, when H: M:ty sat up in his bed, that He was more collected ~~[illegible]~~ & sensible, than in a recumbent posture — & I now watched Him at this particular time, & found, that when He returned to this position He began immediately to wander, & lose Himself, tho' now His ramblings were more moderate ——

I communicated My observations to the Attendant Physicians, who upon recollection was convinced that the difference existed — During the rest of this Night H. M:ty seem'd composing, tho' He had not got to sound Sleep when I was relieved at 5 o'clock in the morning — but He fell into sound Sleep soon after, slept however but one hour, & awoke more composed. — Pulse 94. ——

Thursday Nov:r 13th The ramblings continued, but they were more moderate — They afterwards increased — About the middle of the day H. M:ty fell asleep for two hours & awoke composed — About ½ past one had sleep again & slept sound until the Physicians went into his room about 8 o'clock in the Evening — He awoke with more composure & recollection than He had obtained since his illness, & remained for a longer time so. He drank

9

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

his Tea & eat bread & butter with appetite — He knew Every body & conversed rationally with all — He arranged his Watches & seemed more cheerful & like Himself, & We all entertained hopes of much good & amendment, by a night's sound rest — All at this time wore a more favorable aspect, & countenances became more cheerful around Him —

At 11 o'clock this night H. M. slept soundly until 2 o'clock in the Morning, but alas at Waking his ramblings returned, & damped our eager hopes —

Friday Nov: 14th The ramblings continued — Still H. M. knew & distinguished his Attendants, but speaking to them in short incoherent sentences; He seemed to suffer & complained much of heat & burning — His Pulse was a strong one of 88, & which sometimes became higher.

Throughout this day tho' constant rambling has been with Him, still there has often been marked congruity & memory — It is very puzzling to form opinions where all is so unsettled, but I must believe, every thing considered, that H. M.ty has rather gained ground, & that hopes should not be given up.

Saturday Nov: 15th — His Majesty had during the last night altogether about Six hours sleep, & the public report of this day was, that He was rather better; My opinion however was not influenced by this report, & soon I have not observed that amendment, which has been more generally believed — The Incoherencies

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

of the conversations of this day have been greater on the whole than yesterday, & give no additional hopes of returning reason, however tho' the amendment has not appeared to me so great this day as to some others, I still am inclined to believe, that amendment continues in some degree. Within the last 48 hours there has been much sleep, & less agitated thought than there has been, tho' the general turn of thought have invariably continued incoherent & rambling, yet the whole system seems altogether more quiet. When there is sleep, where before there was none, & when less restlessness & spirits, & less agitation of ideas prevails, I think it may be inferred, that some amendment has taken place since the Attack began - Now every succeeding day comes on with the most anxious Expectations, which it is much to be hoped will not be kept much longer in that lingering suspence which has hitherto attended them.

H. M.ty yesterday & today has alter'd his Diet a little, & has eat mash'd potatoes with appetite - During the two last days She has been more manageable, & often very composed & collected, but not so for any length of time - Yesterday one of My Brother Equerries rather inconsiderately went in - The King of course knew him, as at this time He did all around him, but this interrupted a little the System of the Attendants which was going on very well, as instantly He now express'd strong preference to his Equerries, & he became

11

anxious for their attendance, rather than that of his Pages—
After this Visit K. M. was constantly calling for his Equerries by Name, & sending for them — Some went, others did not, for it had been a measured arrangement by the Physicians that the Pages were to be in constant attendence in K. M. Apartments, & the Equerries at hand in the next room.

The King spoke kindly at this time of all of them, as to where they were lodged, & desired that none of them should have apartments any where but in the Queen's Lodge — Being informed that they were all under his Roof, he expressed his satisfaction very strongly.
From existing circumstances apprehensions were Entertained that new Persons about him would hurry his thoughts too much, therefore the Physicians thought it advisable at this time, to let all attendance return to the same system which had been hitherto adopted, & it was now determined to keep K. M.ty Equerries as much from him as possible at present — Orders were accordingly given to this Effect, but as yet it has been impossible to obey them implicitly, as the Kings anxious wishes, & these so often repeated to have his Equerries, inclined the Physicians to relax in their Injunction, by indulging his Wishes partially — Accordingly Two Equerries have been with K. M. this day for a short time —
I have been called by Name, & sent for more than once, but hitherto I have not been introduced —

12

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

I fear much just now from flurry of new subjects, considering as I do, that much is on a very nice balance at present, with our Dear King.

Throughout the whole of this day H.M. has continued talking & incessantly on greater variety of Subjects than before, but does not dwell long on any, tho' He often comes back to the same — On whatever subject He talks, He connects circumstances still with tolerable precision, as well as Situations — Mentioning Uxbridge this day, He included Denham & that neighbourhood accurately. He has spoke much this day of his recovery, observing (poor Man) that He has been very ill, but that He is well now, & says that He has been light headed — Among many directions which have occupied Him, He desired Col. Goldsworthy today to go to Eton to get the Boys a Holiday on account of his recovery — To prepare the Queen for the firing of the Guns at 12 o'Clock on the same occasion, & ordering the Dettingen Te Deum to be sung in Church &c &c.

In the Evening sensible (without prompting) that He was talking very fast, He altered & spoke in the third Person — "The King did so — The King thinks so" This correction He thus Explained, "I speak in the third "person, as I am getting into Mr Burke's Eloquence, saying "too much on Little things" This led Him to mention Lord Liverpool, & the Chancellor, "I like said H.M. the latter best, "tho' He was in opposition for a short time, but then it was only

13

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

"for a moment when He was grum, & He can be grum at times
"to this day" — Such has been the turn of conversation through-
=out this day, mixed however at times with many incoherencies.

I think I forsee from late occurrences, that H.M. will
ere long give more trouble to his Attendants than hitherto.
Already He talks of the many plans He has in view, when He
gets up, & which Event is to take place tomorrow, when He
says He shall put on his Boots & dress Himself.

In the course of this day H.M. has seen The Duke of York
whom He received without that Agitation which had been
apprehended, & after a short Interview He released Him
with composure — His pulse through this day has been more
moderate, & from 80 to 84 — ———

Sunday 4 of Nov. 16th — During the last Night H.M. has had
sleeps at Intervals from 10 o'clock until near 3 — The
Intervals were very short as He generally woke every
half hour. From ½ after 3 o'clock to 5, a sound Sleep succ=
=ceeded. Altho' during this Night there has been what
may be deem'd a sufficient portion of Sleep, yet
it has not Effected what has been much Wished &
Expected — Wild incoherencies have increased rather
than diminished since Yesterday, & the hopes of this
day have become less flattering — H.M. from having
somewhat recovered bodily Strength, believes Himself
to be almost well, & in consequence now tryes to
command, & struggles hard for Obedience —

14

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

The Physicians have resisted his schemes with the greatest temper, but the points are not yet given up — A Warm bath having been ordered H.M. proposed terms if He took it, but his consent was at last obtained by Manage= =ment — The Subject of his Enquiries has again been recollected — He has been told that his health requires quiet, & therefore that they must not see Him at present, & that it was hoped that if He called for any particular Person or for any particular thing, that He would not be angry if He was not obey'd, as that would be done by the Physicians orders from an attention to his Health which they owed to God, to Himself, & to the Whole World.

Upon this without a sconting He was at first silent, & then He told the Physician who had thus addressed Him, "that He should follow his prescription when He stood "in need of it, but desired He would retire a little at "present, as He must see He was nervous, & then turning to another He artfully said "You shall talk to me, former "poor Friend there (meaning the one who had last spoke to Him) is too nervous at present" —

At one o'clock H.M. took a warm Bath for 15 Minutes — Its Temperature 95 — He was then put to bed — afterwards at times He has been read to — He has frequently Enquired who sat up, & which Set was to relieve, making occasionally alterations as He liked or disliked particular Attendants, & which

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

has varied from the casual controul which Each may have been obliged to adopt during their Watch —

In these Arrangements K. M: has talked much of Me — He has ordered how I shall be dressed, & where stationed in my next Watch — I am ordered to be in the room adjoining his own Apartment, to be dressed in a plain Coat, & to be very neat — He has asked for the master Key of the Queen's Lodge, & He battles hard, & very often, to prevail in having it delivered to Him — This had been previously obviated by its having been delivered in to The Duke of Yorks hands, & Sealed with his own Seal in our presence —

Monday Nov: 17th About six hours sleep have been obtained at intervals during the last Night, but during this day the same inconsistent conversations have continued — K. M: bathed again this day — He fell asleep at 10 O'Clock this Night, but awoke again at ½ a past 11 — Afterwards He lay composed & fell asleep again at one, & slept four hours. At waking the same inconsistent conversations continued as before, but his manner was placid & composed, tho' in respect of any amendment in the material System, sorry am I to own, that I perceive none for some days past. —

This Night Sir Lucas Pepys arrived — Pulse 80 & 84 —

Tuesday Nov: 18th Sir Lucas Pepys was introduced to K. M: this Morning, & by a well managed arrangement

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

He was not flurried by this Visit — During the whole day the conversation has been rapid & unceasing — but there was a degree of consistency in the variety of subjects which became the topics, only one subject was often succeeded by another, before the one begun was finished.

Attempts were made to check this continual fatigue of conversations by reading, but this seldom answered above a few minutes, & not often. In the Evening by Sir Lucas Pepys's direction Carded Wool & Bodkins of Worsted Yarn were applied to H. M.ty's feet — Towards Night he became more restless & agitated than he had been for some time past & his pulse now rose to 100. — This seem'd to have been occasioned cheifly from the fatigue of an unceasing conversation of many hours, & his Voice now was every now & then interrupted by a catch in his throat, which his Doctor has not been usual — H. M.ty's situation at this time is very discouraging & this afflicting Illness has probably been in a great degree brought on by too great Abstinence, & unequal to support the Excess of those continual fatigues of body as well as mind, which for a period of many Years he has gone through.

Wednesday Nov.r 19.th. The last Night afforded but two hours sleep, to recruit disturbed & much Exhausted Nature, & during the intermediate hours the same rapid & incessant talking continued — The conseq=

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

=quent fatigue will not be wondered at, when it is stated, that previous to this sleep H. M.ty had talked for 19 hours without scarce any intermission

This day He has been much agitated & the conversation has not abated or improved.

It was thought advisable that He should get up this day, & Expedient likewise to make such arrangements as might be useful in keeping Him more quiet than usual — In consequence His Majesty's Equerries received written directions from the Physicians of the proposed regulations — It was by these directed that when H. M.ty get up there should constantly be Two of his Pages with Him in his appartment & two others to be in constant waiting in the next room — An Equerry to be constantly in the third Room to see that all was well & properly regulated, & to receive any Messages from the Queen — Nobody was allowed to go in to the Kings room Except his Pages — The Ld. Mr Majendie & Mr Best Secretary to the Hanoverian Minister, & if called & insisted on Colonel Goldsworthy might be introduced, but to be Excused if possible — If H. M.ty asked for Others the Pages had orders to say firmly, but with becoming Attention that it was the Physicians positive orders, that such & such people & things did not come & were not brought —

These Arrangements being made The King got

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

up, & came into the next room — He was ill pleased that the Pages should remain in it while He was there — He battled his long & strenously, but necessity & prudence carried

of humour
shaved — He
overcome tho'
peration He
ll be permitted
occasion He
half shaved
unless certain
nuing some
nce as He
ll / He at

been altogether
his illness
sleep, & of
termission.

He awoke composed & much refreshed —

His Physicians deemed it proper that the Attendance of those about Him should be continued with stricter regulation than before, & this day They signed their Order & of which the following is a Copy —

Order

" November 20th 1788. "

" His Majesty is to be attended by only one Equerry

19

now 18th 1788.
Tuesday Evening ten o'clock
put on Bootikins
Wed: Evening at 7. repeated
over the stockings both without Shoes
at 9. o'Clock they were
entirely removed by the
advice of Dr. Warren, after the
King forbad Sir Lucas & prys
to attend. Their presence confined

JR

This Memorandum is wrote by
His Majesty

130

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

= quent fatigue will not be wondered at, when it is
stated, that previous to this sleep H. M.ty had talked for
19 hours without scarce any Intermission
This day He has been [illegible]
has not abated of

It

get up this day
arrangements a
quiet than usua
Enquiries receive
of the proposed regu
when H. M.ty get u
his Pages with H
waiting in the n
constantly in the
& properly regul
The Queens —
the Kings Room
& Mr. Best Secret
called & insisted on [illegible]
= duced, but to be spared if possible — If H. M.ty asked
for Others the Pages had orders to say firmly, but with
becoming Attention that it was the Physicians positive
orders, that such & such people & things did not come
& were not brought —

These Arrangements being made The King got

18

NB Names of H. M.ty Pages
wrote by Himself, & Selection marked by Him

Papendick.
+ Giesewell.
Stilling fleet
+ Chamberlaine

+ Brown
Ernst
+ Compton

136

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

up, & came into the next room — He was ill pleased that the Pages should remain in it while He was there — He battled this long & strenously, but necessity & prudence carried the point against his Wishes — He became out of humour at the disappointment — He would not be shaved — He would not eat his dinner, this at last was overcome tho' He stood out against being shaved — This operation He had all along much opposed, unless He might be permitted to perform it Himself — At length on this occasion He consented after much difficulty, but when half shaved He refused to let the other half be finished, unless certain indulgencies were granted — After continuing some time half shaved (a singular appearance as he had not been shaved for upwards of a fortnight) He at length gave up the point —

Thursday Nov^r 20^th — The last night has been altogether the best, which H. M^ty has experienced since his Illness began — He had 7 hours & a half good Sleep, & of which 5 hours & a half was without any interruption. He awoke composed & much refreshed —

His Physicians deemed it proper that the Attendance of those about Him should be continued with stricter regulation than before, & this day They signed their order & of which the following is a Copy —

"Order
November 20^th 1788."

"His Majesty is to be attended by only one Equerry

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

"today — He has Himself desired that Mr Greville —
"may be the Person — It is desired that Two Pages may
"constantly be in the room with His Majesty, Except
"when his Equerry is present, at which time One Page
"is sufficient — It is desired that two or more Pages
"may attend constantly in the room, next to His
"Majesty's —

"These directions do not Exclude Sr. Goldsworthy
"Mr. Majendie, Mr Best, or any of the Medical Gent.
"who sit up with His Majesty —

"If His Majesty requires to see any other Person
"the Attendant on His Majesty is desired to say
"Either, that the Person is not to be found, or that the
"Physicians have directed that His Majesty should
"not see that Person today.

Signed "A Warren —
"L. Pepys —
"J. R. Reynolds. "—

"To the Equerry, in Attendance on His Majesty"

His Majesty having been pleased to nominate
me Himself for the first attendance on Him according
to the above Order, I accordingly received my direction
from the Physicians to go into K. M.ty's Apartment
Until this day I had not attended in it — When I
came in, I found K. M. in bed — on seeing me He began
Expressed his satisfaction at my coming, Ordered

20

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

Me to take a Chair to his Bed side, & to sit down in it by Him — I did so — He then took Me by the Hand, & told Me, He had long wished to see Me, & that I had been the only one of his Equerries who had been kept back from Him — He then in a moderate & collected con= =versation entered a little on his Illness, & his present amendment, & then added, that from this day He would have Me & Col.e Digby, & We should relieve Each other — He then soon after dismissed Me, ordering Me to go & get My breakfast, & then to take My Usual ride, & appointing Me to come to Him again at two o'Clock — All this I did, & at 2 o'Clock I waited on H. M.ty again, & staid with Him during his dinner, & after that until 5 o'Clock —

During all this time his conversation was more collected than usual, & it was delivered with moderation.

I thought My self well warranted in making a very favorable report of My Interview with H. M.ty during this day to His Physicians, & I did so — declaring to them My Opinion, that during the whole of his Illness, I had not yet seen appearances in Him so favorable, both in manner & con= =versation. He was sensible of having been very much out of Order, & that still He stood in need of Attention & Care — Sometimes He doubted his own Accuracy in what He was saying, & would ask Me if such and

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

& such things had been so, as said He. "I have certainly been very much out of Order – He added that his recollections had been very imperfect & confused until last Sunday (Nov.r 16th) when all had become more arranged day after day from that period – He now accounted for his leaving Himself half shaved by a calm statement – He told Me it had been his constant practice during 18 years to shave Himself; That his Illness had made Him nervous & He confessed He had felt uneasy at the appearance of the intended Operation – That after it had begun, when He saw the Razor brandished to continue the Shaving on the other side of his face He was agitated, & could not bear to have it finished at that time, but said that the next day it should be done – During this my Attendance H.M talked to Me on various subjects – He complained of the light of the Windows still dazzling his Eyes, as his Confinement had been long & the Room kept darkened – At one time He desired I would look across the Garden to the Lower Lodge to see if I could observe any of his Children at the Windows, Expressing at the same time very great anxiety to see Them & desired an Attendant might be sent to Them to request that they would shew Themselves before the Lower Lodge only for a few minutes –

It was truely painful that it should have been

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

thought necessary & Expedient, to parry this affectionate parental Wish, but acquiescence to it, rested not with Me. Happily the Wish was not insisted on, to H.M.'s distress, & all was got over without flurry & vexation.

At 5 o'Clock H. M. dismissed me to my own dinner desiring Me to return to Him at 7, adding that I should then drink Tea with Him, & He gave his Orders accordingly.

In the Evening I returned at the appointed time & remained with H. M.y until 11 o'Clock — With concern I found Him more hurried in his conversation than He had been throughout the day, neither was He now so collected as He had been in the morning, as appeared by his mentioning some subjects to me, which had He been well, He probably He would have concealed —

The controul which the Physicians were obliged to maintain agitated Him — This & returning quickness of conversation now raised his pulse to above 100.

How distressing are these transitions, & how discouraging —

Friday Nov.r 21st. The last Night as might be Expected was not a very good One — It passed with about 4 hours sleep, tho' not above an hour & a half of this was uninterrupted — When H. M. got up He was certainly more collected & more reasonable in his conversation than He was, when He went to bed — afterwards appearances in his Manner & Conversation improved

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

and this amendment continued throughout this day –

I was with H. M.ty from 7 o'clock until 11 o'clock at night, & I had reason to believe that a real amendment had taken place, & that prospects had in truth become more flattering – His conversations were more confined to their subjects, & less interrupted than before – He now waited for Answers, & replied with coolness & precision.

This Morning H. M.ty saw the Duke of York – Sir Lucas Pepys was not in favor, & the intended support of H. R. H: proved ineffectual – The King complained to me, that this Physician had been forced upon Him & He then dwelt on the treatment He had received from the Doctors, with much sensibility –

I took this occasion to hint to H. M.ty that nothing was worse for Him just now than Agitation, & that an unremitting object of his Physicians was, by every means in their power to keep Him quiet, as a measure absolutely necessary to his recovery; & that the trifles He complained as having been withheld from Him, & the occasional restraints He had experienced, had been measures which had been adopted solely to this point, & that they would all cease in a very short time.

H. M.ty listen'd to me with Attention, & said He knew that quiet was Essential, & He promised to Endeavour to be so. He has been composed during the Evening, & He detained me until He retired to his Bed – at 11 o'clock –

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

At 12 o'Clock I returned, & begun my Night's Watch —
K. M.ty fell asleep almost as soon as He lay down, &
slept 'till 3 o'Clock. Soon after He fell into good sleep until
the Morning — Pulse 76. —

During the course of this day K. M.ty mention'd a Wish &
which required management to get rid of — He requested
that Colonel Digby might sleep in his Apartment instead
of a Page, or one of the Attendant Surgeons — On recollection
He said, that as Col.o D: Was not well He would not desire
it, but turning to Doctor Reynolds & Sir George Baker then
in the room with Me, He asked them if they had any
objection to my sleeping in his room. They did not
give an immediate answer, but looked at Each other

Luckily K. M.ty attention was taken off at this moment
on which I got round to D.r Reynolds, & beg'd He would
parry this request. Soon after these two Gentlemen
went away, without this proposition having been further
press'd — The Duke of York now came in to the King's
Apartment & while He conversed with his Son in German
I got close to D.r Warren in the further part of the
room, & in a whisper told Him what had been going
forward, & stated the undecided manner in which
the request had been left, adding, that tho' I was most
willing to undergo any fatigue, or undertake any duty
which might in any way assist K. M.ty or console Him
in His present distressing confinement yet had I

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

was anxious that H. M.ty proposition might not be acceded to, unless it was thought necessary — Dr. Warren took an opportunity before He left the Apartment to tell H. M.ty that He rather wished He would not press to have Col.o Digby or myself to sleep in his Apartment, & that He should rather that He kept it clear for Himself with his Pages in the next room, & at hand there in case He should want any thing — The King upon this ordered a Couch which had been already prepared for Him to be taken out of his Room.

Saturday Nov.r 22.d On making my usual Enquiries this Morning I was much surprised, & chagrined to receive of H. M.ty so different after so good an Evening & a quiet Night. I knew a report had been sent to Mr. Pitt stating that H. M.ty had passed a quiet Night, but that He was entirely deranged, tho' in a good humoured quiet way

I could scarce believe the correctness of this report when I saw it, but on being sent in for by H. M.ty that Morning, I accorded in the Opinion of the Physicians & had no doubt in thinking that all was now very wrong indeed — Among other marked indications of derange-ment was the continued censure He was heaping on Colonel Goldsworthy, who at this time was evidently greatly out of favor — He gave me various hurried Orders, & made me write out some for Col.o Goldsworthy respecting Mr. Montague's Yeomen Riders removing with

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

his Furniture to Town & taking charge of the Riding House.

I was to order his Post chaise Horses up to Town — I receivd directions to write to Dr. Warren who He supposed was in Town to wait upon Lord Sydney, & to bring down with Him an Attested Warrant for his Baronetage.

To other Persons in the Room He gave various orders, & was Himself very restless & loquacious —

H. M. kept Me with Him during his Dinner, when He eat sour Eggs with Spinage, & finished with some Apple Pye. After his dinner He drank his Coffee, & then dismissed Me to my dinner, ordering Me to return & drink Tea with Him —

In the Evening I returned at 7 o'Clock — & after Tea H. M.ty ordered Me to read to Him — I accordingly read a few pages of the Duchess of Kingston's Trial — Mr. Hawkins, one of the Attendant Surgeon was in the room — In the latter part of this Evening the King became more moderate, more collected & more cautious in his conversation than He had been during the day. Late in the Evening Genl. Budé came in to the King's Apartment, where he remained with Me, until H. M. got to bed about 12 o'Clock. In the course of his Conversation with the General He related to Him some phantoms of his delusion during his delirium — Said He had thought there had been a deluge — That He had seen Hanover through Herschells Telescope — That He had thought

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

Him self inspired &c &c.
Before K. M.ty retired to rest this Evening He was in good spirits & Jocose — This Evening He went through the Prayers with Mr. Majendie very well.

Sunday Nov.r 23d During last Night K. M.ty had several hours sleep, tho' altogether He passed a disturbed Night.

He got out of bed more than once during the Night & when in bed, & asleep, still He appeared agitated

He rose at 7 o'Clock this Morning, in consequence of a plan & of which He had informed Gen.l Bude & Myself to see the Princesses walking in the Garden as He had understood that they took their Walks, before He got up in the Morning — He had not the opportunity He had hoped for of seeing his Daughters, but He saw his Horses at Exercise in the Home Park, & with which He was delighted.

About 10 o'Clock I attended K. M.ty summons to his apartment — I found Him much deranged, & very loquacious very hurrying in Conversation & giving all a variety of Orders — Poor Goldsworthy still the Object of his animadversions, & Myself, the favorite — K. M.ty questioned me very closely, if I had obeyed his commands of last Night with respect to Col.l Goldsworthy & Dr. Warren — I was ordered to have two particular Colts caught up & shod, & there to be sent to London — He then turned to Ernest, one of his Pages, & gave Him in a breath a profusion of Orders — Ernest answered that He could not

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

Execute them, as the Physicians would not permit him — On which turning to me he said "Well then My Friend Greville "shall do them for me, for he is not under the controul of the "Doctors." He now gave me directions to transmit to Mr Turnstall at Eton — told me to order a Chaise from Mastins the Castle at Windsor for his Page, as the Doctor would not let the Page have one — Ordered me to arrange the Richmond Account for Chaises for Mr Dundas, & to send it up to the Office in the King's Mews for payment — In short at this time what with the favor which is extended to me, & also from the power I am supposed to hold, independent of the controul of the Doctors, I have enough to do, from an unceasing string of Orders — I was relieved for a short time by his sending me out to take my ride, with directions to return to him. After I had finished my ride I was sent for again by the King — I found him much the same, & every now & then talking much unlike himself, I mean indecently, which never was his practice while in possession of his reason — In his undisturbed Moments none would have revolted more at such Expressions than he would, but now he was not himself —
He detained me during his Dinner & after he had drunk his Coffee I was sent to dine myself — after his Coffee he had a short nap; he awoke agitated & cross — Talked with great rapidity, incoherently & on strange subjects. & sorry was I to hear, these were not free from Indecencies

23

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

for I did not go again this Evening into his Apartment.

Col.ᵗ Digby was sent for this Evening, but He too, & for the first time was a little in disgrace with H. M.ᵗʸ — In short this day & more particularly this Evening, seem to have been among his worst periods —

This day He gave an order to General Grenville for £200 drawn upon Mr. Matthias in Scotland Yard to pay his Workmen at Kew — He was much perplex'd with this commission — The Account Books having been at this time kept away from His Majesty He made a calculation out of his own head in the presence of Gen.ˡ Grenville & D.ʳ Majendie & in consequence gave the above mentioned order for £200, as sufficient for the purposes required —

Monday Nov.ʳ 24.ᵗʰ The Last Night has proved a restless one, & with but very little sleep.

I was sent for this Morning at Ten o'Clock & staid with H. M.ᵗʸ until One — I found Him much agitated — Talking very fast on variety of subjects, incoherently, & imprudently.

He was giving great variety of Commissions, & He seem'd particularly anxious to have a Drawer in a Table He had sent for, broke open — He said He was anxious to have this done, as He had papers there from Mr. Pitt which He was desirous of having — I received from Him also various other Commissions, but there were so rapidly given, that the one put out the other almost immediately from my recollection, so little chain or connection was

30

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

there to inform Them of my Message - At last I was sent to find Gray (the resident Upholsterer) to sett one of the Pullies of the Windows right - In one of the outer Apartments I found the Duke of York walking about & Dr. Warren sitting at the Table.

On my coming in the Duke asked me how the King was - I answered that things were going on but badly, & that I had been dispatched on a Commission - On being asked what it was, I mentioned the particulars to H.R.H: who desired me on my return to say, that Gray was sent to Him.

I asked permission instead of that to say, that the Physicians had directed that Gray should not attend at present - This was agreed to - H.R.H: & Dr. Warren then asked me some questions respecting H. M.ty behaviour that Morning.

I said that He had been in the Room adjoining his Sitting Room & that He had been talking a good deal with his Pages.

The Duke of York thought this should not be, & Dr. Warren being entirely of the same opinion, the latter wrote an Order, viz. that the Physicians directed that H. M.ty should not go beyond his two rooms this day, & that He should have with him but one Equerry - The Duke saw this Order, & Dr. Warren desired me in his presence, to read that Order to His Majesty.

When I returned to the Kings Apartment, I acquainted H. M. before Gieswell one of his Pages, that I had been for Gray, but that the Physicians had directed that He should not attend that day, & that I had received at the same time another Order from H. M.ty Physicians which

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

I then held in My hand & would with K. M.s permission read to Him — I then read it to Him, which having done the King said "Give Me that Order I will keep it Myself" & then asked Me who had wrote it — I told Him the writing I did not know, but the Order came from the Physicians — He immediately suspected Doctor Warren, & his conjectures were soon after confirmed by his shewing the Order to Mr. Battiscombe K. M.ty Apothecary, & asking if it was not in Dr. Warrens Hand writing — Mr. Battiscombe with Hesitation answer'd that it was —

After the King had received this order, He turned to Me & said as He was to have but One Equerry, I should be his Prisoner for that day, as He would not part with Me. He ordered that I should dine at 3 o'Clock — made out a Bill of fare Himself & ordered Me to take a copy from his, & to sign it with My own Name.

These Gleams of constant kindness, which floated towards Me from his troubled Mind, I received With melancholy gratitude —

Painful indeed are now the passing hours, & My head becomes Weary, from the continual fidget around Me, which unceasing conversations, & constant hurry of contrivances gives rise to —

Col.t Gwyn for whom K. M.ty had called this morning, coming in, I took that opportunity of release, & took a refreshing ride — At My return I found that Sir George

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

Baker did not approve of the Order which limited H.M.y to the daily attendance of One Equerry, which He said had done mischief by the Agitation it had occasioned — He enquired of me particulars — These I related to Him precisely as they had occurred, & made known to Him by whom, & before whom the Orders had been settled.

On the statement He remarked that as it had been issued He should not attempt to recall it, but confessed He did not see that there had been any necessity for it — Sir George Baker then asked my opinion if I thought the King was worse with two Equeries than with One; I replied I thought not, for whether one or more had been present, of late H.M.s conversations had been as rapid & as constant as possible, therefore it was immaterial as to number, to the point of Quiet —

At three o'clock this day H.M.y sent for Colonel Goldsworthy — On his arrival He ordered me to dress & dine. During the Evening He continued as disturbed as in the Morning — He was perplexed, contriving, agitated & loquacious — A principal Object He seemed to have in view throughout this day was the recovery of his Keys & to get at his Drawers — He wrote a Letter for this purpose to The Duke of York & Mr. Majendie & to Sir George Baker saw this Letter — It was one of a Person certainly not in the full possession of reason.

Col.: Goldsworthy was sent with it to The Duke of York & received directions at the same time to bring back the Keys. The request was submitted to the Physicians & Col.: Goldsworthy was sent by them to the King to acquaint

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

him that they did not think it right at present to comply with it — The King received this Message, but certainly not with satisfaction — Sir George Baker & Dr. Warren in consequence were sent in to speak to him — on seeing them H. M.y was angry & agitated — on which Col.l Goldworthy coming out of his Apartment, called for Two Equerries to come in — Col.l Manners & Myself immediately went in —

We found the King violently agitated, & very Angry, but more particularly with Dr. Warren — Shortly after some other Gentlemen in Attendance & Pages came into the room — Dr. Warren spoke to the King & Endeavoured to pacify him — He requested at the same time that he might feel his Pulse — This the King refused & then getting up briskly he desired Dr. Warren to leave the room, telling him he had sent him a harsh order that day, & which Sir George Baker had got altered —

Dr. Warren still tried to pacify H. M.y upon which the King advanced up to him & pushed him — Colonel Manners & Myself being at this time close behind Dr. Warren interfered, & stopped his Majesty, who on this, & seeing others coming up, he retired from Dr. Warren, pale with Anger, & foaming with Rage.

The King now desired Dr. Warren to go for the present & to leave Sir George Baker with him promising to see Dr. Warren at another time —

This was complied with — & thus has this Turmoil

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

Ended tho' there are those who have queried whether future trouble may not arise from this concession at such a moment, when the Physicians should have established their authority—

The King retired to his Bed Chamber followed by Sir George Baker & Two of his Pages, where he continued long with them — & all, from want of firmness and a proper & decided system, returned directly into the same agitated & perplexed train of commands, which had been so constant throughout the day — The King certainly did not feel himself got the better of in the late struggle, & therefore he still aimed at authority, which he seemed conscious was not lost, tho' it had been impeded —

Towards 10 o'clock at night Sir George Baker returned again to the King's Apartment, but his presence rather increased the difficulties of all around, as he was partial & undecided — Indeed the general conduct of the Physicians has not been so decided or firm, as the occasion of their Attendance has required — They appear to shrink from responsibility & to this time they have not established their Authority tho' pressed by every Attendant —

The consequence has been, that too much has been left by indecision, to the chance of proper & correct conduct of those who from time to time have happened to be near the King's Person, when any Exertions have been called for.

I am clearly of opinion that His Majesty's Physicians would arrange & make known proper & decided regulations

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

His Majesty would submit to Them & sure I am that those around his Person, knowing the ground on which they were to act would maintain those regulations — But at present the Task becomes difficult in more points than one, from the intricacies of various controuls & various Interferences —

It becomes the Physicians to regulate Themselves by their Experience as Medical Men, & brought forward under proper Authorities — their decisions should be respected —

From those thus appointed We should have plain and positive directions in an anxious & difficult charge We ought not to be Embarrassed by fluctuating decisions nor puzzled with a multitude of directions from other Quarters —

Our Situation as Attendants on His Majesty's Person, struggling under the Severest Affliction, is a most anxious & most responsible one — All of Us are most desirous to do our best for the good & comfort of our Dear King but We must be plainly & properly directed in our course.

About 10 o'Clock this Night Dr & Mrs prepared for bed, but without the prospect of a good Night from the Extreme Agitation She has Experienced in this day — This Night an Order signed by Drs Warren & Sir George Baker was given to the Equerry of the Watch, but why or wherefore I know not. Its purport was "that it was desired by The

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

"Physicians that the Equerry who sits up with His Majesty
"should not go into the Kings room, unless sent for by one of
"the Pages"—

The King this day saw the Princesses from his Windows & was much pleased at seeing them—

Tuesday Nov 25th What with fatigue & opiates K. M.y obtained several hours sleep this Night, but in the Morning the same perplexity of Mind & the same incoherence in his conversation continued— He lay in bed longer than usual, & while he was dressing he sent for me, & he was eager in giving me a great variety of commissions, & I found him doing the same to Colonel Gwyn who was in the room when I came in— He ordered me as yesterday to dine at 3 o'Clock but did not make out any bill of fare as he had done the preceding day for me— Then directing me to be with him again at 4 o'Clock he sent me out to ride— All this could not be accomplished, as a change took this in the Evening. The Chancellor & Mr Pitt came this Morning & had long conferences with K. M.s Physicians, & the result has been the adoption of a new System, & which was immediately acted upon by the Prince of Wales's command

Windsor Castle Nov.r 25th 1788.. Copy of an order by the P. of W. to the Physicians

"It is the Opinion of His Majestys Physicians that K. M.y should have only two Persons
"with Him— That these two Persons should stay with His Majesty for two hours &
"then be relieved by two others— That these two Persons should inform K. M.y that they
"are order'd by his Physicians, to remain in the Room— to admit no other Person—
"or go with any Message ——— Other Attendants must always be in the Room
"adjoining to His Majestys Apartment, but are not to go in, unless called for by the
"Attendants within ——— It is directed by K. M.y Physicians, that the Attendants
"should take particular care, that His Majesty does not go out of his Bed chamber
"and room adjoining ——— If K. M.y calls for the Clergyman to read prayers
"He may be admitted ——— While K. M.y is in Bed at Night, He must have 3 Attendants
"two of which must always be in his Bed Room.

Signd George. P.
Frederic. —

"R. Warren. Signed
"L. Pepys. & George Baker
T. H. Reynolds }"

37

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

His Majesty on being made acquainted with it was very angry said it was hard — & gave one of his Pages a smart slap on the face a violence by no means usual to his natural disposition, & which aided throughout this illness in repeated Instances He had maintained. He had however taken some Exception to the Page He now struck, previous to this day, & at this time He did not like He should be in his room, & flurried at the moment by the Order which had controuled Him He struck Him —

The influence of his innate good Nature, was not long absent from Him — As He was not permitted to have his Enquiries with Him He put Himself to bed soon after — He then called for the same Page, took Him by the hand, and asked his Pardon twenty times.

I own I have hopes this order, will produce good Effects, & if it does in any degree check the strain of increasing loquacity, the good obtained will not be small — I rejoice to think that it has not made H. M.ty unhappy, tho' with most sensibility at first, He said "it was hard"

With respect to Us, it has brought with it a more decided System & has Established a control, which in the End I trust will prove tenderness — All Orders which now reach Us are Explicit, & these are regularly signed by proper Authorities — A regular Roster has also been made out, & signed by the Prince of Wales for the Pages duty, & more hands are brought forward to make their future duties easier —

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

The King went this night to bed about 7 Clock, fell asleep soon after & waked at abt 11, when He insisted on getting up to have his head & feet fomented, & which for some nights past He had done, but which his precipitate retreat to his bed this Evening had occasioned Him to omit — As He seemd very desirous to be indulged in this fancy He was so, & afterwards returned to bed where at intervals He slept some hours, but between them He talked incessantly & incoherently, but in good humour & high spirits, & at times laughed a good deal — His pulse during the night was about 106.

Wednesday Nov.r 26th. I left Windsor this Morning being called to Town on business. I returned to The Queens Lodge on Friday Nov.r 28th.

On Thursday Nov.r 27 Doctor Addington arrived at The Queens Lodge, introduced there on the recommendation of the Chatham Family His practice in the Country chiefly near Reading, had as it has been said successfully directed, & particularly to Maladies of the Mind — He is now Old & indeed nearly superannuated — He made a sad blunder at his first Interview with H. M. by inconsiderately telling Him there would be no impropriety in his seeing the Queen — This slip occasioned much confusion, as The King immediately begun to prepare his room for Her reception.

Friday Nov.r 28th. On my return to the Queen's Lodge this day I felt concern I learnt that no favorable Alteration had taken place in his Majesty's health, during My Absence, & that his disorder remained without abatement — & in some Instances more violent had appeared — Yesterday (Thursday) all the Cabinet had met at The Queen's Lodge, Lord Camden the President of the Council excepted

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

and as We had heard, it was at this time decided in Council that
His Majesty should if possible be removed to Kew as the next day —
This Evening H. M.ty became turbulent, & one of his Pages came out
of his Apartment to make the circumstance known to the Physicians
& who were at this time in conclave. On receiving this report
from the Page D.r Warren D.r Reynolds & Sir Lucas Pepys came to our
room, & Doctor Warren desired that D.r Reynolds & Myself would
go in to H: M: to pacify & set matters to rights —
My going was contrary to the late express orders signed by the
Physicians, & by the Prince of Wales, & perhaps in strict
correctness I ought to have declined, but as I had the sanction
of the Physicians, I thought I ought not to refuse, where it was
their opinion that I might be useful on a particular
occasion —
We found His Majesty very much agitated & He complained
of the rough treatment He had received from his Pages, who in fact
had only been employed in the course of their painful duty to hold
Him in his bed, & overpower his turbulence.
The King on my approach was very glad to see me & said that I
had kindly broke in to protect Him, & directly desired that D.r
Reynolds might go, & that I should stay with Him — I sat down
by his bed side, & He told me I should remain with Him within
the Curtains all Night — Among many recited grievances I found
that his resentment was principally excited ag.st one of his Pages
(Stillingfleet) and ag.st whom He had entertained aversion some time
It happened to be now his turn of duty, & therefore He was at

38

40

this time in the Apartment — The King insisted He should be removed, He was told that his request could not be granted as He was only taking his regular turn of Duty. Shilling stool was at this time standing at the foot of H. M.ty's Bed, which when I perceived I made Him a sign to retire out of sight behind the Curtain — He did so & H. M. was pacified — His Supper a Pullet rice & Milk was now brought to Him — I pressed Him to Eat it, but He talked on & deferred until it had become nearly cold — He desired it might be warmed & sent Me on this Errand, as He would not permit his Page to touch it — I was obliged to avail myself of this opportunity of releasing myself as the Physicians had already sent for Me to Leave his Apartment.

As soon as I came from the King, the Prince of Wales sent for Me & intimated to Me, that it was a measure now fixed to try to remove H. M.ty to Kew the next day, & that He had appointed General Harcourt, Colonel Goldsworthy & Myself to take the charge of Him on the road — His Royal Highness was at the same time pleased to give Me full directions how we were to act.

The Queen was to remove to Kew before H. M.ty — Her removal was not intended before 5 o'Clock in order to prevent his being seen by any crowd — This & every preparatory caution was considered & every chance & possible Exposure of any kind, was carefully obviated in the general Arrangements.

Saturday Nov.r 29th All preparations for H. M.ty removal being made. The intentions were gradually & cautiously mentioned to Him — but the King most stoutly objected to every Scheme for his removal, & He would not get up.

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

It was next decided that Mr Pitt should give Him the information that the Queen was gone, as it was thought He might distrust that intelligence from most quarters — Accordingly Mr. Pitt went in, & telling the King that it was a fine day, asked Him if He would not get up & set out to Kew where the Queen had just gone — The King objected, & said that the Queen had gone without Leave, & that She should return to supplicate his pardon. Other inducements were contrived, but H. M.ty objected to every attempted persuasion for his removal; He at times however offered to make terms — At one time He would go in his own chaise only which He at this time well knew was gone with the Queen to Kew — At another time He would only go with the Princess Royal — and declared He would by no means consent to go with Gen.l Harcourt & his Equerries —

Mr Pitt baffled in his Endeavors left his Apartment & The King continued in bed — The day was advancing, being now about one o'Clock — The Prince of Wales, with the advice of the Physicians then desired that General Harcourt & Myself should go to The King, & tell Him that his Carriage was ready, & that it waited for Him — We went in & made this communication, but We found H. M.ty by no means disposed to listen to Us — He made the General & Myself sit down by his Bed side, & He talked on various Subjects with hurry & agitation. We urged Him to get up & prepare Himself to go to Kew, on which He became very

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

angry & hastily closed the Bed Curtains, & hid Himself from Us.

He afterwards shewed Us some Papers He had been writing - One was a Letter to the Duke of Montague the Master of the Horse - and the contained an Order which He wished Us to send to Colonel Balfour of the Life Guards, now on the Windsor duty - The Anxiety with which H. M. pressed Us to forward this Letter induced me to suspect that its purpose was, that He should be assisted by a Military force.

H. M.ty had next recourse to soothe persuasion - He told Genl. Harcourt that He knew He was his Friend, as well as Myself & He added He was sure He would protect his King -

The Physicians finding that no impressions were made, & that our long negotiation was likely to prove ineffectual, sent in a letter from Mr Pitt to His Majesty, the purport of which was, that his Physicians having deemed a change of Air necessary for his health had urged it most strongly, & that they hoped H. M.ty would kindly comply with a request thus urged & which they now sent Him from Them. The King on reading this Letter attempted to answer it, but being much agitated, He left off at the first line. General Harcourt & Myself now renewed our earnest Entreaties; He again became Angry & drawing his Curtains together with great force He again hid Himself from Us -

Nothing having in the least to this time, diminished the difficulties H. M. opposed to every hint for his removal It was now thought necessary by the Physicians to bring the question to a point, & not to retard it by any further delay

On this decision the Four Physicians entered the King's

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

room — On seeing Them his agitation increased, & perceiving D.r Warren He instantly desired He would get out of the Room & on his not retiring He jumped out of bed to go to Him.

I laid hold of H. M.ty's Arm, & with some of the attendant Pages stopped Him — On this He returned to his bed —

The Physicians now with Earnestness & calmness urged Him to get up & dress Himself, as his Carriage was waiting for Him to carry Him to Kew — He being however possessed in obstinate refusal, & He was Entreated to no purpose.

On this a firmer Tone was assumed & He was positively told, that He must go, or that other means must be resorted to. ——— Still He answered that He would not go, and asked if they meant to force Him. He was told if He continued his refusal longer, He would be forced. After a short pause He asked if General Harcourt would go with Him — It was replied that He would go with pleasure — & on his asking me if I would go with Him, I promised Him I would most willingly, & added, that Col.o Goldsworthy would be ready to attend Him likewise.

On this He said He would get up if the Physicians would go away — They retired, & We press'd Him to dress — He lingered & on some pretence or other delay'd — We then told Him that He must not forget that He had given his promise to his Physicians to get up, if they retired — that in consequence they had retired, & We were confident He would on his part make good his promise to Them

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

otherwise that they would all certainly return — On this intimation H. M.ty began to dress Himself, but soon again laid down again on his bed — Col.l Manners on this was sent in, & He remin.d'd Him, that on the Physicians entering He had promised to be ready soon, that many minutes were already gone, & then looking at his Watch & holding it up He added, that unless H. M. finished his Dressing soon, they certainly would return to know the cause of the delay. Finding now that He was pressed on all sides & that no further delays would be permitted, He jumped out of bed, said He would finish his Dressing & that He would soon be ready to go — H. M. kept his word — He was soon ready — & after He was dressed He Eat some bread & butter & drank a Glass of Water — He then called for Sir George Baker to whom He said that He had sent to converse with Him not as a Physician, but as a Friend — A short conversation at this time were best — We all pressed Him to come to his Carriage, when putting on his great Coat We attended Him through the Apartments of the Queens Lodge to the Entrance Door — He conversed there jocosely for a little time with General Budé, then Entering his Carriage, when He had one foot on the Step, He looked to see which of his Postillions drove Him, & He enquired of Them which Horses were in the Carriage. He then seated Himself very quietly in his Carriage with General Harcourt on one side of Him Myself opposite to The King, & Colonel Goldsworthy opposite to General Harcourt — H. M.ty drove off from

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

the Door of the Queen's Lodge about a Quarter before 4 o'clock.
attended by an Escort of Cavalry
Previously to His Majesty's removal orders had been sent to the Officer commanding the 2d Weld. Yeomanry to clear the Castle Terrace, & to lock the Gates to prevent a Crowd there or in the Avenues — In consequence the Gates of the Castle were also shut — which not being usual did not escape Lt. Col. Wood at this time & He enquired of Us the reason — On entering the Home Park through which We went, in the Way to Datchet Bridge, about 20 Loyal Inhabitants of Windsor, & there as I saw chiefly Tradesmen appeared; As the King's Carriage drove by Them they bowed respectfully & took a melancholy leave. The King on seeing Them bowed most kindly & here He felt the greatest Emotion which I had yet observed. When He bowed, the "big Tear" started in his Eye, & putting his hand before his Face, He said with much feeling "These Good People are too fond of Me", & He then added with affecting sensibility "Why am I taken from a Place "I like best in the World" — He roused Himself instantly from a sensibility most interesting, & which had more much deeply moved Him — & looking round at the Park conversed on various subjects in a hurried Manner —

As He proceeded on his journey his flow of Spirits became high, & He had frequent fits of laughing — He talked without ceasing but the topics, & his manner marked too plainly his derangement — He did not appear to be much occupied with the Road tho' now & then He asked

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

if He was not near particular Places, such as Colnbrook &
afterwards Hounslow, & respecting these He did not make mistake.

In going through Brentford, & at this time it was nearly dark,
a Drunken Man hallooed out as the Carriage passed — The King
mistook this, & thinking the Shout was intended against Him, He
observed to us, that they often hissed Him as He passed this
Town — We assured Him that the Hallooing had been from a
drunken Man, & by no means intended as any disrespect to
Him. —

Kew.

After passing Kew Bridge The King became more
observing of the Road than He had hitherto been and on his near
approach to the Gates of the Court at Kew, He was impatient
to Allot to each now with Him in the Carriage our Stations, &
our immediate Occupations on getting out of it — The clear
intention of all which seem'd to be to get rid of all Attendance
as much as possible, & that He might Himself go to that
part of the House He should prefer —

On his arrival He got out of the Carriage without
hesitation, & without stopping He walked on through the
Passage & the Hall exclusively — Beyond these latter He quickened
his pace & then making a turn He attempted to go into the
suite of Apartments on the Left — His intentions were baffled
on finding the Door locked, & He Evidently shewed much
disappointment — He had Expected He should have found
the Queen & his Family at Dinner in those Apartments —

We gave Him no time to reflect on this circumstance

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

but threw open the Doors on the opposite side to the Right & instantly the Apartments allotted for his occupation appeared ready & lighted up — This Suite of Rooms consisted of an Antiroom in which His Pages were to wait — Beyond it was H. M.ty Bedchamber adjoining which & beyond it was a Spacious Room above 40 feet in length — The Apartments looked to the Gardens. The King appeard by no means satisfied with his allotment in this part of the House — & seeing that many alterations had been made, he repeatedly asked who had ordered them — Those which most particularly attracted his notice were the placing of a Bed in this Apartment, and the addition of a new Water Closet to the room — These alterations & additions discomposed him very much — In a short time however he appeared more reconciled to them & his new abode — We retired then, leaving him to the immediate care of his Pages, as it had been our particular Instruction not to remain with him ourselves beyond this Night — We were however desired to go in occasionally during this Evening if it should become necessary to assist in reconciling him to the change of his habitation — In the course of the Evening General Harcourt Colonel Goldsworthy & Myself went into the Kings Apartment — We found him under considerable Agitation & full of complaint at the change & he told General Harcourt & Myself that We had deceived him tho in fact We certainly had not in any thing — We had only

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

advised Him to remove, quoting the Physicians opinion that his
health would be benifited by a change of Air, & We had promis'd
to attend Him at his own request, & which had pleased Him.

We found that before this our Visit to Him He had been amusing
Himself in writing & conversation. He now appeared to be
full of Schemes. He told Us tho' a Bed had been prepared for Him
He would not go to Bed, & dwelt on his firm intentions to sit up
& tire out his Attendants. He remarked to Us that He was
very strong & active, & in proof of this He danced & hopped
with more agility that I could have suspected had been in
Him, but the sight of such an Exhibition in our Dear King &
so much unlike Himself, affected me most painfully.

After talking to Us all very wildly for some time
He eagerly took me aside, & told me that I had always
been his Friend, & He desired I would now stand by Him.
Then seizing me by the hand He led me towards the Door
of his Bedchamber & which He open'd. His mind at this
time was Evidently much disturbed & agitated, still I
followed Him in to his Room. On Entering He perceived
that Nobody was there & that We were alone. A sudden
hope seemed to strike Him of an opportunity now at
hand & favorable for his Escape from the Apartment.
He looked anxiously, hastily, & wishfully around,
& advanced rapidly to the middle of the room still
grasping my hand & looking around. My Friends
I had left in the Adjoining Apartment were too well aware

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

of the situation He was in at this time to be a moment of their guard & they open'd the door, & a Page hearing a stir in the King's bedchamber presented Himself from their Waiting Rooms. The King instantly let go My hand & dropped all conversation with Me, & approaching the Page He accosted Him with placid good humour. & took Him round his room & shew'd Him the Alterations which had been made for his reception.

I am well persuaded the poor dear King thought He had found an opportunity of releasing Himself from this Apartment & that the intention arose suddenly from what appeared at the moment a favorable one. Assuredly He meant nothing Violent, & I am satisfied his Plan probably was to have rushed out from his own Apartment & make an attempt to reach that of the Queen—

We staid with the King until half after 11 Clock & when We retired He was still fully resolved to put his project of turning out his Pages in Execution.

Sunday Nov^r 30^th This Night as We Expected was an unpleasant one—The King refused to go to bed & kept up, until near 4 o'clock, when becoming turbulent & violent towards one of his Pages He was forced to his bed. This put Him in great Agitation He pulled one of his Pages by the Hair & attempted to kick and Bite— This day his violence did not much

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

subside, & often controuled violent symptoms of resistance appeared — At times he became sullen — He refused his Meals & was very irregular — He eat very little during the day & refused all Medicine, & threw what he could away.

Monday Decr. 1st After a very restless Night the same perturbation of Mind continued as had appeared during the course of Yesterday, & in fair report it must be stated, that since this Majesty has been at Kew the unfavorable Symptoms of his disorder have increased, rather than diminished, & in his conversation, Oaths, which he had never yet been heard from his lips, were now for the first time were blended not unfrequently, with indecencies —

Tuesday Decr. 2d He became very restless through increasing agitation & confusion of Mind, & so much was he depressed, it thought, that he even gave hints of being tired of his Existence & actually entreated his Pager to dispatch him —

Nothing could mark in a stronger degree the confirmed & desperate derangement of his Mind in these moments, more fully ~~to~~ point out the necessity of unremitting & watchful care ~~of~~ to those, to whom the security of his Person was now confided.

Happily K. M. became more composed & moderate towards the Evening, but he continued restless during the Night —

This Evening Sir Lucas Pepys saw the King & inadvertently asked him if he should like to walk

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

& take a little fresh air in the Morning — Sir Lucas not being at this time in favor w.th H. M.ty did not receive that gracious answer, which might have been expected from an Offer so indulgent — He answer'd, that He did not wish to walk — the proposition however was not forgot —

Wednesday Dec.r 3.d Recollecting Sir Lucas Pepys's proposal of Yesterday this Morning H. M.ty expected a Walk & called for his Boots — & He named me as the Person He wished should attend Him — This awkward contre temps threw all in confusion, & a succession of Messages made us that the King expected his Walk —

Sir Lucas Pepys finding that none approved of the Dilemma into which He had thus so incautiously involved us all seem'd to share the unpleasant consequences of it — Sir George Baker was equally discomposed & puzzled — All thought the Offer proposed had been inconsiderate & rash but thought that faith should be preserved —

The Physicians consulted the Queen — The Queen was perplexed & agitated, but declined directing, as She had throughout this Illness most Wisely resolved.

The Physicians then applied to Me, as His Majesty had named Me as the Person He inclined should attend Him in his Walk — I said that if I was called upon by the Physicians I would go, tho' I was by no means inclined to Volunteer on this occasion Even tho' H. M.ty preference had been so marked towards Me. I added that if I did

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

attend K. M. in this Walk I would not be responsible for the consequences, as I was thoroughly convinced in my own Mind That K. M. was not then sufficiently composed & quiet to be indulged out of Doors, & I mentioned my recollection of a remark made by Dr. Warren the day before, that it would not be proper to trust the King out until He was quieter & more under controul —

The impatience of the King for the promised Indulgence continued to press Us without intermission & to avoid a Walk seemed now next to an Impossibility —

Thinking it likely & seeing my preparation to precede My Letter from the Physicians, General Narcant & Colonel Goldsworthy desired they might be of My Party, as it seem'd now too late to get rid of the Engagement —

Accordingly We three went into the Adjoining Apartment, & sent a Message to the Physicians to say, that We were ready to attend His Majesty in his Walk for one Quarter of an Hour, on the Gravel Walk before the House — The King rejected the Offer & refused to accept of such permission; He was angry, & declared He would not stir out of his Room unless He was permitted to Walk 10 Miles — Under such dispositions the Indulgence was retracted, & We retired from the Adjoining Apartment.

Thus Ended a very disagreable business, incautiously & unwisely brought on & most unnecessarily.

I had mentioned to the Physicians, before I got ready to

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

attend K. M. in this Walk, that I was clear, that She entertained hopes of being able to slip away & by what came out afterwards proved the intention of giving Us a turn, as in the Course of the day She told one of his Pages that his Plan had been to put the Bottle of Arquebusade Water in his Pocket, & after throwing some of it in my Eyes, to have run off.
a Plan not ill conceived, by Heads of steadier reflection—

Most part of this day K. M. passed under considerable Agitation which at times somewhat subsiding She then became more composed, & occupied Herself in various Ways—among these She resorted to an occupation not uninteresting to Her in settled days. She drew Plans of the House, & contrived & sketched alterations in it—& this She did with tolerable accuracy—

From sentences which had occasionally escaped from Her during his illness She had shewn that his unhappy situation was not unknown to Her—An Observation dropped from Her this morning while drawing which mark'd the sense She had of his misfortune very strongly—
Having drawn a line pretty firmly & strait She answered by saying to his Page "Pretty well for a Man who is Mad"

Towards the Evening these more composed intervals left Her & She became more turbulent & unmanageable refusing her meals, & medicines—At times She was mischievously Jocose & at which time She burnt two Wigs belonging to one of his Pages—At another time She was childishly

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

playful, begging romps & making his Pages wheel him about the rooms — At night he became almost unmanageable — & during the night he was obliged to be kept in his bed — Altogether this has been the worst day K. M.ty has experienced.

Thursday Dec.r 4.th This morning having passed a bad night & with very little sleep, & this at short Intervals) appeared by no means better. He refused to get up & on being pressed he defended himself by gathering up his feet & then darting them forward with violence against those who pressed on him — The controul of K. M.ty having been his Rest to with his Pages he gradually became more displeased with their Interference & latterly he at times resisted them mischievously —

Parts of this day (as it happens not unfrequently) have been passed by K. M.ty in tolerable composure — & which continued during most of the night, but sound & undisturbed sleep was still wanting —

In the course of this day His Majesty saw another of his Physicians viz.t Dr. Gisborne, for the first time since his Illness — As soon as he saw him he instantly recollected him, & was glad to see him — In the course of his conversation with Dr. Gisborne he mentioned Dr. Arnold one of the Canons of Windsor to whom the King had once been partial, but who had suddenly like himself gone wrong. It seems that Dr. Gisborne had attended Dr. Arnold under his afflicting Malady when it first appeared — The King recollecting this said to Dr. Gisborne, that he hoped he did

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

not mean to use him as He had done Dr Arnold —

This day The King's Attendant Physicians were Examined by the Privy Council —

Friday Dec.r 5th

This Morning Doctor Warren brought Doctor Willis to Kew — He had been sent for to attend on The King & He now arrived from Lincolnshire — His arrival I believe was mentioned to The King previously to his seeing Him.

Soon after his arrival Dr Willis went into The King's Apartment without any of the Physicians & attended by Mr Charles Hawkins one of H. Mr. Attendant Surgeons.

The Pages were at this time with The King.

His Majesty received Dr Willis with composure & began immediately to talk to Him — & seemed very anxious to state to Him that He had been very ill, but that He was now quite well again — He expiated on his usual complaints against his Physicians, & dwelt much on the loss of his Keys — He told Dr Willis that He knew where He lived, & He asked Him how many patients He then had with Him under his Care — He then thus addressed Dr Willis — "Sir Your dress & appearance bespeaks You to "be Church, do You belong to it" Doctor Willis replied I did formerly, but lately I have attended chiefly to physick — "I am sorry for it answered the King with "emotion & agitation", You have quitted a profession I have "always loved, & You have embraced one I most heartily

58

"dates. Alter your line of life, ask what preferment you
" will & make Me your Friend — Recommend you to Worcester"
Thus begun the first acquaintance — In progress H.M. took
frequently occasions to set Dr. Willis against his Physicians,
& his displeasure pointed principally ag.st Dr. Warren & Seriduca
Pepys — and He most earnestly begged that Dr. Willis would
take the former under his care as one of his Patients &
remove him to Lincolnshire —

The Appearance of Dr. Willis seemed to Engage much
of his Majesty's Attention Anyshort this day — He was at no
time Violent but often seem'd distressed —
He felt much on his arrival to be placed about Him —
He told one of his Pages, that as Dr. Willis was now come
He could never more shew his face again in this Country
but He would leave it for Ever, & retire to Hanover.
H.M. had previously by this not unfrequently Expressed
a Wish for a retreat in Hanover but He now repeated it
with more Earnestness —

In the Evening Dr. Willis made the King another Visit
The King was at this time in the long room — Dr. Willis
entered alone — Two Pages were at this time with The King.
Upon seeing Dr. Willis H.M. rose, & coming up to Him
began a conversation with Him, but marked by incon=
=sistency & too much Eagerness — He again launched out
in strong invective ag.st his Physicians, & abused the
Profession. Doctor Willis with calmness told The King

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

that He trusted in the End He would receive benifit from it—
that He stood in need of it, that his ideas were now deranged
& that He required attention & Management—
The King replied with agitation & with sharpness—D.r Willis
in reply with steady tone of Voice told Him that his Endeavors
to assist & be useful to Him were due from Him to a Nation
for a King they adored; that He must & that He would exert
Him self to restore Him to Them, they had called upon Him
& He would not deceive Them— On this The King became
much more agitated, & impatient & He loudly answered
D.r Willis then raising his Voice to a higher pitch told Him
that He must, & should be calm— That He would Enforce
his directions & command all those attendants in his room
to assist & obey also— The King become violently Enraged
even in great agitation as.d D.r Willis with both hands, in-
tending to push Him away, but not to strike Him
Doctor Willis remained firm, & reproved Him in severe
& determined Language, telling Him He must controul
Him self otherwise He would put Him in a strait Waistcoat.
On this hint D.r Willis went out of the room & returned
directly with one in his hand from the next room—
It was in a paper & He now held it under his Arm.
The King Eyed it attentively and alarmed at The Doctors
firmness of Voice & procedure began to submit—
He promised to go to bed & with difficulty went to the
next apartment & undressed— On this D.r Willis wishing Him

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

a good right & recommending composure to Him & moderation, He retired—

I was much struck with the proper manner & the imposing stile of the Authoritative language which Dr Willis held on this occasion.

It was immediately necessary to have this struggle—He seized the opportunity with Judgement & conducted Himself throughout this Interview with wonderful Management & force—He felt his ground with attention, He parried & attacked as circumstances required with great discern=ment & Energy—As the Kings Voice rose, attempting Mastery Willis raised his, & its tone was strong & decided As the King softened his, that of Doctor Willis dropped to softening Tenions—but the King still attempted Power=power in Voice, but found stronger powers in that of Doctor Willis & which on Every trial rose superior—Awed at last by the firmness of his Manner & baffled in Every attempt to resist it, the King gave way & now returned to somewhat of composure Dr Willis retired.

After He was gone H. M.ty continued to abuse the rest of Physicians, & now principally as He said for not having dealt fairly with Him & by having concealed from Him his real situation— After this, the Poor Dear King overcome by his feelings, burst into a flood of Tears & wept bitterly.

Melancholy but interesting has been this passing scene, but from the circumstances of which, much future benifit may yet arise— This seems to have been the first solid step

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

leading to permanent recovery that has taken place as yet
& wonderful seems the already beginning change from the
necessary submission which has this night been obtained — Never may
these early Effects from it be lost, but may they properly continued
restore a deranged mind through Gods Mercy, to reason &
tranquillity — & may a beloved King still reign over, &
in the hearts of a Nation, who adores Him —

The arrival of Doctor Willis on the 5th of Decr
1788 having now made over the general direction of all
arrangements relating to His Majesty, chiefly to his
superintendence, the constant duties of the Kings Equerries
& Pages now ceased — Ds Herbert there for more than two
Months had performed all the responsible duties of
a most painful Attendance on Him at Windsor and at
Kew, for on Them the general Management, the Controul
& indeed the safety of His Person, had almost exclusively
depended both day & Night —

This difficult & important charge thus zealously &
cheerfully maintained by Them was now placed
in more proper hands under Dr Willis whose Experience
was now added to that of the other Physicians who
had been called in on this Afflicting Case —

After Doctor Willis's arrival I requested a
short Leave of Absence to complete those private Arrangements
in Town, previous to my own regular Waiting in Turn
of 3 Months & which was now about to begin, & which

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

had been interrupted by my having repaired to the Queen's Lodge at Windsor at a moments Notice when I first heard of his Majesty's illness in October last -

After an Absence of some days I returned to Kew on the Tuesday Decr. 16th. My Brother Equeries &c. this had all dispersed, & I found a New System in progress - His Majesty's Pages were still continued in their painful duties & some of D.r Willis's Men were connected in attendance with them.

At first Physicians still came, but D.r Willis on the Spot, & he only, in constant attendance, now reputated principally in every direction.

The Change which had now taken place produced Party jealousies among some of the Family, & now from some cause or other usual Transactions, were not so smoothly carried on as before; Schisms interrupted that Harmony & General cooperation which had hitherto prevailed, & various reports of the same Case now spread abroad - These did not become less intricate from Party, & which jarring politics influenced.

Such was the change that had already begun &c. on my return, & I was much impressed by an Early but unexpected caution of my Friend Colo. Digby, who with a general glimpse he gave me of the passing Events, cautioned me to be much on my Guard, as more much misrepresentation & Suspicion was abroad in certain Quarters, & an Eye to which would not be of indifference to me - I thanked him for the hint but observed, that I was in deed surprized that any thing

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

should have reached his knowledge which had required a caution so well intended from so steady a friend, & added that never should I be found amidst Party Feuds, that I should retire from the queen's intercourse, & that whenever I was wanted I should be found at hand in the King's Closet or Library & to which through Her Majesty's gracious permission I (with some others in attendance) had comfortable Access.

During my absence various & contradictory Accts of the state of the King's health had reached me, & to which from my being now deprived of the opportunity of making my personal Inquiries at Kew I was obliged to listen.

I found that Her Majesty had seen the King since I left Kew, & it was said that this Meeting had agitated him much, & that during the night recourse was had for the first time to the Strait Waistcoat — The Morning after the King repeatedly said, that he would never more wear the Crown, & desired his Eldest Son might be sent for —

From the Accounts best to be depended on which I have received, much of calm & much of discomposure has at intervals taken place, & sorry am I to have reason to believe, that disquiet has prevailed in an increasing degree of late, as I find the Strait Waistcoat has not only been held up, but that it has been put on more than once already —

Tuesday Decr. 16th On this day of my return to Kew, the Bulletin of the Morning has given very unfavorable Accounts

62

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

H. M.ty has been put under Coercion — in the course of this Evening

Wednesday Decr. 17th H. M.ty continued turbulent this Morning but in the Evening of this day he became more composed.

It is a curious circumstance that this day after three o'clock Mr. Pitt after he had carried his Majority in the House of Commons read at Whites a Letter from Dr. Willis mentioning very favourable Accounts had in fact at the time it was read H. M.ty happen'd to be most turbulent.

Since my arrival at Kew I have found considerable but strong symptoms of those prevailing Jealousies among the Medical Corps, of which I had received reports Ever since Your much lov'd has also seems to have extended to other parts of the Establishment — This Night I learnt that some of the Pages had censured Dr. Warren for going into the King's Apartment this Morning after H. M.ty had inclined to go to Sleep having Experienced a turbulent Night — Dr. Warrens reason for seeing the King was that he did not chuse to take his opinions from the Pages reports. This I understand was complained of by the Queens Commands to Sir Philip Hales His Majesty's Groom of the Bedchamber in Waiting at Kew made Enquiries of the Pages respecting this difference.

The New System of Attendance at Kew brought ~~H. M.ty~~ Grooms of the Bedchamber in Waiting for Two Weeks each to be alternately received. Sir Philip Hales, General Lascelles & Gen.l Gordon & Gen.l Harcourt succeeded in these alternate Duties — My duty as Equery

63

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

continued now three Months without relief & The only one in Waiting

On Sir Philip Hales's report, Her Mty is said to have wished that hence forward the Physicians attendance should not be so regular in turn, but that Dr. Gibbone should be the only Physician to remain every night, & the others should change their Visits to a Weekly one —

Thursday Decr. 18th This Morning by Her Majesty's Commands Sir Philip Hales was dispatched early to The Chancellor — Sir P. H: called on General Harcourt in Town & took him with Him — In the course of this day Dr. Willis desired I would prompt one of The Queen's Ladies ask Her Mty's permission to go to Town for a few hours — The Queen sent Him word by Me, that unless She had particular business She wished She would not go that Morning.

About dinner time The Prince of Wales arrived — He saw The Queen — & when He came down stairs to our Apartment He called out Sir Lucas Pepys into The next room staid some little time with Him, & then returned to Town to dinner —

This Evening I saw The King but I was not in the room with Him — He appeared more deliberate in his Conversation, & did not hurry it so much as usual — He was occupied at his Table & He appeared good humoured & cheerful but The turn of his conversation, I could not think amended —

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

He talked of a Windsor Cas the Duchess & many inconsistencies were mixed with rational conversations, which has generally been the case during this Illness -

H. M. went quietly to bed but he did not sleep as the composure - He was restless - In the night he jumped up & sat a moment at his fire, but returned quietly to his Bed -

D. Willis has at different times laid great stress on the Effects of the Blisters applied to M. Legs by Sir Lucas Pepys's prescription - & to which he imputed much of the Excessive uneasiness he had experienced & he imputed to them much of his late Violence -

Friday Decr. 19th The Appearance of H. M. manner was not so favorable as that of last night & he indicated symptoms of Crossness - Some books had been given to him about this time by Dr. Willis, of these were four Volumes of Cibbers Works, & some of Footes Plays - To whom he was obliged for King Lear I know not, but somehow it had been imprudently given to him. Dr. Warren who came to view this Morning expressed great objection on this circumstance to Dr. Willis - His Son Dr. John Willis got all the books from the King & they were replaced in the Library -

In the course of this Morning H. M. became more touchy, & symptoms of returning crossness appeared

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

At one time He became Angry with one of Dr. Willis's Men and taking his Feet off the Chair He walked up to him — He seem'd by this to have deceived Dr. Willis as He had in the Morning told Us that the King could not shift from the Effect of the Blisters — His Man seems to have thought so too for seeing the King coming He said, "He saw He had "cheated Them as He could walk very well"

His M.ty's favorite Little Spaniel Flora, was at his request sent for to Windsor, & He was much pleased as it it was it arrived this day.

Tho He had certainly not been in the best humour during this day, yet nothing beyond a threatening of Bustle occurred — In the Evening He desired to go to bed of Himself & about 5 o'Clock He undressed — As He had appeared rather touchy throughout the day no Objection was made to his going to bed thus Early it being thought the best Place to keep Him quiet

I saw Him this Night as I went his Evening Rte He was talking good humouredly but in consistently as usual. The present controul Establish'd over H. M.ty was new to Me, but He appeared now to be accustomed to it Himself — While He was in bed Dr. Willis's Men were fomenting his Legs, preparatory to their being dressed by Mr. Keate — Whenever H. M.ty put his hands out of bed one of Dr. Willis's Men took hold of it, & putting it back again & covered

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

it with the Cloaths, which did not even interrupt his Conversation
so habituated was He now to His new System —
By what I have lately observed I expect an Explosion soon
among the Faculty, who are evidently already shy of
Each other — Dr Willis has confirmed me this day in my
Conjecture by what has dropped from Him — He was
talking of Dr Warrens having been angry about the
King's having had King Lear given to Him — He said He
knew not whence He got it — It was not among the Books
He had given Him from the Library but added He "I
"suppose Warren will tell every one that I have given it
"to Him"* I begin to think Dr Willis is rather too
incautious a Man for his present conspicuous & responsible
situation — At the least He is certainly unguarded &
imprudent, & too much so for a Man who strongly
leans to a Political Party — He does not appear to
confine his Politics to the approbation of present
measures or to the Admiration of Mr Pitt, but He
attacks Mr Fox & the Opposition with as much Zeal as
any Partizan I know — He lately detailed to our
small but mixed Society an anecdote which He
told us He had just picked up from Mr Pitts
Messenger & who had mentioned to Him that He had
overheard the conversation of 2 Blackguards
in the Lobby of the House of Commons about

* Dr Willis since this, on his Examination before the
Committee of the House of Commons has Himself owned it

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

Mr Fox, who remarking how ill He looked, one observed that it was not surprising, as "He had eat nothing for some "days but his own words" A joke which seem'd to please D.r Willis full as well as the Original one of George Selwyn, & which My Friend Colonel Digby now rescued & transmitted to the Doctor—

Saturday Dec.r 20th The high Spirits which had marked the latter part of Yesterday Evening gave no favorable prospect of H: M.ty's falling soon asleep, & they proved the forerunners of much irritation — During the Night He became restless & turbulent, Jumped up from his Bed, & in other respects was much unsettled.

About 5 o'Clock in the Morning H. M.ty became so ungovernable that recourse was had to the Strait Waistcoat: His Legs were tied, & He was secured down across his Breast, & in this melancholy situation He was, when I came to make My Morning Enquiries—

However persuaded I had been of the necessity of obtaining positive submission from H. M.ty under his afflicting Malady, as the best means whereby his recovery might be ultimately expected, I have not been prepared for those harsher processes, which have followed — I do not question that these have been now adopted, on a practice, sanctioned by confirmed Experience, but as of this I cannot decide Myself, I can but greive, & hope the best.

Sir George Baker & D.r Gisborne saw H. M.ty this Morning

68

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

While H. M.ty situation was thus distressing a profuse sweat came on, & which afterwards subsided gradually — The Willis's thought much of the favorable Turn to be expected from this perspir=ation as little or in general there had been no tendency to it.

The King remained under coercion until near Two o'Clock, when he was released, & the perspiration having now subsided, he was permitted to get up. Still however his agitation continued in a considerable degree, & he remained much disturbed — He still talked incessantly & violently, & he was quite wrong in his ideas.

In the morning this derangement was called Delirium rather than Insanity. At one time he sighed Violently & complained moanfully. This according to My ideas more resembled delirium, than what I heard afterwards when he was loud, turbulent & threatening; at these times talking in a manner very unlike Himself, & being extremely angry with all around him — The L: was now in no favor, he called Mr Pitt a rascal, & Mr Fox his Friend.

The seriousness of H. M.ty Malady was strongly marked by every thing he said or did this day, which I think has been by much the worst I have yet known, since his confinement. After M. M.ty got up the Willis's did not speak so favorably of the Effects of his late perspiration, & which had not been followed by the good which they had expected. His pulse had not been moderated by it — at one time when his perturbation was at its height it was supposed

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

be not less than 140. Counted afterwards attentively, it was found to be 136— The variety of inaccurate relations from many quarters, & the many opinions which are floated off in many directions, may make me at this time (since my return to Kew) more attentive to circumstances, which otherwise I might have deemd of little importance to note down among my daily memorandums — Now I am resolved to put down every thing fairly as I see them (as has been my practice hitherto) let the conclusions on the several information, be what they may.

Things are not now always explained as they have really happened, but not unfrequently an occasional turn is here given, how these are to be thought of.

I know nothing of Medicine, but viewing dispassionately I may judge of what I see as well as another; & my conclusions become an affair of the Mind, & not of Medicine —

I cannot think it kind nor fair to the King or his Family to disperse at a time like this, Accounts more favorable than his unhappy disorder in fact can warrant — To raise false hopes by such means of his case, may at some future time greatly depress the Expectations of many, who while they bewail this awesful dispensation of providence, would have waited with patient hope for his recovery.

During the Evening of this day H. M.ty has not been violent, but he has been fretful & angry in his conversations — He went to bed early — His pulse remained quick & his Eyes wild.

70

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

About 7 o'clock this Evening, the Chancellor arrived - He saw Her Majesty & He was afterwards for some time with both the Doctor Willis's & He then returned to Town.

Sunday Dec.r 21st H.M. passed a tolerable Night & had 4 hours sleep - but in the Morning She appeared irritable & inclined to dispute. This fluster however went off, and about the middle of the Day She became more calm, but continuing still to be loquacious.

The Chancellor came again to Kew this Morning and as Yesterday He saw the Queen, & afterwards both the Dr.s Willis's (Father & Son) before his return to Town.

The Duke of Gloucester likewise came to Kew this Morning and had a long Interview with both Doctor Willis's -

Towards the Evening His Majesty became more agitated & disturbed, & afterwards He was inclined to be a little unruly. He was checked this time by holding Him down in his Chair, & by the interference of Doctor Willis, who recommended Him to be more calm, or that He would certainly talk Himself into a strait Waistcoat - This grave address produced the wish'd for Effect in some degree, tho' He still continued angry & abusive -

H.M.y went to bed about 10 o'Clock, but his continued talking when in bed did not favor the hope of his having a good Night However She had, for when She dropped asleep, She slept 6 hours very comfortably - Notwithstanding which She awoke a little irritable, & which tendency continued at times during the

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

Morning of,
Monday Decr 22d – The King was now obliged to be managed at times with great caution to prevent his flying out – On the whole however He was good humoured & sometimes jocose – In the Evening Dr Willis said He thought He now saw a road which led Him to the way home – but this allusion He did not explain.

H. Mty was shaved this Morning an operation He submits to not very readily –

Doctor Willis still mentions the uneasiness H. Mty Experiences Yet from the Blisters – & which seem now to be discharging more than Usual – Mr Dundas & Mr. Charles Hawkins who have principally attended to them find however that there was no inflamation beyond the marks left by the Blisters –

During this day H. Mty continued a little sickish & He was obliged to be managed by the Attendants very attentively. He took a dislike to a Picture which hung in his room – It was the School of Florence by Zoffany – He had it immediately off the Nails on the Floor, before He was perceived to be busy with it – The Picture was directly removed into the Next room –

In the Evening H. Mty Spirits rose as his bed time approached. With Him this always indicates the chances of a bad Night, & the report of this Night has not contradicted my general Observation –

72

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

He was turbulent & disturbed & had not above Two hours sleep.
At one time during the course of this night it became necessary to put Him under coercion.

Tuesday Dec.r 23d In the Morning K.M.s became more composed, but rose late — The Blisters were still alluded to as a cause of his late irritabilities — They were now in a state of considerable discharge — In the disturbance of this Night the Dressings had been torn off, & the Blisters in consequence rubbed — Whatever may have caused late agitations, it is not unlikely, that the Blisters in such a state, threatening a Sore & under such Regimen, may have increased them greatly —

During this Day K.M. was very high, but good humoured & occasionally touchy —
A Couch was brought into his room to raise his legs on, but He was too vigorously inclined to stay long on it, & at last He became so troublesome, that Coercion was resorted to, & He was confined on the Couch during part of the day, & of the Evening —

About 7 o'clock it was proposed that He should go to bed — He objected & resisted much — but was undressed & borne down in bed in a Straight Waistcoat —

His spirits were at this time very extraordinary, He was not violent — neither did his situation, and restraint seem to press on Him forcibly on either, and more as He lay Strapped down on his Bed, He sang.

This Night his Blisters were dressed, & found to be

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

going on well & in the fairest way—
It was now proposed that only one Surgeon should dress his
Majesty's Legs—The three who had hitherto attended on this occasion
were Mr Dundas, Mr Keate & Mr Charles Hawkins—
The attendance was now to this particular point, left to Mr
Dundas—By whom this proposition had been made I do
not know—It seemed to be approved of by Dr Willis, who
told Mr of it, & on this Account, that the Surgeons dressed
them at different times, & had different modes—He
therefore thought the dressings would be more regular
& similar, under the practice of one—This regulation
I perceived stirred somewhat of Jealousy among the
Parties.
During the dressing of the Blisters this day by Mr Dundas
H. M.y was high, Wild, & in great Spirits. He joked with
Mr Dundas—He told Him He had a good heart, & tho' He
might be born in a Stable in Scotland, there was no reason
why He must be a Horse—He complained of his Arm
being confined too tight, & they were ordered by Mr Willis
to be loosen'd—He then asked to be released—Dr Willis
was inclined to try if He could be indulged, & ask'd Him
how much He might try his Honour in being quiet if
He should agree to release Him. The King answered that
"He would try all He could to be quiet, which was all a
"Man could do" The manner in which this was said made
me feel much for the Poor Dear King. It was deemed however

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

not safe to rely upon Him in his present humour & He was left under coercion.

During the Night a profuse perspiration came on, & which particularly appeared from his Head — He had very little Sleep, not above an hours, tho' He laid very quiet, that is without so much talking — He was near two hours without speaking yet at this time He was thought not to be asleep — He was still in the Waistcoat, but in the Morning He was released from it, & the perspiration having gradually subsided He got up about 9 o'Clock — of

Wednesday Dec.r 24th — This Mornings Bulletin sent to Town was favourable, stating the composure of the last night.

Besides this daily Morning Bulletin, others of more particular description go to The Prince of Wales — to The Chancellor & to the Chancellor of the Exchequer —

That which went this morning to the Prince of Wales I have heard contained particulars of the Night, which Dr. Willis would not sign, & He wrote Him self and Mr Leker & the Prince of Wales, which I dispatched with the Royal public Bulletin.

There is not a day now, in the course of which I do not perceive symptoms of prevailing Jealousies — & I often hear of them as Dr. Willis frequently complains in general Terms —

Nothing in my opinion can be more prejudicial to H. M.ty true Situation than such jealousies, & to spread these so diligently is little short of mischief — Still I do not see

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

how they are to cease while one Party is supported & attended to here, while the other Party is not seen, or questioned on Events, as they arise. It is now about three Weeks since Doctor Willis has been at Kew, & I have reason to know, that Doctor Reynolds as well some other attendant Physicians have not once been asked their Opinion of the actual State of H. M. from any distinguished Authority, since his arrival—

Such proceeding may well give rise to misunderstandings Misinterpretations, if not to Misinformation—

After Doctor Willis wrote his Letter to The Prince of Wales He saw the Queen, having been sent for while he was writing that Letter—He afterwards went to Town.

This Evening H. M.ty's spirits begun to rise—About his bed time they became very high & He was noisy. However on Doctor Willis's coming in, He became more Moderate & soon after that He was composed & quiet.

Thursday Dec.r 25.th The report of this Morning Stated that H. M.ty had had about 5 hours sleep, & the Bulletin mentioned that He had a good night & was quiet in the Morning— Afterwards in the course of the day He became troublesome & turbulent, & so much so that recourse to Coercion became necessary & He was confined on his Couch— Such sudden transitions appeared strange to Me, but I was informed by the best authority Mr.r Dundas that in the Morning when in bed, & when He was reported quiet, He was as deranged as possible, & had been so

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

for some time — Among his Extravagancies of the Moment He had at this time hid part of the Bed Clothes under his bed — had taken off his Night Cap, & got a Pillow Case round his head, & the Pillow in the bed with Him, which He called Prince Octavius, who He said was to be new born this day —

This clearly accounted to Me for the after disturbance of the Morning, & there were proofs too strong, that things were were not now always explained as they happened, & that a turn was given how these were to be thought of —

Circumstances like these make Me depend more on My own Observations, on a Case, which I have as much opportunity as most, to remark on — — — & which throughout I have watched with great attention —

Fairly considered, I cannot but think that at present the State of H: M^y^s health is in a more precarious situation than it has yet been, since the Attacks commenced.

It began by irritability, & when I see that irritability greatly increased of late, can I maintain Encouraging conclusions — Melancholy as this situation is, yet the account of it is correct — & I fear the Poor Queen has not been informed of it fairly — & that in truth at this moment She does not know, how bad all still remains under this roof — Truth ought to be tenderly unveiled to Her, but She ought not to be ignorant of facts

This Morning I was spoke to by General Harcourt who had received a letter from the Chancellor, desiring Me

77

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

to be present with Col.t Goldsworthy & Sir Philip Hales when he saw D.r Willis, & the Physicians in consequence of it —

The correspondence arose from the two Bulletins of Yesterday & the Queen had been much hurt at some descriptions of treatment which were described in so strong a manner as to wound Her sensibility — On this having been represented to the Princess of Wales She had told D.r Willis, that She did not wish any thing put in his Bulletin respecting the means which might be made use of to control H.M. at times — All She desired was, to have a seperate Bulletin sent to Her daily, of every thing which the Physicians might think proper to mention respecting the true state of His Majesty's health — Doctor Warren had after this Arrangement dispatched a Man on Horseback with a letter to D.r Willis with a View to quiet the Queen's uneasiness. & desiring that this Letter might be communicated to Her Majesty — This was omitted therefore General Harcourt having on receiving the Chancellors Letter respecting the Bulletins & likewise having received the Queens Commands spoke to the Physicians respecting the Uneasiness the Queen had felt, on the particularly distressing Accounts which had been detailed & sent to Town — He acquainted them from Her Majesty, that while His Majesty was under that roof, She considered Him as being under Her care & that Her directions were that no Bulletin should go, but what She saw — D.r Warren & Sir Lucas

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

Peyps both of whom were at this time present said that this was Exactly what they wished & that Her Majesty's commands should be punctually & cheerfully obey'd, & Dr Warren took this opportunity of repeating that the Prince of Wales had already Expressed to him his Wish not to have any thing mentioned in his bulletin alluding to the means used, but only to report such as they chose to send him of the true state of The King's health.

Things being thus settled the Morning Bulletin was wrote, & a seperate one intended for the Prince of Wales, was sent up for the Queens Inspection.

Before the Physicians seperated The Chancellor arrived about 11 O'Clock - He staid until 2 O'Clock - During that time He saw the Queen, & Dr Warren & Doctor Willis.

I know not if before the Chancellor's return He was told of the Kings increasing turbulence - which about 12 O'Clock had become so great that He was put under coercion & confined on his Couch & this was not Effected without much difficulty as He resisted Violently -

He remained under coercion until 5 O'Clock when He was released from it - His Voice has been very hoarse this day - This Evening He was put to bed Early, & at 9 O'Clock his blisters were dressed - He continued at this time greatly disordered but He was not confined to his Bed - His Legs appeared not so well, By throwing them about a good deal lately He had hurt the Blisters

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

which in part had led – Unless such interruption can be parried, their recovery may not be so immediate –

While the Blisters were dressing He King talked wildly & in a very hoarse Voice – He was angry & much agitated – Dr. Willis was very anxious to pacify Him and to keep Him out of the Waistcoat, but to no purpose, & it was ordered to be put on – He became violently agitated & made great resistance – Before 10 o'clock He became more calm & had a little Sleep – Violent & long have been the bewildered struggles of this day – He has been worse altogether this day than I have yet known Him to be & Dr. Willis's Men say they have not yet seen Him so bad –

His pulse during these agitations have risen high – at times it has been 120.

Friday Dec.r 26th The extreme fatigue & Agitation of Yesterday brought on during last Night some rest – At 4 He slept 5 hours & on Waking in the Morning He was more composed – His hoarseness still continued – He was now good humoured but quite wrong.

The Bulletins were wrote by the Physicians & sent to the Queen in obedience to Her order of Yesterday, & She approved of them. That intended for the Lord in Waiting at St. James's run thus – "His Majesty was yesterday in the Afternoon "disturbed, had an indifferent Night, & is calm this Morning" –

After this Bulletin had been returned approved Her Majesty sent to say that She wished the Word disturbed

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

might not remain, & that some other might be substituted —

In consequence the Bulletin was wrote over again & dispatched with this Alteration — "Her Majesty was yesterday "in the Evening less calm, had an indifferent night, & is "calm this Morning"

When this Bulletin was delivered to Mr. Groom of the Bedchamber Sir Philip Hales then in Waiting for Her Majesty's Inspection by Dr. Willis He told Him, that The King was quite composed & that He had of Himself approved of the coercion used last night for his Control, & that He had expressed a Wish that no one should go in to His room but Himself & his Sons, & that Sir George Baker & Dr. Gisborne had consented & did not go in — This information Sir Philip Hales communicated to the Queen, also desired Him to Enquire particularly if the Physicians named, had consented not to go in, & to let Dr. Willis & his Son Dr. John Willis go in Exclusively.

Sir Philip Hales seeing Dr. Willis first, He asked Him respecting the proposition He had mentioned to Him, as coming from the King — His answer was that Sir George Baker had heard the King say so, & that He had consented — Sir George Baker soon after came in to the Room by Himself, & not having heard the least of these prior conversations, & not knowing at the time that the Queen had sent to fix their accuracy, He was asked by Sir Philip Hales if He, Sir George Baker, had heard the King say, that He wished only Doctor Willis & his Son to go in, & if He had given his consent — Sir George Baker answered, that He had not heard

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

the King say so, but that Doctor Willis had told Him so, & that at his request He had kept out of sight tho' actually then in the room. On this different statement the conversation stopped & no steps were taken in consequence.

This Morning the Earl of Galloway came to make his Enquiries — He was in his way from Bath to attend the business in the House of Lords this Night — I made Him the report of the day by telling Him that M. M. had been much out of order Yesterday — but that he had slept 5 hours during the Night & that Dr. Willis thought Him better this Morning — I attend. Dr. Shew'd Him the Public Bulletin —

At this time Dr. Willis entered our Apartment & Lord Galloway made Enquiries from Him adding that He should be glad to be the bearer of good Tidings to his Friend The Chancellor who He should see that Evening — On Lord Galloway's going away Dr. Willis said to Him You may tell the Chancellor, that I have never yet seen M. M. so well as He is this day.

I was a little surprised at this Message as M. M. tho' quiet was still very incoherent & incorrect in his conversations — The ideas are often good & correct, but they are strangely jumbled together & intermixed —

In the Evening The King received a Parcel of Spectacles which I had sent for in the Morning (by Dr. Willis's direction) from Mr. Adams in M. M.'s Petition — Dr. John Willis took Them in, & He was much pleased with the manner in which He tried Them — After trying Them He wrote directions for the Monthly of two Pairs which He had now selected — Both the Doctor

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

Willis's said great stress upon the correctness of the writing of this Order — It was shewn at night to the Queen, & Dr. Willis got it again from Her saying he was led to shew it to the Chancellor.

This reminds me a stronger instance of K. W.m's collected accuracy in an early period of his illness, & which was very marked, even under much of its severity —

At Windsor when K. W.m asked for his Account Books it was thought proper to keep them back from Him for fear of his puzzling Himself too much with them. The King was disappointed at the refusal, & set to work to calculate by Himself what was wanted to pay the Workmen under Milliken his Gardiner at Richmond, & the Board Wages of some of the Servants — He made the Calculation & gave something more as a surplus to meet possible Exigencies — After this He wrote a Draft on Mr Mathias in Scotland Yard for the Sum of £200 well drawn up, & signed, & which He then gave to General Grenville, with a list of the Payments He wished to be made from it — & after which He sent Him to Town to receive the Money — The General did receive the Sum then drawn for, & found it very exact, & sufficient for its specified purposes & which had been calculated by K. W.m thus, £100 for the Workmen under Milliken, & 84£ for the Board Wages —

This Evening K. W.m played at Back Gamon with Dr. Willis, & very much in his usual stile — While playing it appeared to Me scrupulous, that He should play the game with the utmost correctness,

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

directing his Moves according to the throws, & yet that the conversation should continue so wrong & incorrect at the same time. It was evident that playing did Him good, in as much as it stopped much conversation, & by occupying so much of his Attention, it gave a respite to his Mind from the continual hurries, brought on by inconsistent thoughts.

He went to bed composed & passed the Night quietly but had not much above two hours sleep —

On the Whole this has certainly been a good day, compared with the late ones.

Saturday Dec.r 27.th Tho' His Majesty passed a quiet Night, He had not Enjoy'd the refreshment of much Sleep, yet during the day He has been more composed & has talked with more calmness than usual —

In the Evening He amused Himself again with a Game of Backgamon, & talked with those around Him on various subjects with recollection, & with a propriety which had not been so well maintained since His removal from Windsor to Kew. With Mr. Heate one of his Surgeons in attendance He talked very collectedly & sensibly of the 1.st Reg.t of Foot Guards & to which Mr Heate was now Surgeon —

He talked of the changes in that regiment, which the death of General Cox would make & He spoke of the various Officers who would be affected by it, with much recollection —

In his more disturbed hours He has for some time

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

past, spoke much of Lady Pembroke — This Evening He recollected, that He had at times said of Her, & a sense of shame accompanied his transient & deliberate moments —

He very feelingly said to one of his Pages He hoped Nobody knew what wrong ideas He had had, & what wrong things He had said respecting Her — This sense of his impropriety which now flashed with a gleam of returning reason, reminded Me of a similar Instance which occurr'd at Windsor, on one of those days, in which there had been symptoms more favorable than had yet appeared since his Attack —

He observed at this time, that in his Delirium He must have said many very improper things, & that much must have Escaped Him then which ought not, & that He must try & find out what had slipped from Him.

This Evening at his proper bed time K. M.ty went to bed with much good humour & cheerfulness, & He soon composed Himself, leaving all who had seen Him in the course of this day, with more sanguine & well grounded hopes of real Amendment, than circumstances hitherto could admit.

He passed this Night of Saturday very quietly & Enjoyed 6 hours comfortable Sleep — o

Sunday Dec.r 28th. On waking this Morning K. M.ty Spirits seem'd somewhat higher — & I have observed that when They rise they generally portend an alteration for the Worse soon

The Bulletin of this Morning gave the most favorable Account of the State of His Majesty's health of any that had

o Vide Appendix —

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

yet left this place — It announced that She was better in Every respect, than She had yet been, that She had passed a good Night & that She was calm this Morning —

I saw Doctor Willis soon after the Bulletin was dispatched He told Me He was going up Stairs to desire that the Queen would pay a Visit to the King as He thought this a very favorable opportunity & that He was sure H. M. would receive Her very well — He at the same time Requested that I would be in the Antiroom during this Visit & that I would keep the Doors shut to prevent improper Listeners.

I went immediately into the Library where I found Sir Philip Hales — I communicated to Him the intended Visit & desired Him to come with Me — On our return The Queen was just crossing the Antiroom & Entering the King's Apartment —

The Doors were shut & No Body was in the King's room with their Majesties but Doctor Willis — In the Antiroom were Sir Philip Hales & Myself — two of the King's Pages & two of Doctor Willis's Men — Lately Dr. John Willis joined us —

The Visit was limited to a certain time, & this stipulated time was one quarter of an hour — We could hear the King's Voice, but Without hearing his conversation — and at times He appeared to Us as if He was crying.

As to the subject of the conversation which passed that probably will be for Ever unknown as most of it was in German, not a Word of which does Dr. Willis understand — The stipulated quarter of an hour passed

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

and a second was Entered upon — This having Elapsed also Doctor Willis called in his Two Men who he said The King wished to shew to the Queen — They went in and in about 20 Minutes after the Queen was released, not quite without some difficulty having been altogether 55 Minutes in the King's Apartment —

It was painful to see the Poor Queen coming out of the Apartment unattended, through the Antiroom, where there were many attendants — As She passed Her Majesty seem'd to make an Effort to look up & by her countenance to shew Us that She was not overcome —

Directly after the Queen left the King's Apartment He became angry & agitated — He abused Dr Willis, calling him an Old Fool &c. & He complained of having been detained from his Wife — Doctor Willis afterwards told me that The King received the Queen with much kindness — He sat down by Her while He spoke to Her & often kissed Her hand, & He cry'd frequently. Tho' the conversation was in French which Dr Willis does not understand I have now but little doubt that it has not remained a Secret for the King afterwards mentioned it to some of the Medical People or to his Pages, & if his narration was at this time correct it was such as was improper for Her to have heard — In substance it was that He did not like Her, that He preferred another — That She was mad & had been so these three Years, that He would not on any Account admit Her to his Bed

87

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

till the Year 1793 for reasons Ye then improperly explained,
& such like Extravagant & Wild conversation—
Much is it to be hoped, that whatever did pass at this Interview,
was not such as H. M.ty now represented it—Doctor Willis
disbelieved it & denied it positively, & persisted in affirming
that He had received the Queen very well— I will however
I had not heard the King say or the Queens leaving his Apartment
that He had sworn She would be Either—

The King continued for some time so Violent after the Queen
left his Apartment that it was much apprehended that
coercion could not be avoided—but the threat of it luckily
pacified Him in some degree, tho' not so much so, as to
make his Management otherwise than very difficult throughout the day,
from the fear of his flying out at any moment.

After this Visit, his Conversation was sadly altered from
what it had been Yesterday, & his Manner was disturbed.
The Visit certainly has failed in its Object, for it has
done Him no good. He went to bed however at his
usual time, & notwithstanding late flurries He passed
a tolerable Night & had 5 hours sleep—

Monday Dec.r 29th In the Morning H. M.ty continued much
the same as last Night, He was agitated & quick, and
his conversation much bewildered—He refused to get up
at his usual hour, & gave strong symptoms of being
determined to be troublesome—a partial coercion of
a few hours, checked much, & He got up about 2 o'clock.

88

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

throughout the day he continued much disturbed & incoherent
He rambled much in his ideas, & talked wildly, repeating
frequently the conversation he had had yesterday with the
Queen, which with other very inconsistent subjects
were at this time his usual Topics –
He retired to bed about One o'Clock –
Tuesday Dec.r 30th. Last Night was a very indifferent
one – H.M. had little or no Sleep – About 2 Oclock in the
Morning he became so unquiet, that recourse was had
to the Strait Waistcoat – He has during moments of less
ruffle, been persuaded to keep this Waistcoat under his own
Waistcoat a practice as I am informed not unusual
with Persons under care for the same unhappy disorder.
This is done to be more in readiness, & with less difficulty
whenever it becomes necessary to have recourse to its re-
-straint – In fact H.M. had had it on all Yesterday with
this purpose in View but he had persuaded Doctor Willis to
let him be without it last Night –
Wednesday Dec.r 31st. After a low'rng Evening H.M.
went to bed in such state of Mind as not to give reasonable
hopes of his passing a good Night – He slept altogether
about 3 hours, but was restless & unquiet during the
rest of it – During the Day he was disturbed & incoherent
He now resorted to Weirdsor Ideas, which he has dropped
for some Weeks – He resumed with Doctor Warren
the Subject of his Baronetage, the Warrant for which

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

He had been continually making out at Windsor but which he not mentioned to Him since he has been at Kew praising to this day.

This Morning the Chancellor arrived & remained here some time — Doctor Willis was out but he saw his Son Doctor John Willis. General Goldsworthy who happened to be here this Morning was sent by the Chancellor to apprize the Queen that he was arrived, & her Majesty saw him —

The King has now & then, at times lately has talked of the Parliament, which somebody has told him, has met — after the first debate in the House of Commons he asked who had made the best Speech — Tho' he now occasionally alludes to Parliament he does not speak much about it — but he constantly dwells on the same idea which is that they are mistaken, that their meeting is to no purpose for that they can do nothing without him — He says that no Money can be had without his consent — That the Army will soon disband for want of Pay — Such are the present rambling reflexions which now form his political Ideas.

During this Morning the King has been very turbulent & so ungovernable that recourse was made to the Strait Waistcoat — He has been much agitated & very angry with Every body around him — In the Evening becoming more calm he was released — Turbulent as the Morning has been the Evening has made welcome amends & during which he has been more calm & collected than

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

He has been for some time.

While playing this Evening with D.r Willis at Back gammon He asked Him many questions respecting his House in Leicestershire. What his Terms were not high, & what his Patients gave Him — The Doctor told Him that none gave less than four Guineas a Week, besides other Expences & that for Lord Leigh He has £1300 a Ys. He then asked if Mrs D—n—by had not been with Him, & He was curious to know about her having destroyed Herself while there — H. M.y then asked who it was that kept another house like his at Leicester — He was told D.r Arnold — This reminded Him of Doctor Arnold Canon of Windsor, & of whom He now talked much & related many Anecdotes, particularly alluding to the beginning Symptoms of his Illness — All this He did with much accuracy & recollection — D.r Arnold died under confinement —

H. M.y talked afterwards of Burton the Musician who He called a Vain Empty Man & half Mad & He ridiculed the March He had composed on seeing some French Soldiers returning from the Heat & Exercise of a Field day. & He now recollected the Expression of Sir John Dyer (of the Prince of Wales's Family) who having heard Burton giving this Preface to his Composition, & the March Exclaimed Dryly "Fine Comfort for a tired Soldier" — I was present myself at this time, when Mr Burton was in the Music Room at The Queen's Lodge, where He made this display, & I can

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

well answer for the Accuracy with which M:M.ᵗ had now detailed the circumstances which had then occurred.

On the whole this has been a very remarkable day— One of Doctor Willis's Men told Me He had never seen the King so bad as He had been during one part of this Morning nor so well as during some parts of this Evening—

When M:M.ᵗ went to bed at his usual time He asked Doctor Willis to let Him go to bed, without keeping on the Waistcoat. The Doctor told Him if He was sure He could trust Himself to lay quiet without attempting to get up that He should be glad to indulge Him in his request. The King promised & the indulgence immediately took place.

Late this Evening Mr Pitt came— He had a long Interview with The Queen, after which He saw Doctor Willis—

Thursday Jan:ʳʸ 1:ˢᵗ 1789—

The very favorable Accounts of last Night were confirmed by their continuance this Morning & to these circumstances still more favorable were now added— His Majesty passed a very good Night He slept about 7 hours & He awoke calm & composed—

The Bulletin, the most favorable one which had yet appeared ushered in the New Year with joy & with redoubled hopes—

Doctor Willis gave to Mr Pitt last Night the most flattering

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

accounts – He told Me this Morning & also to The Baron Alvensleben The Hanoverian Minister, that He had assured Mr Pitt last night that His Majesty was then, while He was speaking to Him so well, that He was sure He was at that moment as capable of transacting any business of State, as ever He had been in his life. I own I was not a little surprised at Doctor Willis's hazarding thus, & unpressed, such very strong assertions –

Sharing in the general joy at the late more favorable appearances, & as eager as any to cherish the fondest hopes, still I did know that the time was not yet come for Us to be too sure.

Prudence in cases of Uncertainty, should withhold a little for moments of eventual Interruption, & for those Turns so sudden & so unexpected, which We have all occasionally witnessed throughout the course of this distressing Illness –

Less triumph or short successes, & more check on the Eagerness of Politics, seem to Me the two desireable Essentials, at present wanting, but well worthy of Dr Doctor Willis's attention in his responsible situation at Kew –

Too much inattention to these will possibly involve Him in scrapes, from which He might easily have kept Himself clear – but if He will blend the Politician with The Physician, He must expect the usual rubs of Party, & becomes their fair game – If He has made up his Mind to risk such Chances – he may speculate on the Retreat of The Rats, if it so pleases Him, or on the conduct

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

of those, who do not yet go with Ministers—

Doctor Willis told us this morning much of the King's late conversations, which from his report have been collected, & marking recollections— Dr. John Willis at his Father's informed us, was to go to Town by the King's desire to call upon the Chancellor "to let him know how well he was "for I dare say added he, he thinks me very bad" He gave at this time the name of His Groom to Dr. Willis's Son in writing & an order for him to receive his Horses while in Town at his Stables, & desired he would look at his Horses at Pimlico.

In the Evening I saw K. M. as usual for a short time but without his seeing Mrs. He was talking with good humour & at times very consistently, but he still mixed much in the Conversation, which was decidedly wrong—

He played several games at Backgammon with Dr. Willis & with Dr. Reynolds— He doubled Shade which most struck me this Evening, was his still talking of Lady Denbighe, & writing "I made love to Kate—

His manner was more generally familiar than it certainly would have been, had he been quite himself—

He told his Page Brown that he was his best Servant (& in this he was not far wrong) but he marred much by immediately tapping Joe one of Willis's Keepers across the Breast, & telling him that after Brown he was the best Servant he had— With another of his Pages

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

(Papendiek) He was not so well pleased, having for a moment given way to his irritability, & struck Herr — On the whole however his conversation was less deranged & his behaviour less prone to Violence —

Before He went to bed He varied the Amusements of the Evening & from Backgammon He set down to Piquet & He played a few games with Mr Charles Hawkins, & He got credit for throwing out his Cards tolerably well

This Night Mr Pitt wrote to Doctor Willis by a Messenger & received an answer by the same —

Friday Jan.y 22d This Morning on my going down to make my usual Enquiries after his Majesty I had the pleasure of hearing, that He had passed a quiet & a good Night & that He had had 5 hours of comfortable sleep. When Doctor Warren arrived (for this was the Morning of his Attendance in turn) He saw the King, & He afterwards met the rest of the Physicians to consider as to the Bulletin of the day — When finished it was given to General Gordon (the Groom of the Bedchamber then in Waiting) who carried it to the Queen for Her inspection — What this Bulletin was I know not as I did not see it then — When General Gordon returned from the Queen's Apartment I found that She had wished an Alteration, & that the Physicians would insert "that the King continued mending."

Doctor Warren said He could not see that things were

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

mending & hesitated from giving his consent to the proposed alterations— Another Bulletin was in consequence prepared & Doctor Willis carried it up Himself to the Queen—

While this was going on, I was in the Library by Myself Waiting there to receive the Bulletin as usual— & I now heard Doctor Willis & the Physicians in animated conversation in the next room, & during which time, Lady Charlotte Finch & Lady Harcourt were there— I heard part of the conversation as it was loud— Doctor Willis seemd very angry & He told Doctor Warren, that He did not allow his good sense to direct his Judgement.

Doctor Warren remained (as I was afterwards informed by a Person present) very collected & calm, but could not alter his Opinion for that of Doctor Willis—

Doctor Willis in the course of this dispute said to Dr. Warren "Why You will not allow Him to be mended until He is well"

"Yes replied Doctor Warren whenever I see Him one hour "under the direction of his reason & Judgement, I will say "that He is well."

On being pressed further Doctor Warren said He had often in such cases heard many sensible remarks made by a Patient, but these did not prove that the Person was well; but improper remarks always were decisive & proved that the Person was still deranged.

After a long discussion & altercation the Bulletin of the day, after three Alterations, stood thus—

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

"His Majesty passed Yesterday very much in the same manner as He did the day before, has had a very good night & is this Morning in a comfortable way." In this form it was dispatched.

This Morning on going into the Pages Room, which is the Antiroom to the Kings Apartment, I observed a Paper unsigned pinn'd up over the Chimney Peice - & on which the following was wrote. "No one but the Pages are at any time to go into "the Kings Apartment, without being introduced by, or having "leave from Doctor Willis."

Whether this notice has origin from any thing relating to the dispute of this Morning on the Bulletin, I am as yet uninformed.

Before dinner I asked Doctor Willis how the King was going on - He told Me extremely well - & said that He had desired to see Me that Evening, to play a Game of Backgammon with Him - About Seven o'Clock Doctor Willis went to the King, who immediately sent for Me.

The moment I came in The King laid down his Cards (He was at the time playing at Picquet with Dr. Willis) & in haste came up to Me, & clasped Me closely in his Arms, He then kissed Me, with Tears in his Eyes -

Nothing could be more affectingly expressed than the flattering kind Nature of the Poor Dear King towards Me at this Moment - His Intentions of much kindness were not to be mistaken but their affectionate Expressions were

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

introduced by too much Wildness of countenance, & a hurried manner - He desired me to sit down by Him, & told me how happy He was to have me again with Him, & added that I should now stay with Him until his Bed time.

He then called to one of Doctor Willis's Men who He shewed me as a Warwickshire Man - He then bid Him to go round to me, & intercede, that I should make his peace for Him. He then continued talking to me on various subjects, tho' truely not with uniform consistency - or wished propriety - for these would not have been his selected Topics had He been Himself. The Queen was not now in favor - but Lady Pembroke was. His clouded Judgement now was running riot against that, which Nature had blessed Him with in his unembarrassed days -

K. M.ty wished me to play a Game of Piquet with Him - Not knowing the Game much He gave me a Lesson, after which I played one Game with K. M.ty.

I made this Observation during my Visit - Whenever Doctor Willis was out of the Room He rambled wildly on various subjects, but when the Doctor returned He turned the subject, played his Cards better, & talked more cautiously.

During this my Visit Sir Lucas Pepys came in - The King conversed with Him in Latin, with which of late He has been much occupied -

From circumstances I perceived that K. M.ty played a Game occasionally, with Doctor Willis, & not ill -

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

Tonight while He was sitting at the Table, The King in a low Voice (addressing Himself to Sir Lucas Pepys & me) & with a Wink, told Us that The Doctor was a great Rascal & then added "Trieking in Love & in Physick You know is all fair"

At one time He took his opportunity of complaining to Sir Lucas & Me, of the Situation of a King in a Strait Waistcoat (and He now not unfrequently wore a precaution any one under his Coat) in a most affecting Manner & When Doctor Willis was out of the Room He opened his Waistcoat & shewed Us the Strait Waistcoat taking down it long Sleeves, & Strings -

After this melancholy display it was necessary to pull off his Coat to set it to rights again - He stripped & never shall I forget the painful, & unpleasant Sight - Heavens! What a Spectacle to see The dear Afflicted King standing in a Strait Waistcoat, & tucking up Himself, the Sleeves & Strings, untill they might be wanted!!

After this He put on his Coat, & all was so far well again but He walked about & talked Wildly - Then saying he'd of My Room He expressed a Wish to shew Me, parts of his Apartment & He called to Sir Lucas Pepys to come also.

At this time Doctor Willis re entered the Apartment & finding Him considerably agitated He told Us We were Wanted in the next room - The King as quick as thought understood what was meant by this, & sidling to Me He begged Me not to go - Doctor Willis observing this, repeated it in a firmer tone, that We were Wanted in the next room

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

On which I said to the King Sir I must go —
Sir Lucas Pepys followed, & at the Door the King most kindly took his Leave of Me, & with much affection kissed Me.

During this Visit the conversation rambled on many various Subjects & at one time He talked much of going to Hanover during the ensueing Summer, & told Me I should go with Him, that my Appointment should be considerable & that I should have a Gold Key — Said He would have the same Yatch We went together in in the Year to the Nore & that it should now be called The Royal George

Saturday Janr.y 3d The Accounts of this Morning are that the King has passed a good night — during part of it He had talked much but one of Doctor Willis's Men checked Him by displaying the Waistcoat on the Screen as one of the Attendant Pages told Me. I find that during this day the King has been somewhat quarrelsome, & required management to prevent his flying out —
I went to Town this Morning for a few Hours & on the road I met the Chancellor on his Way to Kew — He saw the Queen and likewise Dr. Willis & staid some time.

In the Evening the same ticklish dispositions remained & both Doctor Willis's informed Us, that they feared a Storm was brewing & that K. M.y would pass an Unquiet Night.

Sunday Janr.y 4th The King passed an Indifferent

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

Night, & four hours Sleep – at times He talked much & often incoherently. In the Morning when He awoke He was much in the same state of mind as Yesterday – He was quick and ticklish to manage, but He was not violent –

The Bulletin of this day was dispatched without objection which it well might, as it was been more favorable than perhaps it ought to have been – It mentioned that the King had had a quiet Evening, that He had had 4 hours sleep & that He was calm this Morning –

Mr Best Secretary to the Hanoverian Minister came to the Library this Morning before the Bulletin was made up, & Enquired of me the State of H. M^y^'s health. I gave him what particulars I knew – Soon after Doctor John Willis joined us in the Library, & Mr Best asked him, "what sort of Bulletin He should have".

He answered, I doubt but an Indifferent one; It does not deserve a good one. After this conversation, & when the Bulletin appeared, I whispered Mr Best, You know now how to read our Bulletins.

During this day The King was quiet, but impatient of advice & cross – He first refused to have his dinner & then desired to go to bed, with management Law over the day rubbed on without a crash – In his more sedate moments He amused himself with Drawing Plans.

His late passion for Latin, has continued – He sent Dr Willis to the Library for an Answer his Dictionary

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

& Tully's Offices — These I found for Him, but they were soon returned to the Library —

In the Evening Dr. Reynolds saw the King for some time — Doctor Willis accompanied Him into his Apartment — Dr. Reynolds read a little to Him but it was not easy yet to fix Him long to a subject.

I will venture to affirm, from what I saw when I was lately called into K. My. Apartment, that Doctor Reynolds cannot have had a fair opportunity of judging accurately of the King while Doctor Willis is in the Room — I have observed (if I may use such Expressions) that there is somewhat of Trick in his Management — The Willis's have established such controul over Him, that the King Himself manages in some degree his conversation when before them. Dr. Willis always interposes & stops Him, when He is beginning to talk Wildly, or inconsistently, & thus turns his ideas.

It was very plain when Sir Lucas Pepys & Myself were in the Kings Apartment a few Evenings ago, that whenever Doctor Willis was out of it, the King rambled directly in his usual style, & which altered, as soon as He appeared again

While I was in the Pages room (The Antiroom) this Evening Doctor Willis desired to speak to Me in the Library — I went out with Him to the Library — when He began by saying He wished Me to assist Him on a particular Subject if I had no objection — He then told Me of

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

the behaviour of One of His Majesty's Pages (Ernest) which He had thought had been exceedingly improper both to The King & to Himself — That his manner to The King was too rude & threatening, & improper to be used to any body in that situation, & that the King seemed to stand peculiarly in need of Him from that treatment — He added that He had also behaved in a saucy & improper manner to Himself & to his Son — That He knew not if it was his natural manner or not, but from what He seen of Him hitherto He appeared unpracious & threatening in the highest degree — He concluded by stating that He had spoke of this, to The Chancellor — & that He had told Lady Harcourt & Lady Charlotte Finch that He would speak to me to use my Authority, & that as well He requested it —

Having listened to this Statement from Dr Willis with attention, I replied, that my Situation as Equerry to His Majesty was very limited, as to its powers, & that I had made it a constant rule, never to exceed them — I stated that I had no authority at all out of the Stable Department & none at any time, over His Majesty's Pages — That therefore I could not on any account, on the present case, as Equerry, interfere, on the score of Authority — I told Dr Willis that I knew Ernest's manner was not pleasing, & that I had never thought it so — & possibly it might now have increased, rather than diminished in unpraciousness, but be that as it might, that I really did believe

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

that much of it belonged to his natural Character—
I now readily promised Doctor Willis, that He might depend on My doing all I could to assist Him on this occasion, by talking to Ernest in such manner, as I should think most likely to answer his Wishes & the purposes of this Conversation.

Monday Jan.y 25.th The King during this Morning was not violent, tho' at times very cross, much out of humour, & most impatient of advice from Dr. John Willis—

In the Evening Doctor John Willis desired I would go into the Kings Apartment— I found there Sir Lucas Pepys, who was playing at Cards with H. M.y— I was received as usual with much kindness, & He desired I would sit by Him—

Soon after Mr. Charles Hawkins entered the Apartment who relieved Sir Lucas Pepys at a game of Piquet with H. M.y, who was by no means in the best humour— He particularly directed his resentment against Dr. John Willis who was sitting on one side of Him, & to Him He said many Severe things— As the King was speaking quick & with a loud Voice, Doctor Willis now appeared from the next room, attended by one of his Men, & who placed Himself in sight & not far from the King— This seemed to agitate H. M.y a little, but it checked Him at the same time— Doctor Willis now made me a Sign, and also to Sir Lucas Pepys to retire, which We contrived to do without the King perceiving it—

A short time after this Matters became more quiet &

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

this beginning Storm dispersed — and Mr Charles Hawkins continued to play at Piquet, & remained with H. M. a considerable time —

Tuesday Jan^y 26^th. The King passed a good night, & in the Morning He was tolerably calm. After the Physicians had left Him He sent for a Bible which Dr. Willis received from Me out of the Library — This Morning Mr Pitt came & had an Interview with the Queen & She afterwards saw Dr. Willis —

During this day H. M. remained as He had begun it, & in the Evening He saw nobody but the Doctor Willis's, & the Revd. Mr. Thos. Willis Prebend of Lincoln, a Younger Son of Dr Willis. This Gentleman has been introduced lately; He has seen the King occasionally, & is often here on his Father's concerns — During this Evening Dr. John Willis & the Prebend were chiefly with the King — He latter read Him a Sermon preached lately by Him, & conversed with Him on religious subjects — Religion this day silenced Latin — This I hope may produce the benefit in View, but I have my doubts as his Mind is not yet settled, that it may lead it into Wanderings. I am fearful, because at the beginning of this Illness religious topics much occupied his M^y Thoughts & then greatly bewildered them —

Dr. Gisborne was in Waiting this Evening, but did not go into the King's Apartment — He remained a long time in the room adjoining, viz the Antiroom

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

The Prince of Wales & the Duke of York arrived this Evening & staid about an hour with the Queen Majesty —

Doctor Willis acquainted me that they were wishing that the King might get out a little in a Carriage, but that there was difficulty about fixing the Attendants who would be proper to go out with Him, & that the Queen wished to see the Chancellor about it —

Wednesday Jan.y 27.th — The King passed a quiet Night & slept nearly 5 hours — Early in the Morning He became a little agitated, but all subsided, & he got up about his usual time.

Doctor Willis went to Town this Morning to be examined by the Committee of the House of Commons — Dr. John Willis remained with the King, & his Brother the Revd Mr. Willis went in with Him, & was much in the Apartment during this day.

Dr. John Willis came to Me in the Library for Pope's Essay on Man for the King, & which I gave Him —

In the course of this Morning Dr. John Willis informed me that the King was remarkably mild & very collected — & that He had read a good deal — As this was not usual, Col.l Gordon who happened now to be with Me, & I asked Dr. John Willis, how much the King had read? He replied as much as We could read in an hour & a half, in the course of the Morning —

The Chancellor was here this day & staid some time He saw the Queen & afterwards had an Interview with Dr. John Willis —

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

About 7 o'Clock this Evening Dr Willis & Doctor Reynolds came back from Town, & by them We were informed that the Examination had not been gone through this day — Dr Willis had only been Examined in part, & was ordered to attend the Committee again tomorrow — By my conversation with Dr Willis I found that He had been very closely prest & questioned by Mr Burke & Mr Sheridan — That He was angry with Them & with Mr Sheridan particularly — Mr Fox however seemed to have gained on Him by the more liberal manner in which He had Examined Him — He said none could behave more like a Gentleman than He had done towd Him on this occasion, & that He had put the questions He proposed to Him with great delicacy —

During the report of this Examination I must own I could understand the drift of some of the questions which Mr Burke & Mr Sheridan had put having seen much since I have been in Attendance at Kew.

From what Doctor John Willis had told Me this Morning I had in my Mind put this as a good day, but in the Evening I learnt another history. Tho' the King had not been violent still symptoms of derangement at times throughout the day have appeared very marked — After dinner He sang & was hurried — Spicer one of Doctor Willis's Men shewed Me a little Slip of Paper, which the King had given Him this day & which He had wrote Himself — It was dated & signed G R. at the top & at the Bottom —, & promising

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

to pay Spicer £50 a year during Spicers Life & after his death this Annuity to go to his Wife & Daughter — It was not uncustomary at this time for K. Ms. to give these kind of promissary Notes

Bowman another of Dr. Willis's Men who was present at this time told Me, that He was out of favor this day with the King As He was a favorite always, I told Him I was surprized to hear of this change in his Instance, but He said that for a Week past, that He had been frequently in & out of favor. The Kings partiality to Bowman had been occasioned by a likeness He had Himself discovered in him to The Dss Mary, & this indeed had not been unobserved by many others — In the Evening K. M. had a strong dispute with Dr John Willis, but it did not last long.

Dr Reynolds was with the King this Evening for some time — When He was about to retire He became more agitated & getting high, He therefore desired Dr John Willis would send his Father into the Apartment, as from not having seen Him during the course of the Day, his presence might give a Turn & quiet Him — It did so —

Thursday Jan 26th — The King had very little Sleep during the last Night; He slept scarce more than an hour, but He remained quiet in his bed —

In the Morning He was in good Spirits, & Dr John Willis and his Brother remained a good part of it with Him —

The Queen sent to Me this Morning to speak to Me — This is the first honor of the kind I have had, since

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

my attendance on His Majesty, viz^t that of 5 Weeks at Windsor during the first progresses of his Illness, & 3 Weeks now past of My Waiting at Kew — It was to see if I could set to right Her Majesty's Stop Watch — which had got in to irregular striking — The Task was not difficult, & I was happy at My success — Her Majesty took this opportunity of Enquiring from me respecting My Second Visit to the King in his Room. I gave Her some particulars which had then occurd, & in as gentle a manner as I could — After this I retired —

This Morning General Harcourt came to Kew — Lady Harcourt was Elected with Him for some time, after which He saw the Queen, as did also Col^o Goldsworthy.

About dinner time Sir Lucas Pepys came & gave Us some Account of the Examination of the Physicians before the Committee of the House of Commons — Doctor Willis arrived later — He had been in attendance, but was not Examined this day, & was to attend again tomorrow —

Throughout this day The King continued in high Spirits but altogether calm — He had a project to light up his Room more than Usual this Evening, but this was not done —

Friday Jan^y 9^th The last Night was a good one, & the King had between 5 & 6 hours good sleep, & during the rest of the Night He lay composed & quiet — In the Morning however much of his Usual state appeared. He now talked much of going an Airing this Morning to Richmond Park, & intimated that I was to go with Him — He employed Himself in

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

packing up some Books, which He said were to go — Then turning to one of his Pages to whom He had been speaking He took from his Breeches Pocket a pack of Cards, & six Counters which He shewed, & then put back again —

Dr. John Willis & Mr Thos. Willis were much with the King this Morning during Dr. Willis's absence in Town, attending a Committee of the House of Commons — They made a favorable report of Him, said that He had been reading, & that they also had read much to Him — Mr Hawkins also saw much of H.M. who talked much on political Arrangements, one of which was to make Lord North Speaker —

The Evening passed tolerably well & without any particular occurrence.

Saturday Jan.y 10.th The preceding night was an Indifferent one, & with but very little sleep — Towards the Morning H.M. became restless, & inclined to turbulence until the Hour of his getting up — His more quiet behaviour during the few last days had procured Him an Indulgence viz the total release from the momento Waistcoat, & which was not Even hinted — This Morning however when He arose it was again put on, as a warning check only, but no further use of it was made or yet necessary — He continued in Spirits during the day —

Dr. John Willis went to Town this day to be ready for his Examination before the Committee of the House of

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

Commons; His Brother was much with H. M.ty during this Morning and was well satisfied with his general manner & appearance Among other Details He told Me that He listened to his reading to Him for three hours — However favorable such circumstance was, I own I could not help thinking it a very remarkable one, because it had been a general observation amongst Us, that He never yet could settle for many Minutes together to any one subject without introducing some New Subject — & which made Him lose sight of the former.

In the Evening D.r John Willis returned from Town & soon after followed D.r Willis — The latter only had been Examined — Doctor Reynolds was also here — By the little that has dropped at different times from their several Examinations, I perceive pretty plainly that the Directions of the Ministry & particularly those which come from Sir John Scott are very much directed to this View viz.d give over, if not all, at least as much of the Management of the King as possible to Doctor Willis — who came back vastly pleased with his Examination of Him & on which He observed that He was the only Person in the Committee who knew how to put his questions so, as to find out what He wished by Them — & that many others Mr Sheridan &c asked questions which made against Them, when the Answers were given.

The King this Evening was at times touchey & difficult; at others high, but in the End all subsided

111

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

tolerably well. With Doctor Reynolds who was with Him a considerable time, He conversed much in his usual way He was impatient of contradiction — Every thing like it He said put Him in agitation; He was unsettled & fidgetty — Play'd a few games at Picquet, but with inattention He talked incoherently & at times He returned to indecencies & mixed these in his conversation —

Colonel Digby after an absence of near three Weeks returned this Evening to dinner, & was sent for by The Queen very soon after his arrival —

Sunday Janv. 11th The last Night has been a most unquiet & restless one — H. M. could not be controuled or kept quiet in his bed, & in about an hour after his retiring to it, recourse was obliged to be had to the Waistcoat — In the Morning He was released, & after the strong perspiration which restlessness & coercion had occasioned had subsided He got up, & afterwards appeared tolerably tranquil —

After my Breakfast I was sent for by The Queen & I obey'd the Summons directly — I received intimation from Her Majesty, that it was intended that the King should take an Airing in the Coach, & it being now a Frost I was asked if the Horses were frost shod — I informed Her Majy that they were all ready, both Carriage & Saddle Horses — & that every thing would wait Her further Commands —

Her Majesty then made Enquiry of Me respecting the Roads, & of these I immediately procured the best

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

information I could, and all preparations were then made in all directions — Her Majesty as it was snowing at this time expressed some fear, as H.M. had not been out for some time, that the weather was so severe as to ruin his Catching cold — I own I was exceedingly surprised when I first received intimation of these sudden intentions to take His Majesty an airing in such Weather, & Especially as I knew how blustering and unquiet a Night He had passed, & by which He had been extremely heated +

My anxieties on this extraordinary project did not dwell with me long, as Lady Charlotte Finch informed me that Doctor Willis had put off the intended Airing as Her Majesty was apprehensive of the King's catching cold —

Throughout this day the King continued high & could be managed but by great caution — He was quick, hurried & much out of humour — The Queen this day sent Him by one of Her Pages, a fine Bunch of Grapes from the Stthouse — On their appearance He asked who had sent Them — He was told by The Queen — He asked What Queen, & if it was Queen Esther who had sent Them — The Page answered that Her Majesty His Queen had sent Them, upon which He said He would not receive Them & ordered Them away — tho' on returning calm, He Eat some of Them.

This painful to mark such details, but the real state of His Majesty's Mind, from time to time, is an object of so

+ Vide Appendix

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

much interest & importance, that the progressive circumstances connected with it, cannot be withheld in fair narrations, where continued Memorandums refer to daily occurrences.

His Majesty during this Evening continued to be very difficult to manage, as He was irascible in his Manner & wild in his Conversation — He talked much of Lady P. as usual — much against the Queen — & dwelt on variety of subjects, with great inconsistency & incoherence.

He told Mr Dundas that He would sing to Him some Verses of his own composing to Handel's Music, & began to hum the Tunes to Them.

The Revd Mr Willis, followed Sir Lucas Pepys into the King's Apartment — The former met with his displeasure very soon — He told Him He would not be advised by Him — that He was born not to be dictated to, but to command.

In a little time He became agitated & turbulent to a great degree on Doctor Willis's coming in, & now every thing seemed to threaten Extremities — By slow & cautious means however all became more moderate, & He went quietly to bed between 9 & 10 o'clock & soon after He fell asleep — Of late I have observed that H. M.y almost without variation awakes after an hours sleep & then soon after He goes to sleep again for 3 or 4 hours without Waking & but seldom more at a time —

After dinner to day H. M.y slept sound for about an hour in his Chair — A Practice very common to Him after

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

in health, & happen'd almost daily after Exercise, but since his present disorder has begun He has not taken such Naps above once or twice before this time —

Monday Jan.y 12.th His Majesty had but an indifferent Night — At intervals He slept about 3 hours, & when awake He talked as usual — When He got up this Morning He was high & rather inclined to be quarelsome — He Expected his Airing which had been promised — He made his Arrangements in consequence, & talked with his Pages where He meant to go viz to see Lady P — He filled his Pockets strangely In them He had two or three pair of Stockings — a Coupled Night Caps — & a pair of Drawers — In his Breeches Pocket He had a pack of Cards & some Counters — He talked much of Lady P lately — Now at times He calls Her Esther Sometimes Queen Elizabeth &c —

The Agitation of his Spirits & Mind yesterday occasioned some Fever, & his pulse rose to 120 — When Dr. Warren & Sir Lucas Pepys saw Him to day the Fever still remained & his pulse was 106 — This added to Doctor Willis being in Town, & his being ticklish to manage induced Dr John Willis to determine not to let Him go out this Morning — This disappointment K. M.y bore with great flurry — o

In the course of this day K. M.y talked much with those with Him respecting certain conditions which Dr John Willis had Mentioned about his Airing — He said

o Vide Appendix —

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

He would not object to go out in the Coach with Stein and his Brother, if I was there—

With regret I have heard of a proposition made by the King, to Dr. Willis & acceded to by Stein—viz to permit his access to the Library—If such permission could be of real Service to Stein, the convenience of others, should not be put in the least competition with it, but I am sure I can foretell the consequences of this Indulgence, should it take place—

He will tumble the Books about without being able to give the Attention of many minutes to read any—He will no longer remain satisfied with his present Apartments He will always be trying to come out to ours—Nor would this satisfy Stein long; He would insist & expect to be allowed to go stairs to the Queens Apartment & a refusal would most assuredly drive Stein to Extremities—He absolutely is not at present quiet or settled enough for this Indulgence—

The King throughout this Evening was high, easily piqued, & much inclined to be quarrelsome—He went to bed however quietly, promised to lay quiet but said he would not sleep—His late hurries however & his Want of rest fortunately have cheated Stein—He soon dropped to sleep & slept remarkably well—

Tuesday Jan.y 13th His Majesty is reported this Morning to have slept 7 hours & a half last Night without interruption which is a larger portion of sleep than He has been had in general, when in health—He awoke however

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

in his usual state of Mind after this refreshing Sleep.

Through the day He continued hurried, quick & querelous at times He amused Himself with playing at Cards, at others with writing, & full of his usual conversation.

Doctor Reynolds went in & sat with Him some time — He attempted to play at Piquet, but He was so rambling on other Subjects, that He could not get through one Game — He gave to Dr. Reynolds several Cards on which He had wrote — On two Knaves as follows — On the one "Sir Richard "Warren Bart. First Physician to the King

" Oh Dear Eliza Ever love thy Prince
"Who had rather suffer death than leave thee. "

On the other Knave He wrote thus —

"Sir George Baker Bart. Second Physician to the King
" & First Physician to Charlotte late Queen of Great Britain
" Oh Dear Eliza Ever love thy Prince
" Who had rather suffer death than leave thee. "

In this manner He wrote the Names & specified the Appoint= =ments of his several other Physicians, always putting at the bottom of the Cards the two lines above mentioned.

In the Evening He was very busy in obtaining leave from Doctor Willis to allow his Musicians to be sent for, & which at the time appeared to Me to be consented to by Him. He Mr. talked also of having his Organ put up in his long Room — On other subjects He was eager and importunate, & very rapid in his manner of asking for

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

what He wanted. Among others He asked to see Mrs Smelt & Doctor Willis readily told Him, that He should — At this The King was much delighted & said, He had now got what He wanted, that He would leave the Country & then in great joy He exclaimed Victoria, Victoria —

Such have been the inconsistent ramblings of this Evening strongly indicating the real disorder of his mind & in which I lament that so little forward amendment appears at this time — Doctor Willis lately seems to Me to lose some=what in his authority over The King, in as much as that He finds out the means how to work out more Indulgence from Him than He did, & then laughs at Him, telling those around, that He hisses, & makes a fool of Him —

I think the appearance of his Musicians would prove a great trial — If they are received & listened to with composure, they may amuse & do Him good; but there is still much chance of their setting Him on ramblings —

In the course of this day M. Mq had with Him a little Dog of the Queens called Badine. He was much amused with it & said He liked it, because it was fond of Him & not of the Queen — Since this Unhappy Illness has been on Him He has in general spoke unkindly of the Queen, & nothing proves Him more unlike Himself, than this — He said this Evening that He never liked Her that She had a bad temper, & that Her Children were afraid of Her — When such Expressions are let loose, Alas We know

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

not well what He says -

Wednesday Jan.y 14th The King slept about 3 hours at Intervals during the last Night - When awake He spoke rapidly, & inconsistently. & laughed very much.

In the Morning when He got up He was much in the same State of Mind as He was yesterday, & He was still hurried & quick - Becoming afterwards refractory re= =course was had to a short confinement of his Head in the Waistcoat - When released & during the Evening He was in high Spirits, Eager, & talkative - He continued to talk much of Lady D - who He now called by the new Name of Minerva - . While playing at Piquet He distinguished Her by the Queen of Hearts, kissing it whenever He saw it - A ridiculous incident happend to the King this Evening when He was playing a Game of Picquet with Dr. Willis - He had the King of Hearts himself & said "Oh if the Queen of Hearts would fall to the King."

It so happen'd that Doctor Willis was obliged to play his Queen - The King was quite delighted, & He commented much afterwards on the circumstance & his good fortune -

Sir Lucas Pepys who passed some time with the King this Evening told Him News of various kind. Among the rest He mentioned the Opposition which had been made in Martinico against the Edicts of Government for some Imposts, & He added that they

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

seem'd to have learnt their Lesson from their Neighbours the Americans — The King rejoiced at this Account, said He was very glad of it, & then animatedly added, that He was become an Englishman again — This seem'd to be on his recollection, that He had in some former conversations since his illness given them up, declaring his intention of retiring to Hanover —

H.M.y continued this Evening to speak very kindly of Lord North, & said He was the Man He loved best in the World —

This Morning The Chancellor came to Kew, & saw the Queen.

Thursday Jan.y 15th. After four hours & a half sleep during the last Night His Majesty in the Morning was so little calm that a temporary Coercion was thought necessary — After a short time He was released from it but He continued high & agitated afterwards —

After Breakfast I was surprised with a Message to me from The Queen by Lady Harcourt to order me to get The King's Carriage & his Attendants ready as it was intended that H.M.y should take an Airing this Morning —

Well knowing as I did the very unsettled state in which He still was & how turbulent He had been within a very few hours I own I was greatly surprised at the Message I had just received — After I had given the necessary Orders in consequence The Queen sent for Me —

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

It was to ask Me to which Door it would be most advisable that The King's Carriage should come whether to That in The Garden front or to the usual front Door of The House. & to desire Me to come & Let Her know when all was ready & decided on — As I went from the Queens Apartment I met Doctor Willis, who informed Me That He and his Son Mr. Thos. Willis would be of my Party in the Coach to attend the King in his Airing — I replied by saying That He must judge both as to the proper Persons to go, & also as to the time, when it was proper K: M.ty should go, but I freely owned to Him, that I thought this no trifling Experiment & I hoped The King would be composed & not Expose Himself on the Trial — I then stated to Him the very particular direction I had received from the Prince of Wales on a former occasion, viz on the Kings removal from Windsor to Kew to Endeavour by every possible means, to prevent His Exposing Himself on the Road —

On this Dr. Willis told Me He intended K. M.ty should go to Richmond Park as the most private place within Reach & That The King Himself had wished it — I asked Dr. Willis if He was ignorant why The King wished to go there, & if He had not discovered the Drift of this Wish. The Doctor seem'd not to be in the Secret, on which I hinted to Him that The King by going there, was certainly not without the Hope of going to Lady P—'s & that The probability was, when He came near That place He would

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

on a refusal He would not be well pleased & the chances were He would become turbulent — Doctor Willis heard my conjecture with surprize, but not thinking light of it he told Me He would go, & sound Him upon it — He accordingly went into The King's Apartment, & He found the King anxious about his dress — Dr Willis told Him his dress was very good for an Airing — The King said He must have his White Breeches — Dr Willis told Him the blue ones He had on would do very well — He answer'd You do not know where I am going, & then came out the whole plan, Exactly as I had mentioned it to Doctor Willis.

On his objecting the King became angry & violent to such degree, that in a few minutes recourse was had to restraint & He was confined on his Couch, where He continued for some time abusive & angry.

Thus has the second ill-judged attempt to take the King out, failed & fortunately has it been put off in time. When such propositions are started in periods of so much irritation, there must always be great risk —

If the King had gone out this Morning in the humour He was, & with the Intentions He had when He was setting out, it is most certain the Expedition would have ended in confusion, & He probably would have been so violent as to have rendered it impossible to prevent his Exposing Himself, besides in the struggle which was so likely to have happen'd in the Carriage He might have been

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

hurt—

During the height of the King's bustle on this occasion Mr. Pitt arrived at Kew. He did not come into my room, but He saw the Queen with whom He staid some time; After which He saw Dr. Willis, & then He returned to Town without having seen any other Persons—

H: M.ty was released from his Confinement & the Shutters of his Room Windows were open'd before his Dining hour—— In the Evening He saw Dr. Gisborne with whom He played at Cards & He sung Catches with Dr. Willis & his Son Dr. John Willis— In the selection was Hark the bonny bonny Christchurch Bells. The Pang which attached to the occasion took from the pleasure of listening to Dr. John Willis's fine Voice, & which is well adapted to such Music—

H. M.ty was in wild laughing spirits all this Evening; good humoured, but much deranged—

How melancholy & afflicting are these Turns, & how many & how varied have those been, of this day—

The hurries of the day subsided at Night & He went quietly to bed soon after 10 o'Clock—

Friday Jan.y 16.th H. M.ty had four hours & a half sleep in the Night— About 5 o'Clock in the Morning He began to be disturbed & He became Noisy in his bed— this turbulence having increased He was confined— While making my Morning Enquiries I

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

Him very angry & abusive to those with Him, and at whom He was swearing much — Doctor Warren was here this Morning, but did not go in to the King's Apartment & I was informed that He had been desired not to go in, both by whom I never heard —

On returning to the Antiroom about 11 o'clock Sorry was I to find that the Kings Violence was not abated — He now continued angry & abusive as before, & by what I heard of it Doctor Willis came in for his full share —

From this disturbed neighbourhood I retired to the Library where I remained until near 2 o'clock —

Col.: Manners who had come from Town this Morning to make his Enquiries, was still here at this hour, & I had now from Him the first intimations, that the Queen and the Princesses were then actually with the King in his Apartment.

Never was information more unexpected, than this was to Me at this time — I knew that at 11 o'clock H.M.y had been most violent & abusive, & that both in the Early, as well as in the later part of the Morning He had been speaking in prospect of the Queen — Very soon after Colonel Manners had given Me the above Intelligence, Lady Elizabeth having been sent for, repaired also to the King's Apartment —

When I went into the Pages Room (The Antiroom) I found that the Queen & the Princesses had been in about an hour — & I learnt also that this Visit originated in the King's having sent for, and received from the Queen

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

a letter from Prince Adolphus — When the King received this Letter, He asked Dr. Willis, why the Queen could not have come in with it Herself — Upon this Dr. Willis agreed to the suggestion, & the Interview took place.

At the time this Visit took place there was only Dr. Willis & his two Sons in the Room — The report they made on coming out was that The King had behaved with the greatest pro= =priety & affection to the whole Party, & that the Queen by the King's desire had played a Game at Piquet —

We were informed also that German on this occasion was but little introduced in the conversation — Doctor Willis & Lowrie reported that there had not been the least difficulty in seperating & getting away, & he observed that The King had not at parting stipulated for another Visit —

I was doomed not to be long cheered with this Welcome reports of what had passed at this Interesting Interview —

Another Edition of the same history immediately suc= =ceeded, & which recorded that very soon after the Queen & Pss. had retired, The King began to tell one of his Pages what had occurred at the late Interview — He told Him that the Queen had consented that Lady Pembroke should come to Him, & that this He had promised before his Daughters — He then begun immediate preparation to go to Windsor, & packed up a few things — Coming out suddenly into the next Room He there saw Cox, one of the

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

had at this time his share of memorandums & commissions from Him for Windsor— Dr. John Willis Observing that his wants & hurries were rapidly increasing told Me in his hearing that I was wanted in the next room, on which I rose from my Chair to go away— The King said I was going very soon, then turning round to Me He added if then You are to go God bless You, & He kissed Me—

During this Visit which was a short one of about a Quarter of an hour, H: M.ty was to Me as usual, gracious & kind, but alas He was but good humouredly deranged— Not a sentence scarce, did He speak to Me this Evening like Himself in his moments of sound reason—

He is at times, & probably oftener than He appears to be, sensible of his unhappy situation— A very strong & very affecting indication of this appeared this Morning— An Emetic had been given to Him in his Draught— After He had been very sick with it He said, He had been taken in with it, but He believed it was for his good— Then kneeling on his Chair He prayed to God & said, That He had left undone "those things which He ought to have done, & done those things "which He ought not to have done, & He prayed that God "would be pleased Either to restore Him to his Senses, or "permit that He might die directly."

What could be more deeply interesting than this pious direction of a transient gleam of reason, from our Dear Afflicted King—

128

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

Saturday Janr. 17th His Majesty passed a very restless Night; He slept very little, if at all during the whole Night & it became necessary to put Him under coercion in his Bed—

In this State He was on Sir George Bakers arrival— Becoming calm afterwards He got up between 12 & 1 o Clock.

Sir Joseph Banks came to Kew this morning, & after his walk in Kew Gardens where He had been to look at the King's Flock of Sheep He saw Dr. Willis— He had received from Him previous to this, the true Account of the present state of the Kings health, & which tallied with the public Bulletin of the Morning— but on seeing Dr. Willis, He very properly again Enquired of Him as the Fountain head— Doctor Willis or Sir Joseph's asking how the King was, without any preface replied "He is charmingly, & is now as Mild as Milk" He then added, that Mr Brown one of the King's Pages had just reported to Him, that He had never yet seen Him so sensible as He was at present.

Sir Joseph Banks went away rejoiced at this good News, & it spread rapidly on the Road— He met & communicated it to Lord Stopetown, who meeting Mr Dundas congratulated Him on the good News from Kew, which He said He had just heard from Sir Joseph Banks, & who had received it from Dr. Willis— This Mr Dundas on his arrival to his attendance communicated to Us— Thus fly our histories from hence & thus are they dispersed—

This Morning Colonel Goldsworthy came to Kew, and He

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

saw the Queen directly, & afterwards I saw Him, when He Enquired of Me how all was going on? I gave Him a true statement of existing facts— after We had parted Colonel Manners, in a bustle, just looked in to the Library where I had been the whole Morning— asking Me how I did He said that He had received the good news, but as He was in a great hurry He could not stop to speak a Word to Me— He then left Me, & scampered away to Town with the good Tidings He had collected in his own beat from hence—

All this took place between half past Twelve & Two o'Clock, & The King only got up at the former hour—

Whatever risks there may be in general, from collecting partial Accounts from sudden appearances, still they may sometimes in the sequel, appear warranted from the beginning, by the favorable Turns which they may Eventually take afterwards or a sudden— Throughout this long & severe illness the sudden=
=ness of opposite changes have been frequent & most remarkable, & much disappointment has followed from the over=
=impatience of spreading these transient reports of confirmed Amendment, when in fact, all trembled on an aweful balance.

Comparing the Kings situation during the last night, & the earlier part of this Morning, with what it was reported in the Evening, a more sudden contrast has not appeared— The Accounts detailed throughout this day by the Doctors Willis's have made this the best day, that they have seen since they came to Kew— His Majesty's Pages Brown

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

& Compton who saw most of K. M.ty this day, confirm, that his behaviour has been more calm & proper, & his manner more like his natural one, than they have yet seen — Their better acquaintance with that manner, & their correct characters encourage me to pay more attention to their report, than I could seem to that from Dr. Willis —

This Evening after dinner Doctor Willis left our Table & went up stairs, for the Queen who came down directly to the King's Apartment without his having had any previous notice of such Visit — The first intimation I had of it was from being called out of the Dining Room by Lady Harcourt who in the Passage told Me that the Queen desired I would attend in the Antiroom next to the Kings Apartment, to prevent any improper people being there, & also to prevent any Listening — The Queen staid with the King an hour & Ten Minutes — When She came out She appeared cheerful — Doctor Willis's report of this Interview was that the King had behaved with much affection & Propriety that She had played at Cards (Picquet) with Him, & that not one improper Word has Escaped — No body was in the Kings Apartment during this Interview but Doctor Willis & his Two Sons —

Sir Lucas Pepys who had been with The King before dinner this day & who likewise after the Queen went away, staid some time with Him, told Doctor Willis, that He had never yet seen K. M.ty so well as this day —

131

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

I have regretted that I had myself so little opportunity this day, of making my own Observations, on all the good I have heard & which I am inclined to believe— I never want above a few minutes opportunity, to regulate my opinions, as to the Kings natural state of Mind, or the reverse—
I entertain at this time, an additional hope of a real amendment from a quiet pulse of 74— which He had when He went to bed this Night, & in calm good humour— This probably may Ensure Him a good Nights rest, which is much wanted from having been lately much exhausted for want of Sleep— He dozed over Grays Elegy, which He had been reading, just before He went to Bed—

Sunday Jan.y 18.th After a quiet Night of Seven hours sound sleep, the flattering hopes, which Doctor Willis's report so suddenly & so widely spread around yesterday, Entirely vanished this Morning, & to use The Doctors Expression to General Lascelles "The King was never more disturbed in his life" He continued in this state during the Morning and at times He became violent— He struck one of Willis's Men To the up a Chair to throw at another &c &c—
The King in the course of this Morning Expressed a Wish to see the Queen & the Princesses— He sent to the Princess Royal a Sermon published for the use of some Hospital by The Revd Mr Willis— & He wrote the following address in the Title Page "To My Ever Dear Daughter Matilda, Governess to Her three Younger Sisters"— He sent out also the same

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

Sermon with an inconsistent address in the Title Page to Lady Harcourt, & another to Lord Harcourt equally incoherent—

During the disturbances of this morning the Waistcoat was brought in and shewn but it was not put on—

This day The Prince of Wales & The Duke of York paid a Visit to The Queen—

In the Evening Doctor Willis, went for the Queen who with The three Eldest Princesses saw the King in his Apartment & staid with Him an hour. Besides these none were in the room but Doctor Willis & his Two Sons— Doctor Willis reported to Us that the Visit had gone off well, but shorter, with equality as well as it had the night before—

The King proposed cards playing— The Queen Pss. Augusta & Princess Elizabeth were pressed to take parts, & Doctor Willis was obliged to join— There was more difficulty in parting this Evening than Yesterday— At the Door the King called for The Princess Royals Page (Papendick) & ordered him to light Her— He asked The Queen if She might not see all his Family as it was her Birth day— This request was waved, & He did not fly out at the refusal—

As upon a former occasion Latter reports of this Interview, clashed with those which Dr Willis had mentioned of it. From what The King related afterwards to his Pages of the Conversation, much wrong appeared to have been mixed with it, & during the Evening He continued to talk to Them & Likewise to Dr Gisborne very inconsistently—

133

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

It is most singular that on these late Visits the King should in one Quarter be reported to conduct Himself with so much propriety — & that after accounts, should report so much abuse & slight in these conversations respecting the Queen, or the Author of the Kings Statement to his Pages —

These are sad features, in a melancholy Picture —

Monday Janr.y 19th. The King past a restless Night & with only an hour & half's sleep, and this at Intervals — When up he was touchey & particularly with Dr. John Willis, who he told to get out of the Room — Doctor John upon this threaten'd him, if he continued to behave so improperly —

I had intention of riding to Town this Morning, but previous to my making my Decision, I asked Doctor John Willis if the Rt. Hon.ble St. M.y would ride or walk, or go out this day — He answer'd that he thought not, but on recollection he said, it would do him good to go out if possible, as the day was so fine —

I afterwards met Lady Harcourt who informed me that the King out to take a Walk — I observed to Her that the day was very fine, but that I had very lately understood from Dr. John Willis, that his going out was by no means so certain —

On this Lady Harcourt told me, that Doctor Willis had that moment informed Her, that He was to go out — I bowed to this authority, & said I should be ready at a moment where = ever called upon.

After Breakfast according to My usual Custom I retired to the Library, there to wait the Summons of the day —

134

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

I was summon'd about one o'Clock by a Visitor in the next room — It was Sir William Fawcett — He came to make Enquiries of H. M.ty's health — I shewed Him the Bulletin of the day, After reading it He asked Me if the favorable Account of Saturday remained to this time — I told Him, that as usual there had been Ups & Downs — & that at present there were Thoughts of the Kings walking out this Morning — After this Sir William Enquired for Doctor Willis, who He said He did not know, but was desirous of delivering Compliments to Him from Lady Fawcett — I told Him I would go out & look for Doctor Willis — I found Him — & it was then that I first learnt from Him, that The King was just that moment gone out a walking, & that He had not called on Me to attend Him as He thought He might have schemes to propose to Me in his Walks. I introduced Doctor Willis to Sir William Fawcett, & who learnt from Him that The King was then taking his Walk — Sir William now mentioned to Doctor Willis the great satisfaction which the People in Town had experienced from the very favorable Accounts of last Saturday — Doctor Willis replied that it had been an uncommon good day, & that He had no doubt but that this Evening would prove as good a one — "He thought so" — After this Sir William took his Leave & returned to Town — & I came back to General Gordon who I had left in the Library — & I brought with Me Dr. Willis to Him, & who, after a short Visit, left Us —

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

As the day was very fine, I proposed to General Gordon that We should close to the House rather than to sit longer in the Library — This met his Wishes as well as mine & We walked before The Green House, keeping a good look out towards Kew Gardens for the King —

At length I espied Doctor John Willis returning & soon after I saw a Cluster of People following — These stopped behind some Shrubs, which for some little time intercepted them from My View, until they moved on.

As they advanced I thought that they were holding the King as they all walked so close together, but on a nearer approach great was my astonishment when I saw The King Extended on his back, & thus carried upon the Shoulders of some of the Attendents —

As soon as He was brought to his Apartments He asked to be allowed to sit down to play at Cards, but He was carried directly to the Couch & there confined in the Waistcoat — From the details I collected afterwards it seems that on his first going out H. M.ty made some hesitation This occurred at the little Garden Gate, leading out of Kew Gardens into Richmond Gardens — He there made a halt & said If He did not go there He would not walk — Upon this Doctor John Willis with firmness told Him He must walk & where they chose. The King hesitated, but the Party being firm, He at last, suddenly gave way, & walked on saying "to Enjoy is to obey" — After this He continued

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

his Walks, & got as far as the Pagoda, up to which He went, & when there was desirous to go up it — To divert Him from this, He was told they had not got the Key, upon which He told them that the Key of the House would open it — Spicer one of Dr Willis's Men who heard this conversation answer'd that He had opened the House Door to let K. Mk out, & that He had left the Key in the Door — All was now settling quietly when one of the Pages incautiously produced the Key — The King got hold of it, but it was immediately but not easily taken from Him Mr Tho: Willis.

On this He said He would go no further — He was desired, & then told, that He must walk one — To prevent this He sat down & afterwards lay extended on the Grass, from whence on his continued refusal to get up & walk He was taken up by force, & carried home about a Mile on his Attendants Shoulders —

When K. Mty found that He was unable to resist He said it was pleasanter to be carried, than to Walk, & had He liked it vastly — Whatever might have been his real opinion as to this change, He was thus brought home.

Thus has Ended this Morning's Walk the Event of which remind's Me of the fortunate Escape We lately had from a probable adventure had K. Mty gone out in the Coach the day which was last Intended —

I have also got a Lesson this day, how far the Opinions of Even the most intelligent Attendants are about his Person

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

may be trusted to at all times—

Mr. Compton as zealous & sensible a Page as any amongst them, I saw coming from the King's Apartment about an hour before the King began his Walks—I asked how He was, He said He was quiet, but that He was talking quite incoherently, but He added, He was sure that would not prevent his Walking as quietly as at any time—

Mr. Brown, another of the Pages, to whose general Intelligence & correct & particular attention was due, said He was sure the King would walk as quietly as possible, & that He should have no scruple to go out with Him alone—

The Event has proved how much they have been mistaken—

H. M.ty return having given full Exertion to 7 Persons who had attended Him in this walk, viz Doctor Willis's Two Sons Two of H. M.ty Pages, & Three of Dr. Willis's Men—

After H. M.ty return He passed some hours on his Couch under melancholy coercion, & during which time He was very outrageous—Swore & was very abusive to those around Him—At times He lay in more composure—Then sung—Afterwards hollowed & put Himself in great agitation—which brought on much perspiration—

He was put to bed about 8 o'clock—At which time He was in a more composed state, but not softened—He fell asleep soon after, but woke after two hours sleep—

Tuesday Jan.y 20th—This morning when I made My Enquiries, The Pages reported that H. M.ty had not had

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

altogether during the Night above 3 hours & ½ of Sleep & of which were two, before 11 o'Clock at Night — During the intervals He talked incoherently & continued much disturbed, & He was not calm after He got up this Morning.

When Doctor Warren went in to his Apartment The Revd Dr Willis was with Him & who He abused very much — then opening his Waistcoat He shewed the Strait Waistcoat under it to Dr Warren & pulling down the long sleeves He told Him, He might tell his Situation to all the World —

Afterwards becoming more calm, He played at Picquet with Dr Willis, & about one o'Clock He came from his apartment, attended, & walked up & down the gravel Walk in front of the House for some time, & afterwards his Walk was extended to the Botanic Gardens —

When this Walk was first proposed to Him, He demurred, unless He was allowed to go to Windsor, but upon the door of his Apartment being less open, & Doctor Willis going into the Garden He soon followed — When He first went out He was attended by The Three Willis's in sight of the Windows & several Attendants were at hand —

I had an opportunity of observing Him, from a small distance all the while He remained in front of the House —

He Mr looked up frequently, & wistfully to the Windows in hopes of seeing his Family, to whom He now & then called

At this time He appeared to be walking with composure and

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

Quiet— He called much for Mrs Schwellenberg, who at last upon Dr John Willis saying aloud, that if She was in her room She might look out appeared at Her Window in the upper part of the House, & the King spoke to Her—

While K. Mr was thus walking Doctor John Willis & his Brother occasionally had to take an arm, & in this manner He walked without any seeming Objection on His part. I never until now have seen such familiarity, & it had to Me a peculiar appearance to see The King making one of the Group—

When He left the front of the House to go to the Exotic Gardens, The Pages & Dr Willis's Men joined & remained with Him until his return to The House— He made some hesitation at the front Door at which He wished to enter but He soon gave up this point & went to the Door leading into his own Apartment—

After his Walk He was calm at first but soon after He became somewhat more irritable, & He was impatient to see Princess Augusta— In the Evening He walked about his room & was considerably hurried— Observing which one of Dr Willis's Men desired Him to keep quiet & sit down— He retired to a corner of the room & took a book, but He still continued fractious & very irritable— In these hurried moments He struck Spicer one of Dr Willis's Men.

Sir Lucas Pepys went in to the Apartment this Evening. He found K. Mr very deranged, his looks wild & his

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

conversation turned on the usual incoherent topics — He was full of Strategem & project, & among others He told Sir Lucas that He should contrive to Escape from Doctor Willis.

At times throughout his Illness He has shewn much cunning & Subtlety He has often mentioned his Party, out of those who are around Him, & with which He menaces any who offer to direct Him — I am not without My Suspicion that his animosity towards Me, may not include Me in the List of his Party — & in that Event, under his delusion that He may attempt some point, Encouraged by his dependence on My Assistance —

This day Colonel Digby came from Town, & brought Us the Numbers on the division in the House of Commons last Night, & by which the Household was placed under the care & superintendance of Her Majesty —

When I was in the Library dispatching the Morning Bulletins for St. James's, I heard Doctor Willis in loud political conversation in the Next room — It was so loud, that I heard part of it, & found that He had become so animated on the result of the Question of last Night in the House of Commons, that He declared, He would never hereafter give a Vote in Lincolnshire to any one, however dear to Him, who had voted against the Question of last Night.

Wednesday Jan.ry 21.st The King had 8 hours & ½ continued Sleep last Night, yet He was not calm this Morning —

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

He was irritable throughout the day, which being an unfavorable one, prevented the chance of his going out—

In the Evening I saw K: M^y^ without his seeing me & had good opportunity of observing his manner, & attending to his conversation. He was in good humour but much hurried— He was playing at Cards with D^r^ Gisborne, but He did not seem to settle to his Game. at one time it was interrupted by his taking out a Sermon— Then a Prayer Book from the Drawer— Then to Cards again & so on—

He rejoiced at the Queen of Hearts falling to the King suffering it & indicating the same ill directed turn of thought which He has had but too long upon this Subject

On the whole, tho' the general turn of his behaviour has throughout the day been good natured & merry, yet every now & then He flew out irritously— abusing then Mr^s^ Willis very much & whom He called a Rascal— Mr^s^ Willis on this gave the King a very strong reproof— He felt it & immediately softening He told Her "He should now have "his friendship again"

Sir George Baker remarked to Me this Morning that throughout this Attack He had observed that whenever the King had a good night, that almost invariably He had become high & irritable afterwards—

Thursday Jan^y^ 22^d^ The last Night has been reported as having been a very indifferent one— K: M^y^ had about 2 hours & ½ sleep altogether— When awake He was disturbed

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

He then spoke in eccentrick, angrily, & loudly — at this time He was talking to Himself, for He was now in peace with those who were sitting up with Him — Much of his Abuse was directed where it would not have been, had He been well — When He got up He remained high — While I was making My Morning's Enquiries He was loud in Song, but throughout the Earlier part of the day, nothing particular occurr'd — In the Evening however He became cross and untractable — and at length so unmanageable, that recourse was had to The Waistcoat — Before this Extremity was resorted to He had struck one of the Pages & one of Dr. Willis's Men.

Under confinement H. M.ty became still more outrageous & abusive — Dr. Willis coming into the room, He was particularly abusive to Him; ordered Him out of his sight, & to get out of his House — He [struck] they would kill Him, & addressing Himself to Doctor Willis He said, that "He was not afraid "of death, but that He was afraid of Him"

After much noise & turbulence, He became more composed towards bed time — & He was then released from coercion. He went to bed, promising to endeavor to go to sleep, & to remain quiet —

Friday Jan.y 23d. During the last Night the King slept 5 hours & ½, but on rising this Morning He shewed a tendency to be unsettled — A walk was under consideration for Him, but when proposed, He did not chuse to go out, unless He was allowed to go where He pleased

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

Thus for a time his going out became uncertain, but about ½ past 12 o'Clock He began his Walk in the Garden front of the House, but He did not remain out above Ten Minutes — The Queen saw Him from the Window, & She afterwards came down & joined Him upon the Walk — He returned to his Room attended by the Queen, who staid with Him near an Hour and saw Him dine. He was reported to Her as having behaved properly at this Interview to Her, but talking incessantly, tho' kindly. He told Her what arrangements He had made for Her at Windsor, & explained what Apartments She was to have — Some time after the Queen had retired from his Apartments He was busy in making preparations for going to Windsor, & asked if the Carriage was ready — Mr. Willis to whom this was addressed told Him that no carriage was ready, & that He was not to go — He seemed received this Answer in Part of flying out at all —

Sir Lucas Pepys afterwards went in & conversed with H. M.y some time — On coming out his report to Us was that He had found Him very much deranged in his ideas this day —

In the Evening the King amused Himself in arranging a Regency. Who put these kind of Thoughts in his Head I cannot conceive — The Arrangement He now had in View was a Joint Regency, at the Head of which was to be the Archbishop of Canterbury — The Chancellor, & the President of the Council assisted by the Prince of Wales, The Duke

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

of York & the Privy Council who were to be made Efficient
This was his occupation at one time of the day, while at others
He wrote promissory Notes for various annuities - & one He
gave to Spicer one of Dr Willis's Men -
This Evening He wanted very much to be allowed to go up Stairs
to return the Queen's Visit & importuned Dr Willis very much
to give Him Leave - This He declined & afterwards left
the room. After some time the King sent for Dr Willis
again on the same subject & on which He continued
to press anxiously - Doctor Willis appeared to be Embarr=
=assed, & in consequence declined going to the King
Himself but sent his Son Mr Willis - H. M. had at
this time filled his pockets with Books & Cards, a
strange fancy, but which He always adopts whenever
any scheme of moving occupies Him -
Mr Willis told Him He could not be allowed to pay a
Visit to the Queen now, that as He had been indulged
with seeing Her this Morning, He must not now press
More to see Her again this day - The King heard this
decision calmly, & readily giving up the idea He sat
down to write -
The subject of control has I find been much argued
before the Committee - Alluding to this, Dr Willis gave
to General Lascelles & Myself, the following instance
of the Influence to be obtained over People in this Unhappy
situation, by those who have the care of Them; He once had

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

some Patients from Doctor Munro, who some Years after they had been dismissed from his care, had returns of their Malady, & came under his direction — With these He Had no trouble at all, as they fell into his proceedings immediately, having been already "broke in, as Horses in a Menage" as his Expression was —

Saturday Jan.ry 24.th The Bulletin of this Morning announced That the King had passed yesterday quietly, that He had 4 hours sleep in the night & that He was not quiet this Morning.

Before Dr. Warren went away He came into the Library where at that time was Dr. John Willis & Myself — He asked Dr. John Willis if the Queen had ordered that the King should have no prayer book — That He had told Him so, & that He wished to have one — Dr. John Willis replied that He knew of no such thing, & that He had his prayer book in the room with Him — By this Dr. Warren found that there was nothing more in this, than conversation — but He added that H. M.y had been arranging a Regency preparatory to his going to Hanover — Soon after this Lady Charlotte Finch came to the Library Door to get a sight of the Morning Bulletin from General Lascelles, & which at this time I was dispatching for St. James's. Lady Charlotte Finch was introduced into the Library where She received & read the Bulletin. On perusing it She remarked that it mentioned that the King was not quiet & that Doctor Willis had said that He was.

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

Presently after Dr Willis came in to the Library & commented on the Bulletin & said to Lady Charlotte Finch & Mrs Beal they had mentioned that The King was not quiet but that He was quite quiet & had been so in the Morning—

To this nobody then in the room made the least reply—

In the course of this Morning came Lord Waldegrave Lord Aylesbury & Colonels Goldsworthy Gwyn & Manners. Colonel Gwyn not having been here since Dr Willis came wished to see him & his Men. I proposed to him & General Lascelles then in the room to accompany me into the Pages room where perhaps I might have an opportunity of shewing them to him— When We came in to the Pages Room, I saw Spicer one of Willis's Men coming out of the Kings Apartment, with a patch on his Cheek— Thinking this was done in shaving I jokingly as he passed me said Why, "Spicer You have shaved too high today" He replied Sir I have had a bruise & he then informed me that The King had been turbulent, & would do only what he chose— that upon being checked He struck Spicer in the face & cut his Cheek, & which attack had put him under co= =ercion where he then was. As I observed blood upon Spicers Cheek I said that it seemed to have bled a good deal, on which opening his Waistcoat he shewed us much blood on his Waistcoat, but in good humour he added We have made it up again, & he has promised me more than he did yesterday—

147

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

From what has been stated respecting the late Bulletin the variations & reports which have arisen here will be seen If Doctor Willis was convinced that the Bulletin of this Morning, was not correct & that it held out more favourable Accounts that the real state of H.M.ty's health warranted, Why was it sent from hence with his name signed to it, with those of the other Physicians—

The King did not remain long under coercion—The Chair in which He had now been confined was a new one made on purpose. It is a common chair placed upon a floor of its own, which prevents a Person from moving it, nor can it be thrown down as a common Chair might be—When it was first brought into the Room to be made use of the Poor King is said to have eyed it with some degree of Awe.

Mr. Charles Hawkins saw the King this day & had a long conversation with Him—He afterwards Reported to Me his Surprize, that He should have talked so much lately on Politics & Regencies, & wondered if this was by Accident, or if such topics had been introduced to Him by any Person—I certainly had made the same remarks Yesterday when I heard, that His Head was full of a Regency—The King abused Mr. Pitt much to Mr. Hawkins, & called Him a Boy—said He had wanted Him to steps forward at the close of Lord Lansdownes Administrations, but that He was

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

afraid — He ramble'd afterwards on various other topics — He mention'd that He had seen the Queen & that He had informed Her of the preparations He had made respecting the Yatelt which was to carry Them to Hanover — Then He talked of Himself, said He should not last long, that He was glad of it, for that He did not wish to live —

When Dr Willis went to see the King after dinner He came back & told Us that He was then remarkably calm & composed — Doctor Gisborne who went in afterwards made also good report of his composure — In talking to Dr Gisborne of a particular Person He told Him "That He was as mad as a March Hare"

Throughout this Evening Dr Willis & his Sons continued good reports of Him till his bed time — He occupied Himself much during part of this Evening with the Life of Handel, which Dr Gisborne brought Him.

Sunday Janr 25th The last Night proved a good one with 6 hours Sleep — In the Morning his Mind ran very much on going to Windsor which it has done much of late. The Vicinity of Langley encourages this Wish not a little as it is connected with Eliza. He has often talked of this Place since these kind of ramblings have prevailed, & under the present Influence He intends purchasing it for Her —

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

This Morning was fine but at first The King did not chuse to avail Himself of the Offer which Dr. Willis made to Him of taking a Walk — He would go no where but to Windsor — As he was in this Mood Dr. Willis said He would not force Him to go but that He might Walk if He chose — Of late it has appeared to Me that H: M's turbulence has made Dr. Willis & his Son rather more shy of going so frequently in to his Apartment, as has hitherto been their Custom to do, & that now He is less more to the Pages & to Willis's Men than He used to be — Mr. Braun one of his Pages has made the same remark.

After demurring some time The King walked out attended by Doctor Willis & his Younger Son and one Page. The rest of the Attendants were kept behind at some distance — He walked towards the Exotic Garden — When He came near Mr. Hayes's House which is seperated from this Garden by a Pale, He hollowed out for Mr Hayes, then making a run He attempted to get over the Pales, but was prevented — Mr. Hayes was Preceptor to Prince Ernest, Prince Augustus & Prince Adolphus. H: M: after this continued his Walks for about an hour & returned quietly to The House again — During part of this Morning He amused Himself with writing — The distribution of the Grenadiers of the Guards formed part of his occupations — He marked down the two tall Companies of Grenadiers belonging to the Irish

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

Regiment of Guards for Colonel Stevens, & the two Shot Companies of Grenadiers of the same Regiment for the Duke of Gloucesters Sons — A Company of Grenadiers of the Coldstream Regt of Guards under Colt Morshead He directed to be dressed & so on —

In the Evening The King was allowed to take a second Walk in the Garden before the House; as this Walk was quite unexpected the Windows of our Dining Room and of the Library were left open — He came to them and looked in — asked many questions, & in the Library He shewed Mr Willis where several Books which He then named to Him, were — He called after for me, & returned more than once to the Library Windows, in hopes of finding me there —

On M^r^ Mr^r^ return this Evening Dr Reynolds saw Him. He found Him in good humour but his ideas were much deranged — He shewed Him the New Chair of Coercion, which He called the Coronation Chair. He had put a Chair on each side of it & placed this new Chair at the top of the Room in State — He talked much to Him on Political Subjects, & about the Prince of Wales's Subjects

Doctor Willis soon after Dr Reynolds went in, to the Kings Apartment returned to our Dining Room, where at this time was General Harcourt & Myself. Addressing Himself to Us He observed that Peers

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

faces always set The King talking more than He should do, & made more than an Oblique hint of his being angry that Doctor Reynolds had gone in, tho' it was by his own permission, for I heard it asked & given —
He remarked that the King was charmingly with Him & his Son, before, but that now Reynolds, had set Him a talking — As to Doctor Munro, or any one said the Doctor, if they would allow any to go to a Patient, but those under whose immediate care they were — No continued He, they would not admit another Soul.
I could not help saying What not their Relations Dr Willis? At first He answered Eagerly, no not any Body, but recollecting the drift of my question as I suppose, He soon after added, now & then to see their Relations may be good, & must be used as a part of the Cure —
His having so often admitted the Queen & the Princesses was what I alluded to, when I addressed this Question to Him —
At Night the King by his own request was put into a Warm Bath. Dr Willis & Doctor Reynolds did not Disapprove, only the former desired that it might not be deeper than his Middle as He sat down —
Monday Janry 26th The King passed an indifferent Night, & had 3 hours & ½ Sleep — During the Intervals He talked very much but not consistently — After He got up He was high & impatient — He had been

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

promised last Night by Doctor Willis that He might put on his Boots & Leather breeches in the Morning — This set his Mind so much a rambling on Windsor & riding, that it was thought proper not to let Him have them — This refusal added to his not being in good humour agitated Him a good deal & He became quite impatient & unmanageable — When Doctor Warren arrived He was so bad that He did not see Him — As his Violence & abuse continued, He was confined in his Chair in the Waistcoat & nobody but Dr. Willis was allowed to go into his Apartment, in general throughout the day — About his Dinner time He was released by Dr. John Willis, but He was afterwards so violent & abusive to Him, that He was again put under coercion & remained so until near 9 o'clock at night — After this He was a little more moderate & Dr. John Willis again went in — & after Him Sir Lucas Pepys, who found his ideas very much deranged, fluctuating & unconnected — The King told Him "that the late King of Spain was mad, but yet that "He had his State around Him, & that no King "but a King of England could be confined in a Strait "Waistcoat" He was full of schemes & said that He would give the Botanical Plants at Kew to Christ=church — said that He had order'd his Cream colour'd Horses to be at Langley Broom tomorrow Morning at nine o'clock,

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

with Eight Servants in full Liveries — that He should take one Equerry with Him, & mount Conqueror which He had ordered to the Feilds — He then seated Himself in the Chair of Coercion, which He called his Throne & said that the first time He had seen Eliza it was from it, over his Left shoulder — Such were among the Rambling of his Mind, after a very turbulent & unsteady day throughout —

About 10 o'Clock He went quietly to bed without difficulty & seem'd happy to get there —

Doctor Willis kept from the Kings room most part of this day.

Tuesday Jan.ry 27.th The King passed a very restless Night & with not more than one hour & a Quarter's sleep in the Whole. In the Morning when I came to make my usual Enquiries, I found that Sir George Baker & Sir Lucas Pepys had seen the King, & they found He was disturbed & unquiet — While talking to one of the Pages I heard Him in loud & quick conversation & upon another Page coming out from the room I learnt that He was very touchey, & at that time abusing Doctor Willis, who was recommending to Him to give up the Absurd idea of going to Windsor for that this proposition could not be allowed —

From hence I went into our Dining Room where I found Sir George Baker & Sir Lucas Pepys — I told Them I was very sorry to find the King had passed so bad a Night

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

& that I much feared the day would not be good as it had begun light & that I had just left the Antiroom where I heard the King talking very loud & in a hurried manner.

Sir George Baker & Sir Lucas Pepys smiled, & both said, that Doctor Willis had told them since they had left the King, that He had become quite calm. Upon their saying so much I replied, that I found I had let the Cat out of the Bag - but that as it had Escaped, All I could add to my narration was, that what I had told them, was perfectly true -

As General Harcourt was sent to Town this Morning by the Queen, when I had prepared the Morning's Bulletin for S.t James's I delivered them to Him for the Queen's inspection - He carried them up Stairs to Her accordingly. & in the mean time Lady Harcourt came in to our breakfast room to make Her Enquiries of the Physicians.

When Colonel Digby returned from the Queen He gave the Bulletins into Sir George Bakers Hands, who instantly gave them to Me, asking me if there were any Objections to them.a - I referred the Question to Colonel Digby, & Exactly in the same words for Sir George Baker's Information Digby with a tone of Surprize answered Objections! On which I told Him that Sir George Baker wished to know before He set off for Town from Kew - Colonel Digby then said that there were none -

As all this passed before Lady Harcourt, I took Digby

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

aside, & took notice of his surprize at my question, but
which I observed was in fact, not mine but Sir George Baker's
in his own words, & that all it had meant was the common
release the Physicians expected every Morning before they took
their departure; & I now mentioned to My Friend, that I now
alluded to it again, that Lady Harcourt might know
(should any thing hereafter occur respecting this Question)
that I took myself, no more credit for it, than My due—

I was this Morning taken by surprise by
His Majesty, who unexpectedly came to walk before the
House, e'er I had the least notice of such Intentions—
I was at this time walking in front of the House Myself
& alone, when I was called to by one of the Pages for the
Key of Richmond Gardens as He told Me it was wanted
for the King— The King saw Me & eagerly calling for
Greville approached Me Lastly. Perceiving that I was
both seen & known I advanced towards H. M.— Mr Willis
was at this time with Him— The King locking My Arm
in his, said I should walk with Him, & that He would
not part with Me again during the day.

The first thing He proposed with Earnestness & Glee was
"Remember You promise to be My Friend" He then asked
Me "What I would have?" "Would I have the Treasurership
"of the Household?" then receding Himself immediately
He said "NO, That was Your Brothers— One of You shall be
Treasurer, the other Comptroller, Take Your choice of these

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

After this Spicer one of Dr Willis's Men being near, (a Warwickshire Man) He told Him to come to his Countryman pointing to Me — He then asked Him which He chose should be the Member for Warwick, Me or my Brother who He now called Charles, or Robert. The King decided We should both be the Members, adding "that We should not Vote, We "were to be his Friends —"

The Dear King was as usual, well intentioned & most kind to Me, but alas, He was indeed much hurried, & there was now much Wildness in his Countenance, & Manner —

As He was at this time very full of schemes, & seeing Me Dr Willis was desirous to get Me away and therefore under pretence of getting another Key He sent Me for it & thus my retreat was Effected —

The King now continued his Walk attended by Dr Willis & Mr Willis, two Pages, & two of his Men, & leave was given to his going into Richmond Gardens

Upon Entering them He wanted to go to the Terrace contrary to the Plan which had been arranged with Him previous to his going to these Gardens — In this Intention He was restrained — On which He set off & ran as fast as He could, but was soon overtaken & stopped. This made Him angry, & He said He would not Walk — He then sat down, but He was soon raised from the Ground, & returned attended by his Party to Kew Gardens

157

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

where He walked some time very quietly, & chiefly Engaged in conversation with Mr Thos. Willis, tho' much in his usual style.

Throughout the rest of this day H. M.y continued more calm than He had been of late; still He continued irritable & easily put out of Humour. He conversed in the Evening good humouredly but his ideas incorrect, & wrong.

To what sudden fluctuations of good & bad, of calm & turbulence does this afflicting Illness, doom our Interesting & unfortunate Patient!!!

Wednesday Jan.y 28th. This last Night the King slept 4 hours, & He awoke quiet & composed. Dr. Willis & Dr. Gisborne saw Him in the Morning & found Him good humouredly deranged. From Observation long continued unhappily, in this Melancholy case, I am now thoroughly convinced, that the great point on which the best opinion of its real circumstances can be formed, is by attending to the State of the Mind only, & not as many have hitherto done, by calculations from composed or turbulent days.

I have now seen so much of it, that I lay very little stress on quiet & unquiet days, if the mind in Each continues deranged. but a quiet day is here called a good day & is believed, & so meant to be believed abroad, when the actual derangement is as great as ever, & of course the disorder still as unabated, as it has been at any period of its Influence.

This day is a day very much in point. The King is

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

quiet & good humoured, but truely as much deranged, as at any time I have known, yet it is reported with Us by some, "that We are charmingly today, & as mild as Milk"

This Morning The King told Dr Willis, that He had a Trinity of his own — God — The Revd Mr Willis, who as He had a Gown & Cassock appeared a Woman — and Eliza.

Can there be a more melancholy Instance of the very great derangement which actually Exists at this time — I note it with sorrow & regret, only to mark the true Existing State of his Mind, because very different Accounts are maintained from true ones, & from Experience I know, how these are often made use of & commented on.

About the middle of this day Colonel Digby came to Me from The Queen to desire My Attendance in Her Majesty's Apartment — I found Her, & Dr Willis in the room — Her M.y told Me, that Doctor Willis had informed Her, that He had tried the Experiment Yesterday of keeping his own People principally in the King's Apartment, & that it had had a good Effect, as He thought the King's Pages, from his knowing more of them set his Mind in more agitation & kept it more disturbed, She therefore desired I would inform the Pages from Her, that they were not to go into The King's Apartment without directions either from Doctor Willis or Doctor John Willis — In obedience to Her Majesty's

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

commands, I immediately communicated Her directions
to Each Page seperately — They all seemed glad to receive
Explicit commands from The Queen & Expressed their willing
ness to obey Them — Previous to this, some of the Pages
had not thought Themselves authorized to obey a Verbal
direction from Dr Willis alone, as they had witnessed
Scenes in which their assistance with that of Dr Willis's
Mother had been Essentially necessary — & they had thought
Themselves too responsible, for the King's safety, to
omit what they at times thought, might be conducive to
it — The order I had now brought to Them, they considered
as coming from that Authority, which they were ready
& chearfully to obey —

The Channels of obtaining regular & correct information
of the real State of His Majesty's health, have thus become
much narrowed, & possibly they may be much impeded.

About Six o'Clock this Evening, The King being
at this time with only one of Doctor Willis's Men in his
Apartment with Him, went into an Adjoining Apartment.
At this time He was quiet & unruffled, Neither had He
been angry with this Man whose Name was Wynne;
On coming out the King took an opportunity of seizing
Him suddenly by his hair, dragging Him & beginning
a scuffle — Wynne on this called out, & Mr Brown
one of The Kings Pages being at hand in the next room
went in & released Him, while another Page went

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

to fetch another of Doctor Willis's Nieces.

Thus has the Experiment, which was reported Yesterday to have been attended by success, & which had produced the order of the Change in attendance on the King's Person, in a very early Instance proved its fallibility.

Had The Pages implicitly obey'd the Orders which I transmitted to them this morning for not going in to the Kings Apartment without a direction from Dr. Willis or Dr. John Willis, Wynne would have been in an awkwarder situation, than that, from which he had now been rescued by the prompt Interference of one of the Kings Pages — Notwithstanding all this, the King was reported to be very quiet.

Doctor Reynolds whose turn it was to be at Kew this Evening, asked if he might go in & see the King, as Dr. Willis had said he was quiet — On this Dr. Willis taking Dr. Reynolds aside, told him he had rather not, as seeing him might possibly agitate him — Dr. R: replied, that as he seem'd not to wish him to see the King, he would not press the request.

I felt much surprised at the appearance of so much Mystery, nor can I reconcile to the measure of keeping the Physicians so much as is done from the opportunity of making their personal Observations — It is not necessary that their Visits should be long, to form their opinions on the daily health of H: M: & as they are expected to prescribe

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

it is improper to do it without seeing their Patient—

The proceedings of this day mark an evident & rapid move to new authority—

At 11 o'clock this Night Dr Willis returned to our Dining Room. I asked him if the King was gone to bed & how he was—He said that he was in bed, that he was quiet—but might easily be put into a Passion.

I find that he has been much discomposed on finding that the Pages were not in his Room as usual—

This Evening another Keeper Brother to Spicer was added to Dr Willis's List, & he now arrived here—

Thursday Janry 29th The King slept six hours & a half last Night, & was as usual this Morning—

This does not exactly correspond with the Bulletin which reports that the King passed yesterday without irritation & that he was calm this Morning— What occurred respecting Wynne, shews the situation of yesterday, as to irritability. The latter part of the Bulletin stood so by accident; It was thus wrote by one of the Physicians & they were not at the pains to write the Bulletin over again to insert Dr Willis's own words, which were that H: M: was as usual this Morning— The fact was he was quiet, but deranged talking of Elizabeth as usual.

This Morning H. M. took a Walk round Kew Gardens attended by the Two Doctor Willis's, & Two Keepers.

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

He is reported to have behaved well when out — On passing the Library Windows He knocked at them & called for me, but I was not then in this rooms.

In the Evening there was a threatening of a serious dispute with Dr. John Willis — He was angry that his Pages were kept from Him, but the rising storm was luckily dissipated — He has of late been much inclined at different times to be angry on this subject, & he has evidently shewn alarm at being attended by Keepers only.

His Mind runs much at present on making Parties & Friends; He has been writing promissory Orders &c to make Friends for Himself —

Sir Lucas Pepys saw H. M.ty this Evening for some time He found Him, quick but good natured & deranged — He talked to Him much of Eliza, complained that his Pages were withheld from Him, & that none but Dr. Willis's Men were allowed to attend Him. He rambled on variety of Topics, & on these He spoke incoherently — He spoke of various Administrations, and asked Him about the Spanish Ministes Dal Campo.

He entrusted a Negotiation to Sir Lucas Pepys with Dal Campo, which is, the cession of Gibraltar & Spain for Minorca — A proposition strongly indicating his deranged situation & of presume of a Wish, so different from what it would have been, had He been Himself.

Friday Jan.ry 30th The last Night has been a very

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

restless one with between two & three hours sleep at repeated to
Us. On making My usual Morning Enquiries Dr. John Willis
was coming from The King's Apartment. I asked Him how H. M.
was. He informed Me, that the Night had not been a very
good one, but that at present He was mild & quiet—
This I own a little surprised Me, as I had just before been
informed, that Spicer had been out for the Arquebusade
Bottle, to put from it to his face & skin, having been
struck by The King, who it seems had endeavored, when
the Shutters of his Windows were opening, to run into
the next room to get to his Pages, but had been stopped by
Spicer. I afterwards asked Dr. Willis & The Revd Mr.
Willis, seperately, how H. M. was, in order that I might
know how far I could trust the Accounts received— Both
these Gentlemen assured Me that The King was very quiet
Seeing Mr. Batticombe The King's Apothecary, very
soon after I remarked to Him that I had just received
three Reports, & naming from whence, That His Majesty
was then quiet, but that these by no means tallied with
another which I had received & which stated that Spicer
had suffered in an Angry Scuffle. Mr. Batticombe
who knew the circumstance said "It was even so."
Dr. Warren & Sir Lucas Pepys saw the King
before The Bulletin was made out this Morning.
I learnt from Dr. Warren that He had found Him
quiet, but in such state of Mind "that not one

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

"by Matter of his conversation, could be mistaken by any
"the most sanguine for Sense."
Dr. Willis had the King confined to his Chair this Morning
for a short time, & gave him a severe Lecture on his
improper conversation, Eliza &c; H: M.y becoming more
loud & impatient under this Lecture, Dr. Willis ordered
a Napkin therefor to be held before his mouth, & he then
continued & finished his Lecture—
H: M.y did not walk this Morning, but had an Emetic
given to him—
Another New Keeper was introduced this day (Cox).

This Evening at 3 o'Clock a Deputation from the
House of Lords, & from the House of Commons, came to Kew
with their Addresses to the Queen.
From the House of Lords — Lord Waldegrave & Lord
Aylesbury attended—
From the House of Commons the Hon.ble Mr. John Villiers
Colonel Manners — Mr. Howard — & Lord Courtown.

The Queen on this occasion returned the following Answer.

"My Duty & Gratitude to the King & the Sense
"I must ever entertain of My great Obligations to this
"Country, will certainly Engage My most earnest attention
"to the anxious & momentous Trust, intended to be
"reposed in Me by Parliament — It will be a
"great consolation to Me to receive the aid of a
"Council, of which I shall stand so much in need

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

"in the discharge of a Duty, wherein the Happiness of My
"future Life, is indeed deeply interested, but which a
"higher Object, the happiness of a Great, Loyal, and
"Affectionate People, render still more important."

The Queen & Princesses were in readiness when the Deputation from the Houses of Parliament Entered the Queens Apartment. Her Majesty as well as the Princesses were very much affected at this Ceremony.

This Evening Dr. Gisborne was with the King for some time — When he came out, this good Man seemed to be distressed — He told me, that seeing H.M. now, always made him melancholy — He found him much deranged —

Before his bedtime he was much alarmed (as he had indeed been the preceding Night) at finding himself, without his Pages — Poor Man he had taken it into his bewildered Head, that Willis's Men meant to murder him, but turning to Mr. Willis, who was present at this time, he said, if he told him that they had no such Intention, he would believe him. This Notion has of late much disturbed him at times.

When Cox the New Attendant or him was introduced to him this day the King told him, "he seemed as if he had really "lived with some good Family, & that he looked more like a "Christian, than the rest about him."

Saturday Janry 31st The King was reported this Morning to have had 5 hours & a half Sleep during the last Night.

166

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

In the Morning He was quiet, but in his conversation He was not improved — At 12 o'clock He walked out attended by Dr. Willis, his Two Sons, & their Men — He walked with composure, & was out an hour — In the Evening He had a second Walk for about the same time — on his return He came to the Library Windows & call'd for me, but He did not see me —

This Evening The Queen & Princess Mary were introduced into The King's Apartment by Dr. Willis — He played a game of Picquet with The Queen, after which He began to talk of Handel, & read part of his life to Her — He then sung parts of some of the Choruses, & commented upon their different advantages of Composition — He became afterwards joyous, in high spirits & laughing a good deal — As He now appeared to be wandering a little more than He had at first, it was thought proper to end this Visit — It was proposed, but the King begged hard that He might play one Game at Picquet with The Queen; He did so, & during which, He laughed & amused Himself much — He called The Queen of Clubs Sir George Baker — The Knave of Spades Dr. Warren — Talked of his Friend Revel (Dr. Reynolds) & of Baavid Mr. Dundas — All this was more slight & hurry than was desireable, but on the Whole He behaved as well as He has done at any time since his illness to The Queen — He was composed, and altogether less deranged than He has been for some time.

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

Sunday Feb.ry 1.st H. M.y enjoy'd 6 hours & ½ sleep during the last Night & passed it quietly — In the Morning He was calm but the state of his Mind quite as usual — He saw Dr. Warren Dr. Reynolds, & Mr. Dundas in the Morning — Dr. Reynolds found Him quite as usual as to his conversation — Told Him that The Q— was mad, & under Dr. John Willis's care — To Mr. Dundas He said the same — With Dr. Warren He held an inconsistent conversation & talked of making The Chancellor a Duke but that He was to wear Quaker Colour'd Clothes — He told Him also that Dr. Willis had received a letter in French, but as He could not read it He had given it to Him to translate & added that it was a remedy for Him as He was mad, & that the prescription was to open a Vein on the top of his head — That it had been sent to Dr. Willis, because He was no Physician.

Doctor Willis gave the following report to Lady Charlotte Finch this Morning — "His Majesty has had a charming Night & is quite Mild this Morning" The real state of the Kings health would certainly not have been collected by this report

As this day has been very fine H. M.y has walked out twice — In his first Walk He had nearly surprised me in his Library as I had not received previous Notice of his being out, but hearing his Voice I had just time to get out of sight when He looked in at the Window

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

for me – I had been writing & having left the Paper on the Table He saw it & asked who had been writing there.

The King was out this day, altogether between 3 & 4 hours; He was quiet & orderly but talked incessantly.

In the Evening He expressed a Wish to see the Queen & Pss. Sophia – On this D.r Willis went to Her Majesty who came down immediately with Princess Sophia – She behaved with propriety, played at Picquet with the Queen & talked & laughed much.

He desired Pss. Sophia to read part of Handel to Him – This Visit lasted about an hour –

There are now in the House Nine Attendants or Keepers – The New System now is, that there should always be three of these in H.M.y room in the day time, in order that one may be spared to go Messages & thus constantly leaving Two with Him – At Night Two, & In the Anti room one Page constantly. H.M.y soon get familiar to these new faces, calls them by their names already, & for some of them He finds likenesses – He has been amused with one of them who came on the recommendation of the Bishop of Salisbury (Douglas) having found out in Him a likeness to Colonel Conway.

Monday Feb.ry 2.d The last night has been reported a good one, & that H.M.y was quiet this Morning. He walked out twice this day & in his Two Walks

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

He continued out about 5 hours. He accidentally saw in one of these, Miss Burney who anxious to avoid Him ran away, but the King having perceived Her, She was called back — Her natural timidity rendered this an unwelcome Invitation — She returned however, & came back much frightened. The kindness with which She was received, & the composure which She saw, dissipated Her alarm, & She reported that The King had talked very collectedly, & more so, than She had any idea of —

In the Evening D^r Willis brought The Queen, The Princess Royal & Princess Augusta to pay a Visit to the King in his Apartment — The Queen played at Piquet with Him — Miss Augusta at his request read part of the Life of Handel to Him

This Interview lasted an hour & a Quarter — On their retiring The King came with The Queen to the Door of the Antiroom & there He took his leave of Her —

On the whole, from all that I have been able to collect, this seems to have been among the very best days He has passed since He has been at Kew

In the course of this day The Bishop of Worcester came to Kew, & saw the Queen —

D^r Gisborne did not see the King this Night.

Tuesday Feb^y 23^d The King is Reported to have had six hours good Sleep the last Night; Doctor Warren

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

& Dr. Gisborne saw Him this Morning, when they found no great amendment in the turn of his Conversation. To Dr. Warren He mentioned the Visit He had had the preceding Evening from the Queen & Two Princesses, but spoke rather slightingly of the former—

The remarkable Event of this Morning has been, that Doctor Willis allowed the King to shave Himself—

A similar Indulgence had been granted in an early part of this Illness, & since, Dr. Willis acknowledged its ill effects—

How He could now allow this, after He had thus reflected upon former risks, is Wonderful—Happily no unpleasant consequences resulted from this Indulgence—

H. M.y Walked out, twice this day & is reported to have behaved sedately & quietly. From what I had an opportunity of observing myself, his manner was rather hurried, & He was not thought altogether so calm as Yesterday—

He has now become well accustomed to his New Attendants & He has begun with Them, as He has already done with others, to give or take away Pensions, as they are, or are not in favor—

One of these New Attendants is a Swiss—With Him He had a humourous conversation this day—The King spoke French to Him—The Swiss (Galliard) said He was not to speak French to Him—Upon which The King said "I know You can not speak English

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

"therefore in future I shall always call You Dumbby"

I was this Evening informed that The Queen was to see H: M.y - Afterwards General Harcourt told Me He would go in to The Antiroom to see if Her Majesty was come, & if She was, He would send to Me to let Me know it After waiting some time I went, as I not hearing any thing from General Harcourt, to The Pages Room when one of Them told Me that The Queen was not come but that General Harcourt was in the next room with The King. From the Pages room I heard very high Words in the Kings Apartment between Him & one of Dr. Willis's Sons - The dispute had nearly brought Him in to confine= =ment but upon Three of Dr. Willis's Men laying hold of Him, the turmoil subsided - It seems it had originated on his having spoke improperly of The Queen, & having refused to see Her. After this dispute was over Dr. Willis thought it was Expedient to make Him see The Queen I own I thought the Experiment hazardous as He had now been so much irritated -

The Queen came soon after attended by Princess Augusta & Princess Elizabeth, H: M.y received Them with good-humour, but He was high in spirits & talked away on various subjects in a Jaunty - Piquet was attempted but that I understand did not go on very smoothly - Afterwards H: M.y proposed singing, & for some time the various Voices of The King, Queen, Princesses, & Dr. John Willis

172

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

were heard in catches & chorus's — The King himself on this occasion joined heartily in Rule Britonia, & Come cheer up My Lads. Where so much gloom has been, the hilarity of the present moment should be welcome, tho' in truth, it partook more of the jollity at an Election, than the Etiquette of a Court.

As by this time the King's spirits, which had begun high, were now increasing, a hint was given to the Queen & Princesses to retire, & who at this time had been about an hour in his Apartment — The King flew out a little at this & turning to Mr Willis he said, "He might surely "stay a few hours with his Family, when he was obliged "to stay so many with Footmen." It was now distinctly to be perceived the seperation without a crash, but by not pressing too much at the moment all came round again & ended well, & the King parted with his Family very quietly.

As this was certainly a Visit forced upon the King there may be doubt as to the good which may ultimately arise from it.

Wednesday Feb.ry 4th The King is reported to have slept 5 hours & a half last night, & to be calm this Morning.

A very blustering day has not prevented his Walk. He saw his Sheep this morning, & talked for some time with his Shepherd — The rain came on & he was caught in it at some distance from the House. I

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

saw Him coming across the Lawn in a very heavy shower which wet most of his Attendants thro' – He Himself fared better as He had his great coat on, which none of the others had – On his return He amused Himself throughout the day with playing on the Flute, an Instrument He once had played on, but which He had left off for many Years – He also got by permission some small Tables & some books which He had seen at the Cottage in the Gardens Yesterday & which He had then desired might be brought here.

This Evening He saw the Queen, Princess Mary, and Princess Sophia. From some circumstances which had happened Yesterday Doctor Willis had not intended that another visit should have taken place so soon again – He behaved however with more calmness & propriety than He had on the preceding Night – He played at Piquet with The Queen & some Singing took place, & Pss. Mary took a part – She sung Wind gentle Evergreen, & Peel take The Wars most prettily.

Tho' The King as usual has talked much, He was certainly more composed this Evening than He has lately been.

Sir Lucas Pepys did not see The King this Night – I own I regret that such opportunities are withheld – The reason given by Doctor Willis of late, for not letting these Gentlemen see The King of an Evening, has been, that it flurries & agitates Him too much – I do not quite understand Why the King's talking to His Shepherd, or his

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

Gardiner, should not risk agitation as much, as one Physician going in of an Evening with D^r Willis to The King, to feel his pulse, and talk with Him for a few minutes—

Thursday Feb^y 5^th = The King is reported to have had 5 hours quite sleep this night— The daily & long Walks which K. M^y has taken of late, & being much out in the Air, have certainly much improved his bodily health, & contributed to his having better nights rest, than He has had for some time past— Doctor Willis has been of late induced to sit with K. M^y about an hour, before He goes to bed, with the view of putting Him in good humour at this particular time, & by which He calculates on his obtaining a more quiet night

This Morning K. M^y was reported to be composed, & D^r Willis said He was much better than He had Ever yet seen Him— This good Account was afterwards confirmed by Sir Lucas Pepys telling Me, that He had never seen Him better, than He was this morning, since He came to Kew— He related to Me two circumstances which had passed at this Interview— The one was that the King had listened to a long & curious Anecdote He had told Him of King William the 3^d (but which He did not relate to Me) & to which He had attended without interrupting Him, & on its conclusion He remarked, that it was a very curious Anecdote, & that it was singular He had never heard it before—

The other was that He had talked to Him of a Quaker who

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

He had seen at a Masquerade this day (Febr. 5th 1756) at Northumberland House —

From these anecdotes Sir Lucas Pepys drew such flattering conclusions — Would that the latter had not occurred —

Dr. Warren when He saw H. M.y, found Him composed this day & more calm that He had been for some time past — but He observed the continuance of the same wrong notions — He still talked to Him of Eliza — Told Him that He has seen a Quaker on the 5th of Febr. 1756 at a Masquerade at Northumberland House — He came back to his Latin which until this Day He had omitted for some time & called Doctor Warren Richardus Warren Baronetus — Told Him that Sir Lucas Pepys had just been feeling his Pulse & that He was a dull heavy Blockhead —

From these several histories, I fear it must be owned, that the King's actual State of Mind, has not been so favorable, as the reports of this day from hence have made it —

He has certainly for some days past gained in composure, & in that respect He is much better than He has been for the last fortnight; but I much doubt if his Mind has yet received that comfortable Amendment, which has been announced to be in progress. Now is certainly the time to look for such amendment, & when the Nights are good, & days more calm, & with his bodily health improved, fair Expectation of it should be maintained.

H. M.y walked twice this day in Kew & in Richmond

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

Gardens. While taking his Second Walk The Princess of Wales & the Duke of York from the Library saw Him crossing New Gardens in his Way to Richmond Gardens.

In the Evening The Queen — The Princess Royal & Pss Amelia saw the King in his Apartment — Nobody but Dr Willis & his two Sons are ever now in the Room, when these Visits take Place — He was more calm than last Night — After The Queen left Him He played at Cards with Dr Willis until both nearly fell asleep over Them.

Cards have been for some time a very useful and constant Amusement to The King — Before his Illness he used to dislike Them, but now He plays as soon as He is up — After Dinner the Day, & at Night always.

This Morning He played with Sir Lucas Pepys.

Dr Gisborne the Visiting Physician of this Night has not gone into The King's Apartment —

Emetics for the last few Weeks have become a frequent prescription — They have been administered several times. & much good is expected from Them.

Friday Feby 6th The King is reported not to have passed so good a Night yesterday, as the late preceding ones have been. He had 4 hours & ½ Sleep.

In the Morning He was not so calm as He was yesterday and at times He was vociferous to be let out — However He became more composed in the course of the day.

At 12 o'Clock He took his Walk & Staid out above Two

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

hours, & paid a Visit to The Observatory in Richmond Gardens where He saw Mr. De Maimbrey & Mr. Ripaud.
In his second Walk He went to the Botanic Garden where He saw Mr. Eaton his Gardiner. With Him He conversed & talked of Sir Joseph Banks who He wished much to see. This wish was not overlooked by Dr. Willis who has intention of letting Him see Sir Joseph tomorrow as if by accident at M. Mr.'s Farm near Richmond Gardens.

Dr. Willis allowed the King this day to come into the Library, which at My return from My ride I found out, by the confusion of Books we out of their places. He took away with Him some, & among these were Hurds Sermons; a Collection of Old Songs were — With these it is his Intention to fill a Book Case He has in his Apartment. These occupations of furnishing his Room seem within a few days to please Him & engage much of his Attention.

In going to the Library He saw two large Pictures of Warley Camps by Loutherbourg, which had been removed some time ago from his Room. These He now desired might be replaced there, & to which Dr. Willis consented.

This has been a day of Indulgence to The King — He was again allowed to shave Himself, which He did very well, & according to his former usual custom, He not only shaved his face, but his head all over —
Notwithstanding all this was done, & well done I cannot yet help thinking that this Indulgence was rather a rash one,

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

H. M.ty has also been allowed this day & for the first time to have a Knife & Fork —

In the Evening He sent out to Dr Willis requesting He might have one of his Stars. The Attendant who went with the Message said it was not meant to wear, but that The King wished to draw from it & to make out something for a new Order.

The Queen Princess Augusta & Princess Elizabeth saw The King this Evening in his Apartment — He was reported to have received Them well, & not to have been so much hurried as usual in his conversation. In the next room I could hear nothing of the subjects, but I could from thence ascertain that He was not talking as rapidly as usual. He played quietly at Cards with The Queen & there was no Catch singing.

After this Interview Dr Willis told Us that it had gone off better than ever, & that He had never seen the King so well & so quiet as He was then.

On this report Dr Reynolds who had not been permitted to see The King for some Nights, asked Dr Willis, if He might go in & see Him for a few minutes — He replied that He had better not, as it would flurry & agitate Him. Dr Reynolds said no more, & He did not see The King.

It now appears pretty clear to Me, that the Intention is not to let The Physicians see The King, on the pretext of the

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

chance of their flurrying Him, while it is Evident that Sir Joseph Banks Mr Eaton Dr De Maimbrey Mr Rigaud The Shepherd we do no mischief & We is permitted to see & converse with Them — It surely marks a something particular that The Physicians only, are not to have their opportunities at proper times, of Judging of the State of H. Mty's health

This day Mr Pitt arrived at Kew & had a long conference with The Queen.

Dr Willis informed General Harcourt & Myself, this Evening that The King has been particularly anxious throughout this day to see Us both, & that He had asked with Earnestness why He might not — Down I should now be glad that Dr Willis would introduce Me, & should be most happy to witness myself those favorable progresses, of which We have lately received such encouraging details —

Saturday Feb.y 7th The last Night is reported to have been a very good one, & that H: Mty was calm this Morning. When I saw Dr Willis He informed me that He had never yet seen Him so well as He was this day, & happy I was to find, that both Dr Warren & Dr Reynolds thought this a better day than usual — yet the former remarked, that during the short interview He had just had, He found that many wrong notions which have appeared during his illness, still remained with Him this day.

These variations in Observation & Report are distressing & tantalizing.

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

This Morning The King walked in Kew Gardens & went to The Botanic Garden where He saw Mr Eaton.

Before Dinner Mr Keate by accident saw the King who told Him that He was as well as ever He was in his life. Mr Keate thought there was much amendment in Him

In the course of this day Dr Willis & his two Sons expatiated very fully on the rapid advances to recovery which had been made, to Sir Lucas Pepys, Mr Keate & Myself, & mentioned this, as an Extraordinary good day. What fell afterwards from Dr Willis, rather damped than anniversed our hopes — He observed that the present was a time of nice management with The King and that a very particular Attention was now necessary for added He, "I could by rash Management make "Him fly out at any time, & get angry & I would "be burnt if it was not now in My power to make "a Fool of Him in four days" The last part of this strange Observation He repeated more than once & all present distinctly heard it —

I find also that throughout the day when the Willis's are at home, that Mr M. is checked in every thing He says or does improperly. This has established such a controul as has never yet Existed before, & from which possibly ultimate good will be obtained — The Willis's well know the influence of this controul over Him, for they never

181

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

let the King see any body without one or more of them being in the room at the same time.

This Evening the Queen Princess Mary, & Princess Sophia paid a Visit to the King in his Apartment — He played at Piquet with the Queen — while Pss. Mary amused Herself with a Game of Draughts with Dr. John Willis — All was of good report, & all went off properly & gaiely.

Sunday Feb.y 8th The last night has not been so good as the preceding one, nor was the King so well this Morning. He was hurried, & tho' quiet his mind was full of those ideas, which have constantly been afloat during his Illness. Sir George Baker & Sir Lucas Pepys saw him this Morning. On their coming into his Apartment He played on the Flute to them, talked of Eliza &c. He had Cards in his Pocket & which He has not yet chose to part with —

He told Dr. Willis this Morning that He was lame & that his foot was swelled — This Statement introduced the request that He might go out in his Phaeton. This was previous to Sir George Baker & Sir Lucas Pepys's Visit to him, on their coming in He told them how He had deceived the Old Doctor, by shewing same red — His deception however did not last long as Dr. Willis was informed of it by the Physicians, in order however to be sure Mr. Keate examined his foot & found no swelling or any apparent cause of complaint — He thought H: M.y better on the whole, than He had been when

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

He last saw Him, but He now talked to Him in the like inconsistent manner, as He had just done to the Physicians.

This Morning proving rainy K. M.ty kept at home till the Evening, when clearing up, forgetting the rainyness he had complained of in the Morning He walked through Richmond Gardens to his Farms. In his Walk He had some brushes, as He calls them with Dr. John Willis & which are angry disputes, but these were mere verbal quarrels, & soon Evaporated—

In the Evening The Queen The Princess Royal & Pss. Amelia paid their Visit to The King — He played as usual at Picquet with The Queen, and as far as We heard from the next room every thing seemed to be going on very quietly, more so indeed I thought than usual — Doctor Willis also reported well of this Visit — I was pleased that K. M.ty had not received his family as He had done the two preceding Nights with a serenade of his flute on their Entrance —

After The King had retired to bed, Dr. Willis & his Son told Us how happy they had been to hear the King repeat his usual singular Expression (so usual to Him on all occasions formerly) of What! What! What! & which for the first time they had heard during the preceding day very frequently during this Evening —

It certainly is a very remarkable circumstance that however inseperable this Expression used to be in his

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

ordinary conversation, all around Him have observed, that
it had been Entirely dropped during his whole Illness, & been
completely laid aside, until renewed in the above Instances.
Its return tho' not a grace in language, yet restoring
habits of better days, may be presumed a forerunner of
returning reason, & as such should be hailed with welcome.
God grant that it may—
The King this Morning desired Dr. Willis to tell Me that
He wished Me not to leave this House until He left it
Himself— In his Walks passing by the Library Windows
He Enquired for Me, & not finding Me there, He desired to
know, why it was, that they kept Me away from Them.
This day The Chancellor arrived at Kew & had a
conference with The Queen.
Dr. Gisborne did not see the King this night—
Monday Feb.y 9th The last night was reported as having
been a favorable one with 7 hours sleep in the whole
tho' not a continued Sleep—
Dr. Gisborne the Physician in Waiting since Yesterday Week.
and Doctor Warren saw Him this Morning & of whom
very favorable report had been made by Dr. Willis previous
to the Physicians going in. Dr. Gisborne after He had
seen The King informed Us that He had never seen Him
so well as This Morning— Dr. Warren said, that He was
quiet & on the whole better, but that the wrong notions
were still floating. The Willis's did not appear to heed

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

with this report of Dr Warren's or with the Morning Bulletin which they deemed right to have said at least that the King was better than usual—

To say the truth I was not much satisfied with Dr Gisborne's report, after I had received some additions afterwards of the conversation he had had—& tho' to play at cards is an innocent occupation, yet when in health H. M.ty never dreamt of playing at them before breakfast & which he did with Dr Gisborne; he played to him also on the flute— Innocent pastimes no doubt, but now appendages to altered & interrupted habits—

Mr Dundas the Surgeon in Waiting saw H. M.ty this Morning for a few minutes— On leaving him he told me, he thought him better than when he last saw him about a week ago, but he still found him unsteady when he said to him "that he was not sure he could "trust him" as this had (as he then told me) allusion to some wrong notions he had broached during part of his illness respecting Lady P.—

H. M.ty walked twice this day— His first Walk was to the Observatory in Richmond Gardens, where he staid an hour & a half. His second Walk was to the Exotic Garden where he saw Mr Eaton his Gardiner.

In the Evening the Queen Princess Augusta and Princess Elizabeth saw the King in his Apartments. & their arrival was greeted by the flute

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

Cards with The Queen as usual succeeded - and afterwards Singing by the King, & Princesses &c was introduced in harmony, too un ceremonious. There seemed to be too much Levity this Evening in his conversation, & Singing & loud Laughing were too prominent features throughout this Visit.

Notwithstanding all this, Dr. Willis at this moment talks much of the great amendment in the Kings health & He has very lately added, that this is a kind of disorder from which He does not fear a Relapse.

He best knows the sources of such comfortable Expectations, For My part I try hard, & often to cherish hopes - & to confirm them, I have at times wished I could hear, that H.M. had marked a consciousness of his Situation - Tho' He has occasionally mentioned somewhat alluding to it, yet He has not sufficiently felt its impressions, to awake Him to proper recollections of Himself -

Such recollection in My Apprehension must be a leading step to confirmed Amendment -

This day Doctor Willis wrote a Letter to The Prince of Wales, which He delivered to Me & I forwarded it by The Groom, dispatched to Town with the days Bulletin -

Tuesday Feb.y 10th The Bulletin of this Morning has been by much the most favorable of any which has yet been sent from hence - It announced that Yesterday had been passed with composure

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

that H: M.ty had had a very good night, & that He had more collection than usual this Morning— I joined heartily in the general satisfaction which this good Account diffused around, & the more so as I was immediately joined by Sir George Baker & Dr. Reynolds that they had found Him decidedly better, & that He had both received & dismissed them in a much better manner than ever He had since his Illness.

I rode to Town this Morning, & found the joyous tidings were spreading fast in every quarter, & many were ready to think the recovery compleat — & among the flying reports of the day in Town, I was told that a Brother Equerry of Mine had said that The King was actually well enough to proclaim Himself — & fit to govern again tomorrow —

Over sanguine Accounts can not but do mischief just now— They lead inattentive People to believe more, than can be found, & tend to unfit them for a reverse, if unhappily such should happen, & which is yet not impossible— When in Town I was told by some I met that the Queen was to dine with The King on that day— These & other ill founded histories of the day, marked the prevailing mistakes which over anxious hopes were dis=persing over the Town, & which began with the arrival of the Morning's Bulletin—

On My return to Kew this Evening, I was happy to learn

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

that the favorable Account of the Morning continued without
variation, & that all was going on well.
The Queen Pss. Mary & Pss. Sophia paid an accustomed
Visit to the King in his Apartment this Evening —
The meeting was quiet, & the conversation composed — It
wound up latterly with a little singing —
When conversing with Dr. Willis & Dr. John Willis this Evening
We were told that Mr. Charles Hawkins had seen the King
for some time during this Morning, & that He had not been
quite so well with Him for a little time at the beginning
of this Interview. I should have been glad to hear Mr.
Hawkins's report for few knew his habits better, but
He had left Kew before I returned from Town — When
I next see Him I shall lead Him to this Interview, as
I consider this as a very material day.
Dr. John Willis also told Us this Evening, that after The Queen
had left The Kings Apartment He was a little wrong again
in conversation about his Two Pages Mr. Brown & Mr. Compton
but that He very soon got right again & composed.
I have often regretted the great difficulty there is in obtaining
circumstantial & unbiased information as to passing occur-
=ences, but this, coming in general through one Channel,
must Continue difficult to obtain, & its correctness often
questionable.
H. M.y saw his Gardiner Millican this day, for the first
time in Richmond Gardens — Dr. John Willis told Me

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

that it appeared to Him that He spoke quite as usual to Him except in one Instance which Millican took Notice of, & thought He would not have touched on had He been quite well & that was relating to a purchase of some particular Houses.

The Revd. Mr. Willis was much struck with the King's recollection last night. He desired the Attendants might leave the room as he had something He was anxious to say to Him. On their retiring He told Mr. Willis that Dr. Willis had at times mentioned to Him something of a Parliament, & that Dr. John Willis had smiled. For Gods sake continued the King do tell Me, Is there really a Parliament or not? Mr. Willis told Him He might be sure, that during so great an Illness as he had experienced, care had been taken of the Affairs of State, but beg'd He would not at present think on such Subjects, as they might do Him harm. The King replied He would take his Advice, but added, that He had adjourned the Parliament, & therefore if it was now assembled, it was illegal.

I find from Dr. Willis that H. M. still notwithstanding the new faces, continues too familiar with his Attendants & that He is as usual Endeavouring making them Friends.

These are among the unsettled Symptoms of the day, which are not known abroad, but which with Us on the Spot, indicate much as to the real state of the Mind.

[89]

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

This night at ½ past 11 o'clock a Messenger arrived from Mr Pitt, with a Letter directed to Colonel Digby. He had been gone to bed half an hour — On this the Messenger desired to see me — He told Me He knew the contents of that Letter were for The Queen, & that his Orders were to bring the dispatch to Kew as fast as possible, that the Queen might see it before She went to bed, & He pressed Me to get the Letter conveyed to Her Majesty — On this statement I was led to deliver the Letter without delay to Lady Charlotte Finch, & to whom I mentioned the circumstances by which it came to My Hands, & left the rest to Her decisions. She carried the Letter to The Queen who opened it — It conveyed to Her the report of a Majority of 46 on a division in the House of Commons, for the Establishment of Her Council —

Sir Lucas Pepys did not see the King this Night.

Wednesday Febry 11th A Bulletin better than that of Yesterday was dispatched from hence this Morning. It stated that K. M.ty was better than Yesterday & it was signed by Dr Warren & Sir Lucas Pepys.

I asked Dr Warren, after He saw The King, how He had found Him — He told Me that this day He had found Him better, & that not the least impropriety had Escaped from Him during this Interview.

I happened to have the Bulletin in my hand at this

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

time, & to which Dr Watson pointing, He said, "That
"is the Bulletin they wanted me to sign Weeks ago"
Former hesitations on his part, rendered Dr Willis sneeringly
triumphant on the Excellent Bulletin of the day -
I recollected however that it was not very long ago since
Dr John Willis had stated to Mr Keate that tho he
did not think the case an incurable one, he began to
fear it would be of long duration -.

The King took a long Walk this Morning in Richmond
Gardens - He paid a Visit to his Observatory & there
met Mr Williamy his Watchmaker - whom he had
previously seen at Kew.

H: M.ty's second Walk was in the Exotic Garden where
He saw Mr Eaton his Botanic Gardiner - who talking
to Dr Willis, the King overheard his promise to make up
a Basket of Exotic Plants for the Doctor some of these
days; & on hearing this, He added "Get another Basket
"Eaton at the same time, & pack up the Doctor in it,
"and send Him off at the same time"

This Evening The Queen The P.ss Royal & P.ss Amelia
saw The King in his Apartments - He was more quiet
in his conversation, tho lighter in spirits this Evening
than during Yesterdays Visit - Doctor Willis report of it
is very favorable -

The present appears to be a very critical period of
the disorder, & which seems to require the nicest

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

management, & it may be equally risking to allow him to talk to, & see many People, or to be hurried on too soon to variety of Topics with Them. His mind tho' it is apparently righting, is still too weak to be led into too much Exertion without risk — and I understand that Doctor Warren has given a caution to Dr. Willis this Morning of the danger to be apprehended, by bringing the King too soon into Action, & has put in View, the probable advantage to be derived by patience, in securing the benefit of progressive amendment.

The Bishop of Durham arrived at Kew this Day & saw Dr. Willis — The Business Manners was also here in Expectation of favorable Accounts from hence.

Thursday Feb.y 12.th — The Accounts sent to Town this day still continued improving. They announced "that His Majesty continued in a progressive State of amendment. He was out much of this Morning in his Walks & the favorable State of the Weather for some time past has proved a very fortunate circumstance for him.

This Day the Bishop of Salisbury (Dr. Douglas) came to Kew, to offer his congratulations on what he called the miraculous good news of the King's health — & to sound his panegyrick on Dr. Willis, to whose skill he imputed this Amendment — His zeal and affection towards our beloved King is well known, but Evidently he knows not the true history with Us —

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

The Queen Princess Augusta, & Princess Elizabeth, paid a Visit to The King this Evening in his Apartment & the Meeting was reported as having been a very good one. When talking of it with Mr Thos Willis He told Me, that both last night & part of this day, there had been decrease in the Shades (as He expressed it) to the good, but that the good of this day, had in his opinion even exceeded that of Yesterday. In justice to Mr Thos Willis I must say, that in general He speaks more out, & with more fairness & openess than his Relations do—

I confess I am now become desirous of knowing from My own Observations, what is to be considered as the symptoms of that real progressive amendment now so much talked of— I wish for an opportunity to discover whether the Subjects which interest & lead his general Conversations, are nearly such, as He had before his illness; or Whether I shall find his composure and inclinations satisfied with more trifling or more ordinary pursuits than heretofore

To judge correctly of him one should be alone with Him indulging him in the choice of his Subjects, & permitting him to talk of these unfettered by the Controul of The Willis's or others about him: but as yet I know not that such Experiment has been made.

Doctor Reynolds did not see The King this Night

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

Friday Febr.y 13th The King had but an Indifferent Night & 4 hours sleep. This Morning before He was up He was a little Angry, but this Brush subsided — I do not understand from the Physicians who have seen Him this Morning that He was now so well as He was reported to be Yesterday — Dr. Reynolds told Me that on his first going in that K. M.y questions & conversation were rational enough but that before He left Him, He had got to Windsor topics, delusions, & phantoms & that He was not quite so well. Dr. Willis had not been so well satisfied also, and He had given Him two grains of Emetic Tartar, a Medicine on whose Efficacy there is at present much dependance, & which it is thought has latterly done the King much good, & to be very quieting — This Medicine is now given to Him in small doses not unfrequently, when symptoms of irritability appear.

Doctor Willis was not much inclined that the King should walk this day, but His anxiety to go out prevailed over the Doctors scruples, & He went to Richmond Gardens.

Lord Onslow came this Morning to make his Enquiries at Kew. I found He had adopted the general Term of his Friends viz that Even Dr. Warren allowed K. M.y to be better now. I told Him that Dr. Warren, as well as the rest of the Physicians were allowed but a very short time every day to see the King, & consequently they must form their opinion & their report from the symptoms they then

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

saw, & where they saw wrong, they could not as men of honor report right — In a few minutes after Lord Onslow mentioned an Observation which Dr Willis had made to him very lately & which brought Exculpation to the Physicians, had they in fact stood in need of it — Dr Willis Observation as now mentioned by Lord Onslow was, "that until these few days "the King had never spoke sense, but by Accident, but that "now this statement was reversed, & he spoke nonsense but "by Accident." This Observation from Dr Willis in one of his confidential communications shews that Dr Warren has not reported so un faithfully, as has been more than insinuated, Very often.

This Morning a Young Man a Stranger was stopped, coming into New House — He had been up stairs the preceding Night & had gone to Mrs Schwellenburg's Room from whence a Servant turned him out — He had been to enquire likewise at Lord Sydney's Office, & from thence a description of his person was sent by a Messenger, in case he should come to New — This Young Man returned to New House this Morning when in consequence of a caution which had now been given & the description of his Person which had been received he was stopped by the Porter, & brought into the Hall —

He was a Young Man, from Scotland, said his Name was Morrison, that he had studied Physick at Edinburgh & now wished to see the Queen, that he might have an Opportunity of offering a Cure for his Majesty —

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

He was searched, but nothing besides some papers, an Inkhorn, half a Guinea & a few shillings, a Watch, & a few trifling Articles were found on him — He was delivered over to Lord Sydney's Messenger who carried him in a Chaise to Lord Sydney's Office. To me He evidently appeared in Pain & but quietly so, & I am satisfied he came here with no mischievous Intent —

I had this day an Opportunity of receiving some Account from Mr. Charles Hawkins, of his Walk with The King on The 10th of this Month, on which day the first very favorable report which then was dispatched from hence to Town, & which had announced that "The King had more recollection than usual"

I found from Mr. Hawkins, that H. M.y was this day far from well, & that D.r Willis & Dr. John Willis had mentioned to Us as being his statement on that Morning —

When Mr. Hawkins saw him, He told him He was glad to see him — that He was truth; an Expression which had not been unusual with him, in the worst times. He conversed inconsistently with him on various subjects, related to him of his having played Lord Chatham, Lord Lansdowne & Lord Bute against one another — talked of buying the Crown Lands himself when they came to be sold, then wishing to Mr. Hawkins He said "I shall then have Dundas's House on Richmond Green "which was Queen Elizabeths, & You know that Every thing "which is Elizabeths, is dear to Me"

He told Mr. Hawkins that He was to go to Gottingen with

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

Him— In the course of this Walk He went to the Observatory from thence He sent to Richmond for some Cheesecakes called Maids of Honour, which when brought He Eat and divided with those who were with Him—

Such was the report from Mr Hawkins of this favorable & memorable day, from circumstances which occurred during his Walk of an hour & a half with Dr. M.

How is confidence to steer, amidst such Intricate & uncertain Channels!

This Evening The Queen P.ss Mary & P.ss S. saw the King in his Apartment— The report of this Visit from Dr Willis was very favorable—

This day The Prince of Wales & the Duke of York came to New about 12 o'Clock, & saw the Queen & later in the day Mr Pitt arrived & had an Interview with Her Majesty—

Sir Lucas Pepys did not see the King this Evening. He informed the Revd Mr Willis this Evening, that He had had a long conversation on Wednesday last (the 11th Inst) with The Chancellor, & that He had reported "The King to be in a state of convalescence"

I must fear that too much precipitancy attached to this Opinion— convalescence He will be nearer at hand according to My ideas when Reserve or Pensiveness marks in some degree a sense of his Situation— & I must doubt those symptoms of convalescence, which retain satisfaction in the mode in which

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

He still usually passes his time — Tho' I have then expressed myself as to his Convalescence, I do not now, more than formerly doubt H. M.ty's Ultimate recovery, but that his Convalescence has made the progress which Sir Lucas has reported, I am obliged to doubt from existing circumstances —

Saturday Febr.y 14.th The Bulletin of this Morning announced a Sequel of favorable appearances in H. M.ty

On Sir George Baker's leaving his Apartment He told Me He had found Him better, but that He was notwithstanding a little fidgetty. Sir Lucas Pepys who saw Him also thought favorably of Him, but I learnt that He had again been occupied with his Latin, & that his Mind ran much on Mottoes & Orders — He had with Him a new Order which Mr. Compton the Page had drawn for Him with the Motto mentioned in a former Memorandum viz.t "Rex a Populo non Separandus" H. M.ty had been telling Sir Lucas that He thought Learning made Men better characters & wanted a Motto applicable to this suggestion. Sir Lucas Pepys off hand proposed the following; "Duo Doctiores, "Eo Meliores" — Flat Enough —

This Morning after his Physicians were with Him, had Himself weighed — His Weight was 12 Stone 3 Pounds — His pulse was felt afterwards — It was 64 —

These are among the particulars related by the Physicians of this Morning visitation

Sir Joseph Banks who of late has occasionally seen

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

the King at his Exotic Garden, was this day kept from Him when He took his walk that Way, but for what reason I have not learnt — Sir Joseph had come this day — The King not finding Him Enquired for Him, but Dr Willis had desired He might keep out of sight, & He now told the King that He had been prevented from coming by a Cold —
This was intended to have been kept a Secret, & I heard it by mere Accident only — from Mr Eaton.

This Morning has been interrupted by an Influx of Visitors, Enquiring after His Majesty's Health —
Within these two last days there have multiplied — & contrary to Usual Custom —
The high trained Courtiers seem now to have taken a hint, & are marking surprising anxieties, by stealing a March on others not less anxious in the cause, but not equally accustomed to the practice of such finesse —

This Evening The Queen Dss Royal & Ps Amelia visited the King — The Princesses now take their regular turns in accompanying The Queen to his Apartments.

Dr Gisborne did not see the King this Evening.

Sunday Feb.y 15th The King slept 7 hours & ½ last Night and the Bulletin of this Morning announced Him in a continued State of improvement. Dr Warren found Him in an amended State this day — H. M.y spoke to Him calmly & consistently on many subjects — Asked about several of his Patients, properly —

199

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

Dr Warren took an opportunity this day of asking Dr Willis for what He now called it, a liberal Account how The King really passed the day with Him in conversations. The Doctor said, that now & then He asked a little angrily, Why He was kept here, for that He was now quite well, & that He had asked also, what they meant to do with Him.

It has been most strongly hinted to the Dr Willis's to be very cautious at this most interesting Stage of the disorder, & they seem well inclined to attend to the hint.

Mr Gierwell one of His Majesty's Pages was allowed to see Him yesterday for a few minutes — His conversation with Him was not quite right — He told Him He should go with Him & that the others should stay behind & receive Pensions of £ 80 a year — Finding that Gierwell had been the preceding day to Windsor He enquired of Him who he had seen there. He replied that he had seen Greisbach & Kelner two of his Musicians — On which The King said Poor Greisbach Poor Kelner, & shed Tears.

I note circumstances, from the few which reach me now, minutely, that the progress of recovery may be the better traced throughout hereafter —

The Embarrassment of particular Enquiries has not abated this day more than Yesterday, nor is it likely

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

that it will for one sends many.
Among the Enquiries of this day have been The Duke of Richmond, Lord Eyre, Mr Sec.y Dundas &c.
The Duke of Richmond I had the honor of receiving & much amused I was, (former occurrences being still fresh in my recollection) with the concluding speech he made on leaving New Palace — Observing how truely comfortable the Accounts of The King's convalescence were, he added, that Nobody on Earth could feel more anxious good Wishes for His Majesty's Welfare than Myself —
The King when walking this day by accident met Mr. Keate who he took round the Gardens with Him & he afterwards expressed much satisfaction with the King's manner & conversation throughout —
Still from other quarters there are Whispers that all is not quite so favorable — In believing both, I must think that H.M. does not preserve an Equal good Manner throughout the day, & this most probably is the real case, for still I too well know, that all wrong has not yet quite disappeared
In the Evening The Queen Princess Augusta and Pr.s Elizabeth paid their Visit to The King, who play.d at Cards with the Queen — On such a day this has not been with Him an accustomed practice — & it marks, that all is not yet, as it ought to be —
Sir Philips Hales on hearing of this occupation, asked the

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

Dr. Mr. Willis if the King distinguished days — He answered Yes — Sir Philip then said, I do not think K. Ch.d would play at Cards on a Sunday if He was well, & Himself — Mr. Willis replied, He knows it is wrong, but He says He thinks it may now be excusable, for He had no other way of Entertaining the Queen.

Monday Feb.y 16th. The Bulletin of this Morning was short & very favorable — Sir George Baker said He found the King tolerably well & both He & Dr. Reynolds agree that in the short conversation they had with Him they discovered no impropriety in it —

This Morning I went to Town — On my return I found that there had been many Enquiries from Town — Among those who came were the Duke of Athol the Duke of Buccleugh Lord Cathcart &c &c.

The King walked out twice this day — In one of his Walks He was accompanied by the Queen — They went to the Green House & afterwards to the Exotic Garden. The King accidentally saw my Servant in the Dining Room as He passed through — He asked Him if I was come back from Town, & how I did — He then Enquired of Him, how long He had lived with Me —

These questions reminded much of the gracious kindness, which was ever so much awake in Him, in his undisturbed days —

I hope I am mistaken in my observations, when I think, that

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

the Doctor & Willis's appear to be rather low this day, as if Matters were not going on as well as they have wished— They are more silent than usual— This is more remark at present, for I hear of nothing amiss.

The Queen & Pss Mary & Pss Sophia were with the King this Evening— As usual He played at Piquet with the Queen, & in the course of the Evening He played one Tune on the Flute to Her— The Flute had amused Him much at times during part of this Day, & of late—

I heard no particular report from Dr Willis of this Interview— Colonel Disby informed me, that He did not believe the Queen was altogether as well satisfied with this Evening, as She had been with the preceding one.

The Chancellor was here this day & saw the Queen.

Tuesday Feb.ry 17th The King was reported to have had a good Night— From Dr John Willis I learnt, that He had about 5 Hours & ½ Sleep. From Mr Dundas who was in attendance yesterday Evening & who lay very near the Kings Apartment I learnt, that He had heard H. M.y get up five times, from the time He went to bed till Seven o'Clock in the Morning— He was so particular in his Statement that He mentioned to Me each seperate hour at which He rose— This I write only to mark, that accurate Accounts are not easily obtained from all quarters & that I have not been very much to blame for having, from a very early period of this distressing Illness, been in the

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

practice of Suspending my Judgement, & pausing a little for truth —

Doctor Warren & Sir Lucas Pepys signed the Bulletin of this day — It was a remarkable One — therefore I shall be particular in My Notes of this day — & the more so, as this day has afforded some very remarkable occurrences —

The Bulletin announced "That The King for some time "past, had been in a State of Amendment & that He was "this day in a State of convalescence" —

Doctor Warren & Sir Lucas Pepys told Me that when they saw H. M.ty this Morning, Every thing He said was very proper, & that He had dismissed Them well.

From Dr. Warren I collected that the ill He had learnt was from Dr. Willis's Account, but that for the short time He had seen the King, all was favorable — He had heard from Dr. Willis that H. M.ty sh'd talked of, & continued his fixed Expressions of going to Hanover —

With surprize I heard it was in agitation, & actually in discussion whether the Chancellor should not be introduced To The King — This originated from Doctor Willis having during the preceding day, made the King a sort of promise, that He should see the Chancellor the next day — The Chancellor had arrived here before the Morning Bulletin was made out — whether He had been sent for that H. M.ty might see Him or whether He came to The Queen on other business I know not —

Doctor Warren disapproved of the promise having been

2 024

made, & regretted it — He observed that He thought the more proper mode would have been, before The King saw the Chancellor that the Groom of the Bedchamber in waiting, Myself, or some Person who was well known to Him, & who had not been allowed to see Him for some time, should accompany Him in his Walks, or be introduced to Him in his Room.

Mr Thomas Willis thought that as a kind of Promise had been made, & that K. M.y expected to see The Chancellor, there was great risk of perturbation, if He was disappointed in his present Expectations —

The promise was certainly incautious & inconsiderate but the reasoning of Mr Thomas Willis turned the Scale, & it was now decided that The Chancellor should pay a short Visit to K. M.y —

It was previously agreed by the Physicians that The Chancellor should not talk with The King on business of Parliament for fear it should agitate Him too much — Every thing being thus prepared The Chancellor was introduced — K. M. was a little nervous — He talked with The Chancellor about the several Powers of Europe — What the Emperor & Empress were doing — Mentioned the Troubles of France — Asked about the New King of Spain & whether He had done any thing since He had succeeded to The Throne, which seemed to mark his Character — All this was not amiss —

What struck The Chancellor as improper was that The King told Him, that the last time He had seen Him

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

He had made Himself appear worse to Him than He really had been — The Chancellor was not well pleased with the appearance of his Countenance, & did not think it that of so much health as it had been represented by the Physicians.

During this Conversation The King seemd to wish to talk of the Parliament, but this Subject was parried — Nobody was present at this Interview, but The Revd Mr Willis.

The Queen walked this Morning round Kew Gardens with the King, accompanied by Dr Willis's Sons — At Her return I had the honor of Landing Her up Stairs — Her Mty made no Mention of The King — She observed only on the State of the Weather, that it was very windy and cold, & that She should not have gone out, if The King had not expected Her —

After this I went to The Paper Room, where I met Mr Dundas of Richmond — He desired to speak to Me in the Next Room — He had seen The King the preceding Night, & from what He had then seen He was now uneasy & perplexed what to do. He wished the circumstances to be noted, & yet He was afraid to communicate them to any one, who might go to Him, or talk of them — He then in confidence told Me that He had by no means been satisfied last Night with The King's Manner, & that He had found Him very much disturbed. He took off a blue Ribbon from a Compass & put on another — Then giving Mr Dundas a significant look He kissed the Ribbon, & put it by in a Drawer — This marked

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

must derangement, & too much allusion to the history of Eliza.
After having done this He gave the Compass to Mr Dundas
for Doctor Willis (who was in the Room all this time) to
direct him over Lincoln Heath — Afterwards taking
up a Candle He told Mr Dundas, that He would shew him
a Hog, when taking him to his own Picture, He said did
You ever see such a Hog — He then gave Mr Dundas a
Velvet Case, telling him it was to make him a Night Cap.
all this Dr Willis saw, as He was present in the Room, & I
saw the Velvet Bag in his possession this day —
When Dr Warren & Sir Lucas Pepys were in conclave
here this morning, Dr Willis gave to neither of them the
least hint or intimation of these particular circumstances
& seeing the King at a more favorable period, & behaving
with propriety, they signed that Bulletin, by which they for
the first time announced "a State of Convalescence" to
the Public —
The Chancellor may also have formed ideas, not the most
correct, as to the actual State of the Kings Health reflected
during a short Interview, & possibly during a period
of intermitting Propriety —
From what I now know, sorry am I to be so sure as I
am at this moment, that the Dear King was by no means
well at that day, when the joyful News of his Convales-
=cence was announced to the Public —
I am informed that Dr Warren after the Chancellor had

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

seen the King asked Him if a Private Person had appeared to Him as he had done at his late Interview He would have taken off the Statute of Lunacy - The Answer is reported to have been NO, but I would have sent Him home to his Friends, to be seen again in Ten days —

When the Queen left the Kings Apartment after Her Walk with Him K: M.ty came with Her a few steps into the Pages Room through which She was to pass, where on seeing Mr Dundas She Exclaimed, Ah Daavid, & asked Him if he had given the Compass to Dr Willis, forgetting that She had seen Him do this last night —

Doctor Willis told Me to day that She did not now wish Me to avoid the King, if I met Him in the Gardens or Shrubbery. & desired I would not now shut the Library Windows — He added that if She should touch on any thing that was wrong He wished I would turn the Discourse — & should She talk of Hanover & of going there, He desired I would not contradict Him —

I consider these Hints from Doctor Willis & the as having originated from those which Dr Warren had given Him this Morning viz that the best preparation for K. M.ty to receive Others, would be by beginning to see, & be with Us here —

The late fluctuations have been perplexing & distressing & truth & plain circumstance has been more difficult to read than usual — I have heard that Yesterday The King had a

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

degree of fever on Him & which may have put Him out of sorts — Dr. John Willis said He had not been quite so well Yesterday, as He had been for some preceding days Another circumstance has also come to my knowledge to which part of the late unwelcome Variations may be attributed — Princess Mary told Mr. Charles Hawkins this day that The King saw Mr. Sowell yesterday at his House near The Gothic Garden — & that He had afterwards walked with Him in Richmond Gardens — Few People in his undisturbed days have been in more favor or More Interesting to His Mty. than Mr. Sowell — Might not such interviews at this time, have occasioned a degree of Agitation? I have found, that possibly this has not been the first — Mr. Sowell has been very often in this House since The King's Illness; — He has kept from our Room but has been very often in Doctor Willis's Room, & He sees many in this House very frequently & all are glad to see Him, from his amiable manners —

It is there has been management & reserve in his Visits to this House, hitherto —

This day Mr. Sowell introduced Mr. Bryant Author of the Antient Mythology to Doctor Willis, with whom He requested He might shake hands in Expression of his high regard, "for the Great Recovery" He had so happily brought about —

Mr. Pitt was here this day — The Queen saw Him —

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

In the Evening an accustomed Visit was paid by Her Mty
The King accompanied by Pss Royal & Pss Amelia.

Wednesday Febry 18th The King had a good
Night & a favorable Bulletin appeared this Morning—
He came this Morning to the Library where Lt Col Digby
was at this time — He found Him rather hurried, &
talked to Him about giving Him his rank again in
the Army — Afterwards He walked in Kew Gardens
with The Queen — On his return when the Queen was
about to leave Him, He asked Doctor Willis if it
would not be a proper Attention in Him to hand
Her Mty up Stairs to Her Apartment — Dr Willis
consented — He attended The Queen up Stairs and
after a few Minutes He came down to his own Room.
I own this has been a very favorable circumstance
to My Mind — I consider his readiness in coming
down as a sense of his Situation, & from which
real good may arise.
H. Mty had a second Walk this day — & all went off
well —
He saw His Watchmaker Vuillamy this Morning & who
has lately occasionally seen Him — Always fond of
Time Pieces Watches Clocks &c He has been for some days
past been particularly occupied & amused with Them.
The Prince of Wales & The Duke of York were
here this Evening & saw The Queen —

210

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

Several Visitors came to day Amongst There were Lord Uxbridge, Lord Beaulieu Lord Bulkley — Lord Delawar &c &c. and Mr. Smelt introduced the Bishop of London to Doctor Willis's Apartment —

This Evening The Queen H.R.Hs Augusta & H.R.H. Elizabeth saw the King in his Apartment — He was in good Spirits & read part of Shakespears Merchant of Venice aloud in different Tones of Voice as suited to the Characters. The part He particularly attended to was Shylocks waiting Judgement against Antonio —

Thursday Feb.y 19th The Bulletin of this Morning announced That "His Majesty continued to advance "in Recovery" — D.r Warren & Doctor Reynolds were the Inspecting Physicians of the Day — Doctor Warren told Me, that He had been some time with The King who had talked to Him on various subjects consistently — He spoke much of the Duke of Cambridge — He shewed Him the Chair which had been made for Him during his Illness, & pointed to it, with what Doctor Warren thought a look, not of complacency and recollection.

The Princes who had been here yesterday, wishing to see the King, requested thro' D.r Warren to have their desire made known, & consulted upon.

In the Evening D.r Willis told Me, that He had decided as to The propriety of the Princes seeing The King at

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

present, and as I heard Dr. Warren also was of that opinion.

The King took his usual Walk this Morning attended by Dr. John Willis & Two Men.

About the Middle of the day Mr. Pitt came here and Mr. Dundas—

This Evening the King asked if he might not go up Stairs to invite the Queen to his Apartment— Doctor Willis replied, with all my heart, & went with him up Stairs to the Queen. It was there proposed, that H. M.y should spend the Evening in Her Apartment, & this was readily agreed to, & He passed the Evening very comfortably with his Family— This sudden Visit put a few to Rout up Stairs who happened then to be with the Queen and among the rest Mrs. Smelt appeared in View—

After the King had staid two hours with the Queen He returned to his own Apartments below Stairs— Sir Philip Hales, Sir Lucas Pepys, Mr. Keate & Myself waited in the Paper Room to receive him as He passed. H. M.y Entered his Room quite calm, & unflurried and spoke to Us all, as We stood— When He came to Me, He graciously shook hands with Me, I having been the only one of the Whole Party who He had not seen for a long time— He said, "I am sorry You have had a loss" alluding to the late death of my Brother in Law Sir Henry Hope & then kindly asked me how my Sister Was— What He said

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

to me at this time was collected & much in his usual manner — He then dismissed Himself from Us & went to his Apartment —

We having spoken to H.M. for some time I was the better able to judge of any Alteration in Him, & I was now quite satisfied that a very considerable one & for the better had taken place — What He said to me was in every respect perfectly proper, & in every particular very much like Himself — His Manner was neither quick nor hurried, on the contrary He spoke rather more deliberately than He usually did in health —

I understand He is to see The Chancellor again tomorrow.

Friday Feb.y 20th — Happily every morning now is ushering in with cheering Accounts —

Sir George Baker & Sir Lucas Pepys saw the King this Morning & on the whole they spoke favorably of H.M. — The former how perceived some shades. He had played on the flute to Him, & talking of his Star He told Him He intended to change the Motto —

The Chancellor saw The King this Morning — He staid with Him an hour & forty Minutes — During the greatest part of this time (if not during the whole) He was alone with Him

Immediately after this Visit Doctor Willis told Me that The Chancellor had been quite satisfied with his conversation —

After The Chancellor had left The King He prepared for

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

a walk but He was detained a little by Mr Palmer, the Cutler, who had at his request been sent for — It was indeed quite new to Me to see H.M.ty occupied as He now was, in looking at various Cases of Razors which were on the Table before Him — He took up one of these Cases & which He was pleased most kindly, to give Me —

This & the Chancellor's Visit allowed Him but a short Walk of about an hour — Dr. John Willis had told Me, that He wished I would walk with The King this day adding that it would please Him, & it was on this Account that I was in H.M.ty's Apartment when Mr Palmer was with Him, being there to be in readiness to attend Him in his Walk

During this Walk I had full opportunity of making my Observation on the degree of amendment H.M.ty had made since I saw & spoke to Him on the 27th of Jan.y

At first He appeared to Me to be somewhat hurried — He touched upon circumstances of the day on which He had been removed from Windsor to Kew — He recollected these well, & talked of Them with a good humoured Countenance. Tho' the recollection was unpleasing to Him; for He added, "That was indeed a very disagreeable Day" Then turning to Me He said, "for Gods sake tell Me, how long "You knew of my removal before it took place"

I thought it proper to answer this Question with reserve & told Him, "I certainly knew that it was wished

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

"K: M.ty should remove to Kew, Early in that Morning of
"the day, when it actually took place." To this He replied
that not a circumstance of that day had been forgot by
Him & then added "As for You I will do You the justice
"to say, that You pledged Yourself to Nothing — but
"Harcourt told Me to trust to his Honor, & I have not
"forgot that" To what this particularly alluded I do
not know, for I cannot recollect any thing which passed on
that day, on the part of General Harcourt, to which the above
pointed remarks could apply.

After this conversation with Me K: M.ty, turning to Dr. John
Willis He said, He had been talking that Morning to the Chancellor
of this particular day, & that He had told Him, "that at this
"time, Mr. Pitt & Myself had been his Steadiest Friends"

It was now that I observed the strongest shades which
had occurred during this Walk, & here was why —
He now asked Me, if I had not recommended Sargston
one of the New Attendants on Him — He believed I had & He
added that He was the best Servant of the whole — Here all
was mistake, however all ceased, when We came to The
Exotic Garden, and to the several Hothouses in it where
He was much amused, & talked of various plants
with recollections — After this throughout the remaining
part of the Walk He conversed on various subjects &
much like Himself — He talked of the purchase of Kew
for £20000, & renewed the former plans of laying Kew &

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

Richmond Gardens together.

K. M.ty now related to me part of the Conversation He had had with the Chancellor this Morning — He intimated that He had mention'd the Parliament to Him, but slightly — He said the Chancellor had asked Him, if He was not anxious about Parliament, & that He had told Him, "He was anxious "but not curious at present" He then told me that it was his Will to keep quiet, as things were now going on so well. & that He was recovering so fast — I expressed my satisfaction, at hearing Him say this, & to know that He was resolved to be patient & prudent, & I desired K. M.ty would believe me when I said, that his Salvation depended on the resolve — He took this with great good humour & said with Earnestness "Believe me I have no Cards to play before Me, but all will do well by degrees"

If passing shades have appeared during part of this Walk, they have been so suspended off by what succeeded, & have become so faint from what they have been, that it would not be fair to lay much stress upon Them at this time but more just to consider Them, as misty dispersing fast before Sunshine —

Still I think I do not deceive myself when I deem the present, as the period of the nicest management, for K. M.ty. Every thing is going on prosperously, & nearly as well as they can be, but if He is hurried on to business, or brought forward too soon, all may still relapse, & become confusion —

216

The Mind is recovering its Tone & Strength every hour, & He is now in that tranquil mood in general, which renders it less difficult to persuade Him from what is not for his good—

This Evening The King went up Stairs to The Queen's Apartment— As He went through the Anteroom He saw Sir Philip Hales, Dr. Gisborne— Mr Dundas & Myself— I thought He seemed more hurried than when I saw Him in the Morning— He called Mr Dundas Dd avid, & told Him He was still the Knave of Hearts— To Dr. Gisborne He spoke in a particular Tone of Voice, imitating the Doctor Voice— These must be called Shades, however his general conversation was good— It is too much to expect, that all will subside at once where there has been so much wrong thro' that a very long Cloud I fear— The Tail of the Cloud sprinkles, then, but long after the Storm has passed, & when it is seen, but in the distance—

On H. M.ty's return from The Queen's Apartment where his Visit had lasted about 3 Hours, all the hurry which I had lately noticed seemed to have subsided— He spoke to Each of Us, one after another quite in his gracious Drawing Room stile, & without the least accidental Impropriety—

This has been rather a trying Day but certainly on the whole all has gone off most comfortably well—

After The Chancellor's Visit and on his return from

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

his succeeding Walk, a precautionary dose of 2 Grains of Tartar Emetic had been given to Him — a Medicine as I have already noted, to which much good is attributed — Whenever any irritation appears — It is curious to observe as Mr. Neale has now taken it, how little he suspects the cause of his many sicknesses — but the Medicine is so cunningly & so variously masked by Dr. Willis, that it almost impossible to detect or even to suspect the Vehicles — At one time it comes in Whey, at another in Asses Milk — Sometimes in Bread & sometimes it becomes successful in bread & Butter &c &c.

Saturday Feb.y 21st This Morning's Bulletin announced "That His Majesty was happily advancing in recovery." & Doctor Warren brought very favorable Accounts of Him this day

The Physicians have been in consultation on a Letter from The Princes to The Queen, in which it was requested that their Opinions might be taken on the propriety of their seeing The King in his present State —

The Answer I have understood to be that they did not recommend the proposed Interview for some few days —

It is likewise further reported, that His Majesty having been told, that The Princes had expressed a Wish to be permitted to pay Him a Visit, that he was pleased at their Intentions but had Wished to delay seeing Them, until he had seen the Chancellor once more, saying that after this he should be glad to receive Them —

This may very well have been The Kings own Answer

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

but to me it appears to have been annunciated thro' the forms of a King's Speech.

About mid day the King took his Walk — Sir Joseph Banks was at this time sitting with me in the Library — Doctor John Willis coming in said to Sir Joseph if he had no objections he might join the King in his Walk, as he knew he would be very glad to see him — He accordingly set out directly after him; The King seeing him coming, stopped for him, & after a gracious reception they walked on — The Weather was uncertain, & the day at times in= =terrupted by heavy Showers — the King however continued his Walk with Sir Joseph Banks about 3 hours — They first visited the Exotic Garden, thence walked through Richmond Gardens where the Sheep were looked at — Thence they proceeded across the London Road to Marsh Gate where H. M.ty has lately made a Farm Yard & Erected Farm Offices.

While here it rained, & was later — a Gentleman's carriage was borrowed in the Neighbourhood, & it had begun to proceed when the Weather cleared — The King expressed a Wish to get out & continue his Walk — He did so — & giving the Coachman a Guinea he dismissed the Carriage —

I saw Sir Joseph Banks after this Walk, who was surprised & pleased with all he had seen & heard during this Interview, which He said, was very near right. Anxious to know where he might have discovered a hitch, I found that H. M.ty had dwelt on going to Hanover.

219

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

Sir Joseph said He hoped not – & to this He made no reply. He talked of dismissing those who had been about Him during his Illness, saying that He would keep none of his Pages, but that He would pension them off. He hinted that He never more would have Drawing Rooms. These tho' perhaps not unwise intentions in Themselves, yet I do not think He would have mentioned to Sir Joseph at usual periods.

Previous to Sir Joseph Banks's going away I took the liberty of recommending Him to be cautious, as to the Accounts He might give of his late Interviews with H. Majy. – and that the Statement He might possibly be inclined to give to Ministers would doubtless be important – I observed to Him, that this was a moment of anxiety & of difficulty – That He must be on his guard not to let Himself be quoted as reporting the King quite well – for tho' to the Dr Willis's & Myself He had expressed Himself much pleased & satisfied with what He had seen and heard, still some chequering shades had been observed by Him – He must not therefore (I told Him) risk the imputation of blame, in bringing Him too forward & which might be eventually laid, to his Intelligence, by those who might be writing now to risk an Experiment, but afraid to stand Themselves, the hazard of a reverse.

Sir Joseph seemed aware of such possibilities, & I was happy to find that He was fully persuaded that every prudent precaution was absolutely necessary at this

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

critical period of H: M^y^ Health.

After I had seen the King yesterday, I learnt that Colonel Digby had also been with Him, and as He afterwards went away I had no opportunity of asking any particulars of his Interview until his return this Morning — When I met Him I related to Him fully & fairly what had passed when I walked with H: M^y^ yesterday — Colonel Digby then told Me that He had found Him not so hurried as He was when He saw Him a few days ago, & He thought that his general conversation was now very good, tho' He saw still some remaining shades —

After the King had dined this day He took a second Walk & in the Evening He paid a Visit to the Queen in her Apartment up Stairs — On his return to His own, He conversed with D^r^ Reynolds Sir Philip Hales Mr Battiscombe & Myself in the Antiroom — During this short Interview not a single Impropriety Escaped Him & his conversation was quite in his natural & usual Manner

Sunday Feb^y^ 22^d^. — The Bulletin of this day announced an uninterrupted progress to recovery. The Physicians of the day were Sir George Baker and D^r^ Reynolds — When they saw H: M^y^ this Morning they thought well of Him — but He said to D^r^ Reynolds with a significant Smile, as He was putting up the Leaf of a Table This is called a Pembroke Table — Would the Brevets had been spared — Sir George Baker remarked to Me this

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

day that He wished H. M.ty would leave off thoughts of changing the Motto of his Star — Another remaining shade of this day —

The Chancellor saw the King this Morning, & He staid with Him alone about an hour & 20 Minutes.

What passed has not yet transpired, further that Doctor Willis telling Us that The Chancellor was mightily pleased.

I heard afterwards that H. M.ty told The Chancellor that He had had an Attachment 30 years ago, & that on this The Chancellor had advised Him to drop such Ideas at Fifty —

I suggested to Doctor Willis this Morning, that When the Chancellor came again, He might possibly obtain a better opportunity of judging of Him by walking out, rather than by conversing with H. M.ty in a Room, as He would then see Him in his more natural manner, & be enabled to make his remarks from the variety of ordinary occurrences which would arise in the course of a Walk —

Dr. Willis did not seem to disapprove of this proposition.

In the course of this Morning Mr. Pitt, Mr. Villiers & Mr. Grenville The Speaker came to Kew —

Mr. Pitt did not see The King —

General Harcourt joined H. M.ty in his Walk this Morning. He had not seen the King to speak to Him since the Evening We attended Him from Windsor to this place — On his return It was a Satisfaction to Me to be told by General Harcourt, that He had found the report I had made to Him of H. M.ty after my Walk with Him on

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

Friday last, corresponded so fully with what He had just had an opportunity of observing Himself when He was out with Him. On the whole He declared Himself very much pleased notwithstanding He likewise had discovered slight shades.

The King as is now his usual practice saw Her Majesty in Her Apartments up Stairs this Evening — When He returned He saw General Harcourt General Gordon Col.: Digby Sir Lucas Pepys, Mr. Hawkins & Myself in the Antiroom to his own Apartment — He was in high Spirits, but conversed some time with Us without any intervening Impropriety & quite in his natural Manner —

Seeing so many of Us together in the Windsor Uniforms He said "It looked comfortable, & made Him think Himself "nearer home"

Monday Feb.y 23d. — The Bulletin of this Morn.: Exceeded even the former ones in good report — It announced, that H. M.y in all respects advanced towards Recovery —

Dr. Warren & Sir Lucas Pepys signed this Bulletin — The former I saw this Morning, & He spoke very favorably of every thing which passed at this Interview which He had just had with The King. Dr. Willis son was with Him in the Room — & He remarked that towards the latter part of the Visit when Dr. Willis came in, The King spoke slower than He was doing when the Door opened — a difference of which He did not think ill, on the contrary

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

He thought such contrast by no means prejudicial—

As the King had appeared so well at this time to Dr. Warren, He remarked to Dr. Willis, that He thought He might now, by degrees, to take away his Men, & again suffer his own Pages to attend Him now & then—

Tho Doctor Warren did not at the time know it yet it has come to my knowledge that for some days past some of his Pages had been allowed to see & Mr. & that Paysen dick had assisted in dressing Him yesterday.

Doctor Warren also recommended that He should be indulged in an airing in a Carriage with The Queen & I believe this was offered tho it did not take place—as the King went up stairs to The Queen Apartment who directly after came down & took a Walk & a long one for Her round Kew Gardens. Dr. Willis Dr. John Willis and Mr. Smelt attended in this Walk—

The Prince of Wales & The Duke of York were expected this day, & The King made preparation for this Visit—

Before they arrived The Duke of Gloucester & The Duke of Cumberland came to make their Enquiries but neither of them saw The King—

At half past 3 o'clock The Prince of Wales & The Duke of York arrived at Kew—Colonel Digby hastened up stairs to give notice of their arrival to The Queen.

General Gordon & I met them in The Passage on their alighting from their Carriage— As soon as The Prince

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

of Wales saw Me He called to Me & said He wished to speak to Me — at this moment Colonel Digby came down Stairs from the Queen's Apartment, & informed Their Royal Highnesses, that The King had Himself arranged every thing respecting their meeting, & that He wished to see Them in The Queen's Apartment & where Her Majesty was then waiting for Them.

On this communication The Prince said He would not for a moment delay paying his respects to The Queen, & leaving Me He joined The Duke of York & went up Stairs.

I own It was pleasing to Me, that The Prince saw The King this day, without having previously spoke to any Person in this House —

Their Royal Highness staid with The King above half an hour — Colonel Digby, attendant on The Queen, saw Them come out of Her Apartment, & attended Them, immediately from thence to their Carriage.

They both to Colonel Digby, to General Gordon, and to Myself expressed Themselves much satisfied at the King's Amendment — & only mentioned two circumstances which were new to Them, & different from his former topics of conversation — The one was the information He gave Them that He had now taken up Latin again, & that He had recovered a good deal of it during his Illness — The other was that He had learnt Picquet from Mr. Charles Hawkins, & that He now played at it as well as Himself — I have now to allude to a more Interesting

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

circumstance.

His Majesty in passing through the Pages Room from his own Apartment to meet his Two Sons Upstairs, made a pause, & after being silent for a few Seconds, He took his handkerchief from his Pocket, & wiping his Eyes with it He said "It was a maxim of his Ancestors of the "House of Brunswick, never to shed a Tear" — He then went up Stairs —

From Their Royal Highnesses Colonel Digby learnt that The King had cried much on his first receiving Them — An Impulse amiably natural, & therefore pardonable, tho against the general Maxim of His August Family.

This Evening I received two Letters — The one addressed to The Chancellor — The other to Mr. Pitt — both wrote by The King, with his commands to send them directly to Town to their Addresses, by a Groom — I dispatched them accordingly about 8 o'clock. At 11 o'clock I received The Chancellor's Answer, directed to The King, & I found that Mr. Pitt had sent his Answer by a Messenger of his own to Lady Charlotte Finch.

I have understood that H. M.y had complained, that the suspence He was in from not knowing what was now going forward, & The Chancellor not chusing to give Him that information, disturbed Him much — He had therefore wrote these two letters to desire their attendance here tomorrow — This I learnt from Colonel Digby —

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

H. M.ty paid his usual Visit this Evening to The Queen ups stairs — It lasted about 3 hours — On his return He spoke to Us in the Antiroom where We were waiting for Him. As last Night He was in good spirits, & tho nothing that could be called an Impropriety passed, I did not like his manner quite so well as I had done the preceeding Night — I found that General Gordon was also of the same opinion with Me —

I am more & more convinced that the present is a very nice period in H. M.ty's approaching recovery, & nothing I dread more than his being brought forward too soon. But I trust every thing will be conducted cautiously.

From the little I have heard of his conversation during this day, I must think that shades Spirit shit. Colonel Digby saw Him for a little time in the Gardens as The Queen was returning with Him from his Walk. He talked to Him of making Him his Aid de Camp, & of bringing Him into The Army again —

He had also some remaining coolness towards General Goldsworthy, for not executing his Orders in the beginning of his illness at Windsor — This at times had dwelt with Him afterwards, & it was not this day forgot —

These tho they are slight symptoms, I cannot quite overlook —

This Evening General Gordon on having been asked by H. M.ty who had succeeded Lord Adam Gordon in Parliament

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

said it was a Mr. Berkley (or Barclay) On Enquiring What Barclay. The General said he believed he was related to the Great Barclay the Quaker — The King with more than common Sagacity said What the Quaker?

I was not the only Person in the Room who was struck with this apparent Sagacity — Gordon who knows nothing of former history alluding to it, did not know what it meant, but he remarked it — but as H. M.ty did not dwell a moment on it, it passed & the conversation continued on other subjects —

Tho' the whole this Evening has not been so good as that of Yesterday & on comparing Notes with Colonel Digby I found they agreed as to this point —

Tuesday Feb.ry 24.th — This Morning the favorable Account of the King's health continued — Sir George Baker and Dr. Gisborne were the Physicians in Attendance.

The former shewed me a very curious receipt he had received from abroad through Lord Hervey for the King. There have been many curious receipts of late sent with the same View, but this of all I think the most Singular one I have seen. This was to cure the King by communicating the Itch to Him. This by causing eruptions over the Body was through them to carry off the disorder. — Another Extraordinary receipt was sent by the Duke of Dorset, & attested by Gauthier Physician to the Comte D'Artois — This was to effect the cure by the Blood of an Ass taken inwardly —

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

An improvement to this, proposed from another quarter, was by adding the brains of a Ram, & the blood of the Ox. What astonishing aid & reputation may not be expected in the practice of Physick, from such discoveries as these!!

This morning the King called on the Queen at Her Apartments & She walked with Him soon afterwards. Previously to This the Duke of Gloucester paid his respect to H. M.ty who received Him very kindly & Embraced Him with much cordiality — & He was invited to join in the Walk & which He did.

The Chancellor & Mr Pitt came here this day. They both saw the King seperately & both were alone with Him — The Chancellor's Visit was short. Mr Pitt was about an hour & a half — When Mr Pitt went in, He was resolved to answer the King's questions about public affairs, & I understood He did so. Mr Pitt on coming out Expressed Himself to General Gordon & to Colonel Digby extremely satisfied with the King's manner & conversation at this Interview. He told Mr Pitt that "He had no anxieties on the reflexion "of what had passed during his Illness, as his Recovery "reminded Him how much He owed to God Almighty".

I had an opportunity this day of knowing the general purport of the Kings Letter to The Chancellor from one to whom He had shewn it — It acquainted

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

him that He had had the pleasure of seeing his Sons The Prince of Wales & The Duke of York, that the meeting had been cordial & most satisfactory & that by his own desire, He had seen them in The Queen's Apartment — He expressed a Wish to see Him & Mr Pitt, & that without entering deeply or precisely He was anxious to know a little more than He now knew, of what had been doing during his Illness — This was the general purport of The King's Letter to The Chancellor — & most probably a similar one was sent to Mr Pitt at the same time.

This has been rather a trying day for H. M.? & I find from Colonel Digby, that to him He afterwards appeared hurried, & this I learn likewise from other Quarters —

All this points out the necessity of great caution in bringing on business or other subjects which may be likely to agitate his Mind. There can be no occasion to hurry him for I know from himself, that He has wished to go on progressively, & I likewise have understood, that He has dwelt forcibly on this himself to Mr Pitt —

This Evening We saw H. M.? as usual in the Anti room He remained but a short time in conversation with Us as both Dr Willis & his Son Dr John Willis by their looks and manner hurried him — This He perceived as well as We did, & taking the hint He left Us soon —

At this Interview He asked me where I had rode this day I told him, I had been in London, on which He immediately

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

recollected a Commission He had given Me on Friday last to get Him some Silver Pencils— I had not forgot it, & I brought Him three of different sizes— These He kept & was pleased to approve of Them.

At 7 o'clock this Evening Mr. Pitt sent a Letter to Dr. Willis by a Messenger, the purport of which We were informed was his Enquiries how the King continued after his Morning Visits—

Wednesday Feb.y 25th— The Bulletin of this Morning far Exceeded all the preceding ones in favorable report, It stated that "His Majesty's progress to Recovery has "been gradual & regular for some time past, & His "Majesty appears this Morning to be free from "Complaint."

This Bulletin was signed by Doctor Warren and Doctor Reynolds— I must own the truth, when I saw it, tho' I expected to see a very favorable Bulletin this was more so, than I had calculated on.

The only question I ask'd, was of Dr. Reynolds; it was this, Whether Either He or Doctor Warren when they saw His Majesty this Morning, had seen Him without Dr. Willis or his Son's being in the room at the same time? His Reply to Me was that The Physicians had never yet seen the King alone.

On hearing this, I certainly was surprized to see a Bulletin, which said Every thing.

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

Dr. Willis & his Sons as His Majesty is now declared without complaint must now expect their speedy dis=
=mission, with that of their Attendants— If this can be done prudently, all must rejoice ——

This Morning The Duke of York rode here— He saw the Queen but not the King—

Lord Weymouth & Lord Stafford came here this Morning, by Appointment as I should suppose. We had received hints just before their arrival, that The King had expressed a wish to see them— They paid their Visit to H.M. seperately, & Each staid a considerable time with Him.

When they returned from his Apartment they both seemed much satisfied with this Interview— Lord Stafford observed, that He had found The King's manner composed, and his Mind strong—

Lord Weymouth pleased as He was with this Interview thought that the King was rather more hurried towards the Latter part, than He was at first— He is to send the Archbishop of Canterbury on Sunday—

Col. Digby who saw H.M. go up Stairs to The Queen after these Visits were over said that He was Evidently agitated, & more so than He had seen Him for some time & He expressed his fears at this time that these Interviews had hurried Him too much—

All this seems to confirm not only the propriety but the necessity of continued Caution—

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

His Majesty walked afterwards, & He was joined in his Walk by Sir Joseph Banks, who came here this day, by Appointment — They walked thro' Kew Gardens & those of Richmond — I did not see Sir Joseph at his return, but He left a Message for me with General Gordon the purport of which was, that He had been particularly well pleased with The King's manner during his Walk, & that it was better, than that which He had opportunity of observing some few days ago.

From Dr John Willis who walked with The King this Morning I learnt, that He had Entered on some of the political Subjects on which He had been talking with Lord Weymouth & Lord Stafford, this Morning, but He did not mention the particulars to Us.

On H. M.ty return this Evening from his Visit to The Queen We saw Him as usual in the Antiroom He was not the least hurried — He conversed calmly & in his usual manner on variety of subjects to Us all. Talking to General Gordon of the Duke & Duchess of Gordon, He bowed on the latter & with a significant smile to Him that She was staunch.

This gave me an Insight as to the kind of conversations He had had lately, & that He is now forward in that history which has been kept secret from Him so long.

The Reports spread out from hence to the Public of

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

The King's Amendment & recovery within these late days will I think very shortly produce great changes here.

If H: M.ty is declared fit to assume his Government surely the continuance of Dr. Willis & his Son's under this roof would be incompatible with his introduction to the Public again, & his high functions. Should Ministers advise this, they would thereby proclaim to the World, that they do not believe that H. M.ty is sufficiently well to be trusted to Himself—

I think the King is now so near well, that I wish Him (by prudent degrees) every resumption of power & dignity— I long to know that He again sits down to dinner (if this dinner shd must be in his own Apartment) by Himself, & not forming a trio as He yet does with Dr. Willis & his Son, & who shall regularly assist at his Evening Parties.

Thursday Feb.y 26th— The Bulletin of this Morning was that "His Majesty appears to have an Entire "Cessation from Illness"—

Sir George Baker & Sir Lucas Pepys signed the Bulletin Neither of them saw the King without one of the Doctor Willis's being in the Room—

After breakfast the Duke of York saw the King and likewise the Queen.

This Morning Mr. Pitt was here for several hours during which He first saw the Queen, and after

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

The King returned from his Walk, He saw Him also.

This Interview seems to have broke in upon a plan of quiet, which had been proposed for this day, and on which intention, the Visit from the Archbishop of Canterbury was yesterday postponed, until tomorrow Friday—

The Chancellor was also here this Morning for some time— He saw The Queen but not The King.

Late in this day The Prince of Wales arrived He staid a short time & during which He saw The King & Queen &.

His Majesty spent this Evening as usual in the Queen's Apartment & on his return thro' the Antiroom We who were waiting in Attendance there had the Honor of being spoke to by Him for some time— I was as much pleased with his manner & conversation at this time as ever I had been; both were so much in their usual & natural Style, that they afforded general satisfaction and confidence.

I think I perceive this day, that Doctor Willis expects soon to take his Leave from hence—

Friday Feb.y 27th — This Morning's Bulletin announced "That His Majesty continued free from "complaint—"

Doctor Warren who came here this Morning, spoke very favorably of the Interview He had just had with the

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

the King — & I now received from Him His Majesty's commands to give notice to The Lord in Waiting at St. James's, that The Bulletins after this day would be discontinued — In consequence when I sent off this last Bulletin, I transmitted to The Lord in Waiting the comonands I had received, for his Information.

Doctor Warren also told me at this time, That The Chancellor had ordered, that an Immediate change should take place at Kew in the Medical Attendance. & which was now to be as follows.

That The Four Surgeons, hitherto in regular Attendance here, should take their Leave & wait no more. & by Dr. Warrens desire, I wrote to Each of these, to convey to Them this Information.

The Three Physicians viz — Dr. Reynolds, Sir Lucas Pepys, & Dr. Gisborne who had hitherto attended in their Turns, were now to attend no more at Night, but one of Them in their turn was to come every Morning, & there with Dr. Warren, or Sir George Baker, to Enquire after the state of His Majesty's Healths, & that they were to see The King, with out Doctor Willis's being present.

This regulation respecting The Physicians was to remain in force until Tuesday next, after which the three above mentioned Physicians were to take their final Leave, & on the next Wednesday Doctor Warren is to come alone, & See The King — Sir George Baker

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

in the same manner is to come on Friday, and on Sunday March the 4th Doctor Warren, is to pay his last Visit, & with this Visit all the Physicians retire & take their Leave of Kew —

I conclude Dr Willis will not stay much longer after this.

From what I have accidentally heard this day I suspect that there is a something in agitation respecting the removal of some of K. Majs Pages*, that is they are to be dismissed keeping their Salaries for Life —

The Duke of Cumberland come here this Morning and saw the King — The Archbishop of Canterbury was introduced afterwards to the King with whom he staid an hour & a half —

His Majesty also in the course of this day saw the Generals Grenville & Budé as likewise Lord Winchilsea for a short time —

In K. Majs Walk of this Morning he went along the Terrace near the River in his way to the Observatory. As he passed along, some men going down the River in a Boat hailed him with "God Bless Your "Majesty, long life & health to You, We are glad to "see You abroad again" The King was well pleased with this plain & loyal Address — Pulling off his Hat, he graciously bowed to them.

This hearty congratulation from a few loyal Men was

* The Chancellor & Mr Pitt were consulted on this measure —

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

not indifferent to Him — Its impression on Him marked, that caution towards Him must not be yet overlooked — The shouts of Crowds might be too much for Him just now — His natural feelings are strong, they are not less susceptible now, & tho' it may be said at present, that He is recovered, his Mind should still be supported.

We saw H. M.ty this Evening again on his return through the Anteroom — He spoke to Us some time quite collected & as Himself again — I thought Him rather languid but this seemed to be owing to his being somewhat sleepy after all He had gone through in the course of this day —

The King gave Doctor Willis a Watch by Emery this day. —

Saturday Feb.y 28.th — This Morning Sir George Baker & Doctor Reynolds came here in conformity to the New regulation & their Report of H. M.ty was very favorable — The King staid a considerable part of this Morning in the Queens Apartment, where He saw General Mercourt, who at this time received direction respecting the Pages, & about whom I had yesterday some reason to expect, that some arrangements were devising — Ernest — Shilling fleet & Chamberlayne all of them Pages to the King had intimation given to them, that they were not expected in Waiting

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

any more — Mr. Brown was now appointed first Page to K. M.y & Mr. Geiswell was also continued as Page.

I have not as yet heard on what grounds the other Pages have been dismissed — I feel much inclined to satisfaction that I have not been an Instrument in these decisions —

After this business was thus settled Sir Joseph Banks walked with K. M.y He brought with him by his desire the Magazines & Registers which had come out since his illness — These had been first looked over by the Chancellor; He had no objection to the King seeing them if Dr. Willis had not, and as He was d'accord with the Chancellor, these publications were given to Him for his perusal.

This Evening when K. M.y spoke to Us in the Antiroom conversed with as much calmness & propriety as ever He did in his life —

I have been told this day, that part of the Archbishop of Canterbury's conversation yesterday with His Majesty was directed in Endeavors to persuade Him to relinquish an Intention which He had often & strongly hinted of going to St. Pauls and to be present there at a Public Thanksgiving on His Recovery.

I have picked up also accidentally this day a very curious Anecdote, should it prove a true one Dr

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

a report — I was told that one of the New attendants on H. M.
lately brought in by Dr. Willis, was one of Mr. Fox's Committee
at the Westminster Election — Lord Stafford & Mr. Rose
have got Scent of it, & if they make it out, this will be
a ridiculous to have happend from so Violent a Partizan
against Mr. Fox, as Dr. Willis has pleasure in shewing
himself to be —

Sunday March 1st — In continued Observance of
the New Regulation Dr. Warren & Sir Lucas Pepys saw
the King this Morning & both Expressed themselves as
having been much pleased with their Visit —
The former thought him more deliberate in his Conversation
than what was his accustomed manner, prior to his Majesty
that is, he thought he spoke slower, & that he waited
longer for answers without interrupting than formerly

The Duke of York came this Morning he saw
the Queen but did not see the King as he was at
this time Engaged with the Chancellor whose Visit
continued long.

His Majesty took his usual Walk this day, & allotted
his time nearly as he had done during the preceding
days, most of which is now in the Queen's Apartments.
He has not yet varied his Exercise or his Walks

It has been recommended to him to go out in his
carriage occasionally & to begin to accustom
himself to those usual Objects out of Doors from

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

which He has been so long Estranged. This is probably preparatory to his getting on Horseback—

It was in consultation decided this day that H. M. should be bled, and as He preferred that Mr Baillie combe should perform this operation, I sent off one of his Grooms to Windsor to fetch Him—& in consequence He came this Evening—

After The King had paid his usual Visit to his Family in The Queen's Apartment this Evening—We saw Him in the Antiroom—He was well & I thought improved in looks. His countenance begins to fill up again, & He gains flesh apace—When with Us He was busy comparing some Spectacles which had been sent to Him to look at, & He desired me to find out which were the clearest, as not using Spectacles Myself I could not calculate on the focus's, or numbers suited to various sights—This conversation however brought on a panegyric from His Majesty on My long Sight & He now recollected some proofs of it, which occurred on board His Yatcht, when I had the honor to attend Him to The Nore some years ago, where He went to meet his Victorious Fleet, just returned after their defeat of The Dutch Fleet off the Dogger Bank—

He alarmed me much by the conclusion of this conversation, when He was pleased to add, "That I "was an Excellent Person to have on board, & that

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

"He must certainly have Me with Him, if He should
"take the Expedition He was thinking of." I bowed but
made no Answer — had He however looked at Me attentively
He might without Spectacles have seen, that I was not
a Volunteer on such an Expedition.
This if not a real plan, is somewhat of a shade of the
most unusual projects of this kind, which have at times
intruded during this Illness; & none have been more
constant, than the Expressions of his determination to go to
Hanover, against which Visit, I do most earnestly pray.

This Evening The King has made The Ladies
Attendants upon Her Majesty very happy by the gracious
presents He has made to Them.
To Lady Charlotte Finch He gave a Pair of Diamond
Earrings — To Lady Effingham He gave a Diamond
Pin, & to Lady Elizabeth Waldegrave two Diamond
Hair Pins.

Monday March 2d — This is the First Day since
His Majesty's Illness began, that His Physicians have
omitted their Accustomed Visits — It is now fixed
that Every alternate day shall be missed in such
Attendance —
H: M.y was bled this Morning —
The Duke of York was here after breakfast & saw
the King in the Queen's Apartment
The Duke of Gloucester was here afterwards for some

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

time but She did not see The King.

Mr Pitt had a long Interview with H. M.y this day, & before her Dinner The Prince of Wales arrived & paid a Visit to Their Majesties —

I understand that it is now the Plan that The King should see all the Cabinet by degrees, as likewise many of the Household —

Tomorrow Lord Camden — Lord Caermarthen — Ld Sydney & The Duke of Richmond are expected.

On account of the coldness of this day & from his having been bled H. M.y did not walk but — She spent most of this day in The Queen's Apartment.

We saw Him as usual in the Evening & He was perfectly calm & collected — Observing some News-papers on The Table He took up one of them & dipped a little into the debates of The Irish Parliament on the Address to The Prince of Wales — Having look'd at both of it, He put the Papers on the Table again, & made no comments on its Contents —

Tuesday March 3d — The Attendant Physicians of this Morning were Sir George Baker & Dr Gisborne Both saw H. M.y —

Soon after breakfast The Duke of Richmond arrived with Lord Camden — Each Ld seperate Audiences — Both expressed Themselves satisfied with H. M.y conversation and manner —

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

To Lord Camden He talked of going to Hanover – This I heard with regret – as this has been a subject often hinted during his Illness, I have latterly been diligent in tracing connecting Intentions, & on the whole I am pleased to think, that these have not increased of late –

Since his conversation with Me on Sea Expeditions on Sunday last, I find that He has been talking with Colonel Digby about ordering his Yatch to Portsmouth & taking a trip from thence to Plymouth & to Mount Edgecombe &c –

On all Sea Expeditions I hope He will take a more useful Sailor than Myself.

After A. M.ty had received The Duke of Richmond & Lord Camden He walked with The Queen to The Exotic Garden, & during this Interval Major Price arrived – On His Majesties return this arrival was announced, & The King hastened to find Major Price & to whom He gave a very cordial reception – With Him & Colonel Digby, attended also with Dr. Willis He resumed his Walk, leaving The Queen in Her Apartments – This Walk was a long one –

He went to The New Workhouse at Richmond to which He had been a most liberal Benefactor. Here He made a luncheon Eating a slice of their Household Bread –

A circumstance happened at this time which had

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

it been foreseen, would have given general alarm on K. M.ty's Account, in respect to its consequences, at a period like this—

The Master of the Workhouse having shewn the Apart=ments allotted to the Poor in it to K. M.ty, asked Him if He would see their Madhouse. To this He conducted Him, & there passed a conversation respecting it, & in which, the mention of Strait Waistcoats very raw & Him was introduced— Fortunately K. M.ty heard this ill timed conversation without the least agitation, & no unpleasant consequence occurred from the after recollection of it—

From the Workhouse the King continued his Walk to Richmond Hill to shew the fine prospect from it to Doctor Willis, and from hence (as He M.ty told Me afterwards) He indulged Himself, with two attentive looks through his Glass, towards Windsor.

From Richmond Hill He walked through the Town of Richmond, & stopped at the Pastry Cooks below the Castle Inn, & Eat some of those Cheesecakes for which this Shop is famous, called usually Maids of Honour, & He was happy in making those with Him share in this repast—

On Richmond Green He called at General Fitz Williams's with whom He staid about an hour— The General had in his Service a Harper who He Engaged in Wales having

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

heard Him play there when He was only 11 Years of Age. This Harper plays tolerably well, but less in the Welsh Style than most of his Country having left it so Early, not having seen Wales for many Years. The Music He now plays is chiefly Handel &c. The King desired He might hear Him, & the General promised to send Him to Kew this Evening for that purpose.

On the Kings return from his Walk He saw Lord Carmarthen & Lord Sydney, Each of whom had seperate Audiences. Lord Carmarthen expressed much surprise at H. M.ys resolution

After his dinner The King took his Walk with Dr. Willis passing our Dining Room Windows He saw General Gordon Major Price & Myself. He stopped & talked with Us for some time.

In the Evening General Fitzwilliam's Harper came. He immediately began to tune his Harp in the Hall on hearing which We left our dining Room & adjourned to it. He began to play to Us; This brought the Kings from above Stairs to the Hall, where He listen'd to some tunes, & conversed with Us for some time; then taking Major Price by the Arm, He was going with Him up stairs, but looking back, He stop'd & called to Me. On My coming to Him, He put Major Price's Arm in his, on one side, & My Arm in his on the other, & in

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

this manner We walked up Stairs H. M.ty very graciously observing at this time, that "so supported the Old Man could "go on well —"

He thus Entered the Queen's Apartment, & in this manner He brought Us both up to Her Majesty, to whom We now made our profound Obeysance — & which was received — In Silence —

The Harper was next introduced to the Apartment, and having understood that H: M.ty was partial to Handel, He had principally brought an Assortment of his Music with Him. The King was much pleased with many of the Airs which He played during the Evening.

After Major Price & Myself had been some time in the Queen's Apartment We retired —

When H. M.ty left it We received Him as usual as He passed through the Antiroom — Here He conversed with Us some time in good spirits, yet I must fairly own, I could not think as favorably of his Manner this Night, as I had done for several preceding ones — & I found from General Gordon that his remarks tallied with mine.

Tho' I am satisfied that H. M.ty is going on well, I do not yet wish Him to believe, that He is quite so. Risk is still closely connected with Agitation — He must be kept from flurry, & He must Himself for

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

some time continue to be prudent, & much on his guard.
Every observation I make inclines me to wish, that He
may not yet come too forward, either in Business or
Amusement— The acclamations of a Crowd might be
hazardous— Kind looks might overset Him; for He is
naturally susceptible of ill Impressions, & there to a
mind relaxed by Illness, may eventually become dangerous.

I find K. M.ty has not yet given up the wish &
Intention of going to S.t Pauls. He has mentioned it
this very day, & if I recollect right, it was to Lord Camden.
Aware however that caution was necessary, He added
that He should prepare for this ceremony, by something
similar, in a less crowd at Windsor—

Wednesday March 4.th— His Majesty saw Mr Pitt
this Morning after his breakfast & afterwards He
received The Duke of Montague & Lord Aylesbury—
In the course of this Morning also came The Archbishop
of Canterbury with The Bishop of Gloucester, but neither
saw The King.

When He walked out afterwards, He saw The Bishop of
Salisbury, & Sir Joseph Banks who attended Him to
The Exotic Garden, & whereK. M.ty saw also Mrs Banks &
The Bishop of Durham's Wife.

The Chancellor was likewise at Kew this Morning
He first saw The Queen & afterwards His Majesty—
From The Chancellor I learnt, that no particular reason

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

had been assigned to Him by H. M.ty for dismissing some of his Pages, only, that from the manner in which they had been obliged to attend on Him during his Illness, they had obtained a sort of familiarity which now, would not be pleasing to Him. I learnt also at this time, that by some mistake, the Five last Attendants which Dr. Willis had called in, were dismissed instead of those whom He had brought with Him from his Establishment in the Country - & which the Chancellor had intended, should have been the first on the List of Removals from their attendance on his Majesty.

The Arrival of Colonel Manners this day in regular succeeding Waiting as Equerry to His Majesty, relieved me from My long Waiting as such, of Sixteen Weeks, Excepting the interruption of about 10 days, during which time I have witnessed many very Embarrassing & variety of Extraordinary Scenes - A Waiting so different from all I have hitherto been used to, that much shall I rejoice to return to the more simple duties of an Equerry, uninterrupted by His Majesty's Illness & unannoy'd by those Party Feuds or jarring Politics, which have been so improperly maintained by some within the Walls of New Palace since His Majesty was removed to it from Windsor.

I derive however real satisfaction, at the close of this my Anxious Waiting, to be enabled to declare

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

that I have at no time, nor on any occasion Entered into any discussion on Politicks or Party with any Person whatever under this roof, from the time I first came to it to the moment of My departure on My being relieved in My Waiting as Equerry to His Majesty by Colonel Manners. Yet such strict Observance, and uniform Silence on such topics, have not protected me from latent displeasure in Every quarter, & I have now remained here on close duty, sufficiently long to ascertain the value & Extent of that kindness from My Friend Colonel Digby, which his Early hint conveyed to Me, when He cautioned me to be on My guard at Kew, where He had already, & in My absence discovered those jealousies, and misrepresentations which were afloat & spreading—

The hint when first given to Me was a Mystery— It ceased to be so with Me, E'er long — & I profited by it afterwards —

To The King I owe the fullest acknowledgement of his uniform kindness, & my Affection towards Me, whether in his turbulent, or in his Calm moments— but I do not feel that Expressions of Equal Obligation are due from Me, in some other Quarters—

The former have fixed my lasting Love & Gratitude— The latter will never alter a respect due from Me, & in which I have at no time been deficient—

The Situation in which I was placed gave Me opportu-

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

=ity of knowing much, & seeing much, & in the course of painful & distressing periods, the Information I possessed, might have been usefully & extended to some few, who had a right to ask it of Me — but in such directions to which I now allude, it was not asked for of Me — Mr. Pitt in all his Visits here, never once Enquired for Me, nor did He ask for information from Me — but not unfrequently He returned from hence, with details less accurate, than those which plainer matter of fact, within his ready reach, might have afforded Him.

It has been my peculiar lot to have Witnessed the whole course of His Majesty's late very alarming and afflicting illness ——— I came to Windsor on active duty, a very few days after His Majesty's first attack appeared ——— I was one of the Three Persons (viz General Harcourt, Colonel Goldsworthy & Myself) to whom the important charge of His Majesty's Person was confided, on his removal from Windsor to Kew, on Saturday Evg: Nov.r 29th 1788, & I continued in daily Attendance on His Majesty under the same roof, until his Physicians were finally dismissed from their Attendance, & attended until I was relieved by Colonel Manners on this day, Wednesday March 4th 1789.

I have done my best, cheerfully and willingly, in a most difficult situation, & I have scrupulously

251

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

Endeavoured to steer through its many Intricacies with correctness, & with attention to the performance of Every duty Expected from Me, & which Eventually in many Steps connected with an Attendance of peculiar descriptions.

I now leave My Dear & Valued King on the point of being restored to Himself, to his Family, & to his loving & loyal Subjects, through God's most gracious Mercy _____ and that Every Earthly Blessing, & Happiness may be continued to Him without Interruption, throughout his precious life, will be my never ceasing hope, & prayer.

Robert Fulk Greville.
Equerry to The King.

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

Daily Bulletins of His Majesty's Health sent From Kew Palace.

1788.

"Kew House Decr. 20th. 1788—

"His Majesty was more composed yesterday Afternoon— grew disturbed in the Evening and has had a very bad Night— "

"Kew House Decr. 21st. 1788.

"His Majesty was unquiet during the greatest part of Yesterday, but has passed a good Night & is quiet this Morning "

"Kew House Decr. 22d. 1788—

"His Majesty passed a quiet day, & though disturbed in the Evening, has had a very good Night."

"Kew House Decr. 23d. 1788

"His Majesty passed yesterday quietly, had a bad Night, but is composed this Morning."

"Kew House Decr. 24th. 1788.

"His Majesty passed the Night quietly but with little Sleep & is quiet this Morning."

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

Daily Bulletins from Kew Palace

"Kew House Decr. 25th 1788.

"His Majesty passed yesterday quietly, has had a good Night, & is quiet this Morning."

"Kew House Decr. 26th 1788 —

"His Majesty was yesterday in the Afternoon less calm, had an indifferent Night, and is calm this Morning —"

"Kew House Decr. 27th 1788. —

"His Majesty passed yesterday very quietly — had between two & three hours Sleep in the Night, & remains undisturbed this Morning."

"Kew House Decr. 28th 1788. —

"His Majesty passed the whole of Yesterday in every respect better than he has hitherto —

His Majesty has had a very good Night and is calm this Morning."

Kew House Decr. 29th 1788. —

His Majesty passed yesterday quietly and had a good Night, but is not quite calm this Morning —

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

Daily Bulletins from Kew Palace.

"Kew House Decr 30th 1788—

"His Majesty passed yesterday quietly has not had a good Night, but is calm this Morning".

"Kew House Decr 31st 1788

"His Majesty has not had much Sleep tonight, and is as usual this Morning."

1789

"Kew House Janry 1st 1789.—

"His Majesty passed many hours Yesterday in a good manner, has had an extremely good Night and is this Morning in a better state than usual."

"Kew House Janry 2d 1789—

"His Majesty passed Yesterday very much in the same manner as he did the day before, has had a very good Night, & is this morning in a comfortable Way."

"Kew House Janry 3d 1789.

"His Majesty passed the day quietly Yesterday but became disturbed in the Evening— His Majesty has had a very good Night & is calm this Morning."

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

Daily Bulletins from Kew Palace.

"Kew House Jan.ry 4th 1789.

"His Majesty had last Night, four hours sleep, & is tolerably comfortable this Morning.

"Kew House Jan.ry 5th 1789.

"His Majesty became less tranquil last Night — has had three hours sleep in the Night & is in a state of tranquillity this Morning."

"Kew House Jan.ry 6th 1789.

"His Majesty was quiet yesterday during the greatest part of the day — became a little disturbed towards the Evening — has had a good Night, & is calm this Morning"

"Kew House Jan.ry 7th 1789.

"His Majesty has had a good Night & is quiet this Morning"

Kew House Jan.ry 8th 1789.

"His Majesty passed yesterday very calmly — has had very little sleep in the Night, but was quiet & is so this Morning."

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

Daily Bulletins from Kew Palaces.

"Kew House Jan^y 9^th 1789.

"His Majesty passed the day quietly yesterday — was very composed in the Evening — has had a good Night, & is calm this Morning."

"Kew House Jan^y 10^th 1789.

"His Majesty was quiet Yesterday — had not a good Night but is quiet this Morning"

"Kew House Jan^y 11^th 1789 — —

"His Majesty has had a restless Night but is more tranquil this Morning"

"Kew House Jan^y 12^th 1789 —

"His Majesty has had some sleep at Intervals last Night, & is quieter than he was yesterday."

"Kew House Jan^y 13^th 1789 —

"His Majesty has had seven hours and a half of continued sleep, & is not unquiet this Morning."

"Kew House Jan^y 14^th 1789 —

His Majesty has had three hours sleep in the Night at Intervals, & is not unquiet this Morning.

253

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

Daily Bulletins from Kew Palace

"Kew House Jan.ry 15.th 1789.

"His Majesty has had four hours sleep - passed the remainder of the Night quietly - but is not calm this Morning"

"Kew House Jan.ry 16.th 1789 -

"His Majesty was very quiet yesterday in the Evening - has had four hours & a half sleep, & is this Morning, as He was at the same time yesterday".

"Kew House Jan.ry 17.th 1789.

His Majesty has had a restless Night & is not calm this Morning

Kew House Jan.ry 18.th 1789 -

"His Majesty became calm, before Noon yesterday, & was remarkable composed during the rest of the day —— His Majesty has slept seven hours but is as usual this Morning —"

Kew House Jan.ry 19.th 1789 -

"His Majesty passed the greatest part of Yesterday in a state of composure - had a restless Night, but is calm this Morning".

260

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

Daily Bulletins from Kew Palace

"Kew House Jan.ry 20th 1789

"His Majesty had not a good Night,
"& is not calm this Morning"

"Kew House Jan.ry 21st 1789

"His Majesty has had Eight hours & a
"half Sound & continued Sleep, but is not quiet this Morning."

"Kew House Jan.ry 22d 1789.

"His Majesty was quiet yesterday in
"the Evening, has had a disturbed Night, & is not
"quite calm this Morning."

"Kew House Jan.ry 23d 1789

"His Majesty was not calm yesterday,
"has had a good Night, & is more calm this Morning
"than He was yesterday."

Kew House Jan.ry 24th

"Kew House Jan.ry 25th 1789.

"His Majesty was more calm than
"usual yesterday in the Evening, has had a good
"Night, & is not unquiet this Morning."

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

Daily Bulletins from Kew Palace.

"Kew House Janr. 26th. 1789 ——

"His Majesty was quiet Yesterday, "has had three hours & a half's sleep in the Night and "is not quiet this Morning".

"Kew House Janr. 27th. 1789

"His Majesty was much disturbed "Yesterday, has had a restless Night, & is not quiet "this Morning"

"Kew House Janr. 28th. 1789.

"His Majesty became quiet Yesterday, "had a good Night, & is quiet this Morning"

"Kew House Janr. 29th. 1789 —

"His Majesty passed Yesterday without "irritation, has had a very good Night, & is in a calm "State this Morning"

"Kew House Janr. 30th. 1789 —

"His Majesty has had a restless "Night, & is not so quiet this Morning as He was "Yesterday".

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

Daily Bulletins from Kew Palace.

"Kew House Jan.ry 31.st 1789 –

"His Majesty became quiet Yesterday
"in the Evening, has had a good Night, & is as usual
"this Morning."

"Kew House Feb.y 1.st 1789 –

"His Majesty passed Yesterday
"quietly, has had a good Night & is quiet this
"Morning –"

"Kew House Feb.y 2.d 1789 –

"His Majesty passed Yesterday in
"a composed manner, has had a good Night and
"is quiet this Morning"

"Kew House Feb.y 3.d 1789 –

"His Majesty passed the day
"quietly Yesterday, has had a good Night, and is
"much as usual this Morning"

"Kew House Feb.y 4.th 1789 –

"His Majesty passed Yesterday quietly
"has had a very good Night, & is calm this
"Morning –"

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

Daily Bulletins from Kew.

"Kew House Feb.ry 5.th 1789 –

"His Majesty passed yesterday in a "composed Manner, has had a good Night and is "quiet this Morning –"

"Kew House Feb.ry 6.th 1789 –

"His Majesty passed yesterday quietly "had four hours & a half sleep, & is not unquiet this "Morning."

"Kew House Feb.ry 7.th 1789.

"His Majesty passed Yesterday in "a composed Manner, has had a very good Night "& is composed this Morning"

"Kew House Feb.ry 8.th 1789.

"His Majesty continued in a composed "State Yesterday, has had a very good Night & is "calm this Morning"

"Kew House Feb.ry 9.th 1789 –

"His Majesty was quiet Yesterday "had a good Night, & is quiet this Morning."

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

Daily Bulletins from Kew.

"Kew House Feb^y 10^th 1789.

"His Majesty passed yesterday in "a State of composure, had four hours of sleep, and "has more than usual recollection this Morning."

"Kew House Feb^y 11^th 1789.

His Majesty has continued in the State of composure he was in yesterday – has had a very good night, & is better this morning than he was yesterday –

"Kew House Feb^y 12^th 1789.

"Since the date of yesterday's report "His Majesty has continued in a state of progressive Amendment.

"Kew House Feb^y 13^th 1789.

"His Majesty has had four hours "Sleep in the Night & is going on very well this "Morning".

"Kew House Feb^y 14^th 1789.

"His Majesty still continues in a "gradual state of Amendment."

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

Daily Bulletins from Kew -

"Kew House Feb.y 15.th 1789.

"His Majesty has had a very good "Night, & continues in a State of Improvement."

Kew House Feb.y 16.th 1789.

"His Majesty continues making a "progress in Amendment"

"Kew House Feb.y 17.th 1789.

"His Majesty has continued in a "State of Amendment for some time, & is now in a "State of Convalescence".

"Kew House Feb.y 18.th 1789.

"His Majesty continues to proceed "in a fair Way of Recovery".

"Kew House Feb.y 19.th 1789.

"His Majesty continues to advance "in Recovery."

"Kew House Feb.y 20.th 1789.

"His Majesty makes daily progress "in Recovery"

266

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

Daily Bulletins from Kew—

Kew House Feb.y 21.st 1789.

"His Majesty happily advances in
"Recovery"

"Kew House Feb.y 22.d 1789

"His Majesty makes an uninterrupted
"progress in Recovery.

Kew House Feb.y 23.d 1789.

"His Majesty happily advances
"in every respect towards Recovery."

"Kew House Feb.y 24.th 1789—

"His Majesty's Advancement towards
"recovery still continues— "

"Kew House Feb.y 25.th 1789

"His Majesty's progress towards
"Recovery, has been gradual & regular for some time,
"and His Majesty appears this Morning to be free from
"Complaint— "

Kew House Feb.y 26.th 1789—

"There appears this Morning to be an Entire
"Cessation of His Majesty's Illness."

267

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

Daily Bulletins from Kew

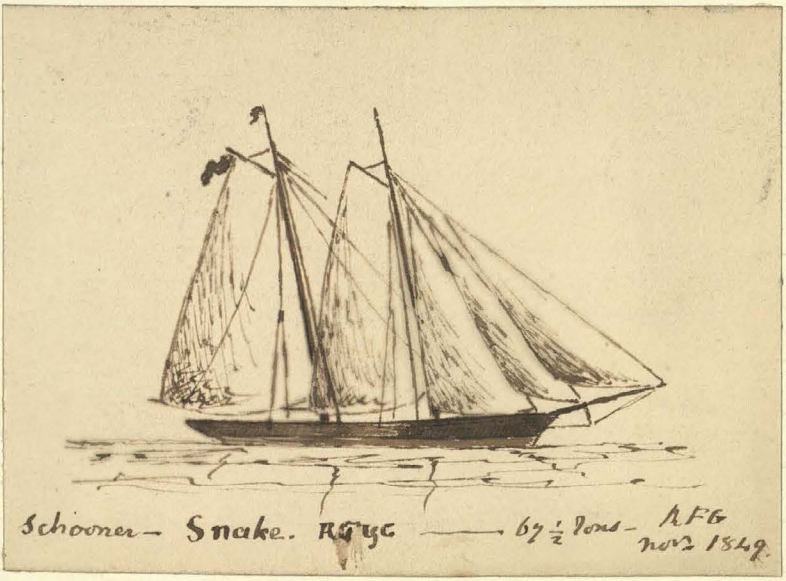
"Kew House Feb.ry 27th 1789.

"His Majesty continues free from Complaint."

By His Majesty's Commands,
delivered to Me by Dr. Warren,
I this day Feb.ry 27th 1789 gave Notice to The Lord of
His Majesty's Bed chamber in Waiting at St. James's
Palace, that after this day, The daily Bulletins from
Kew House, would be discontinued.—

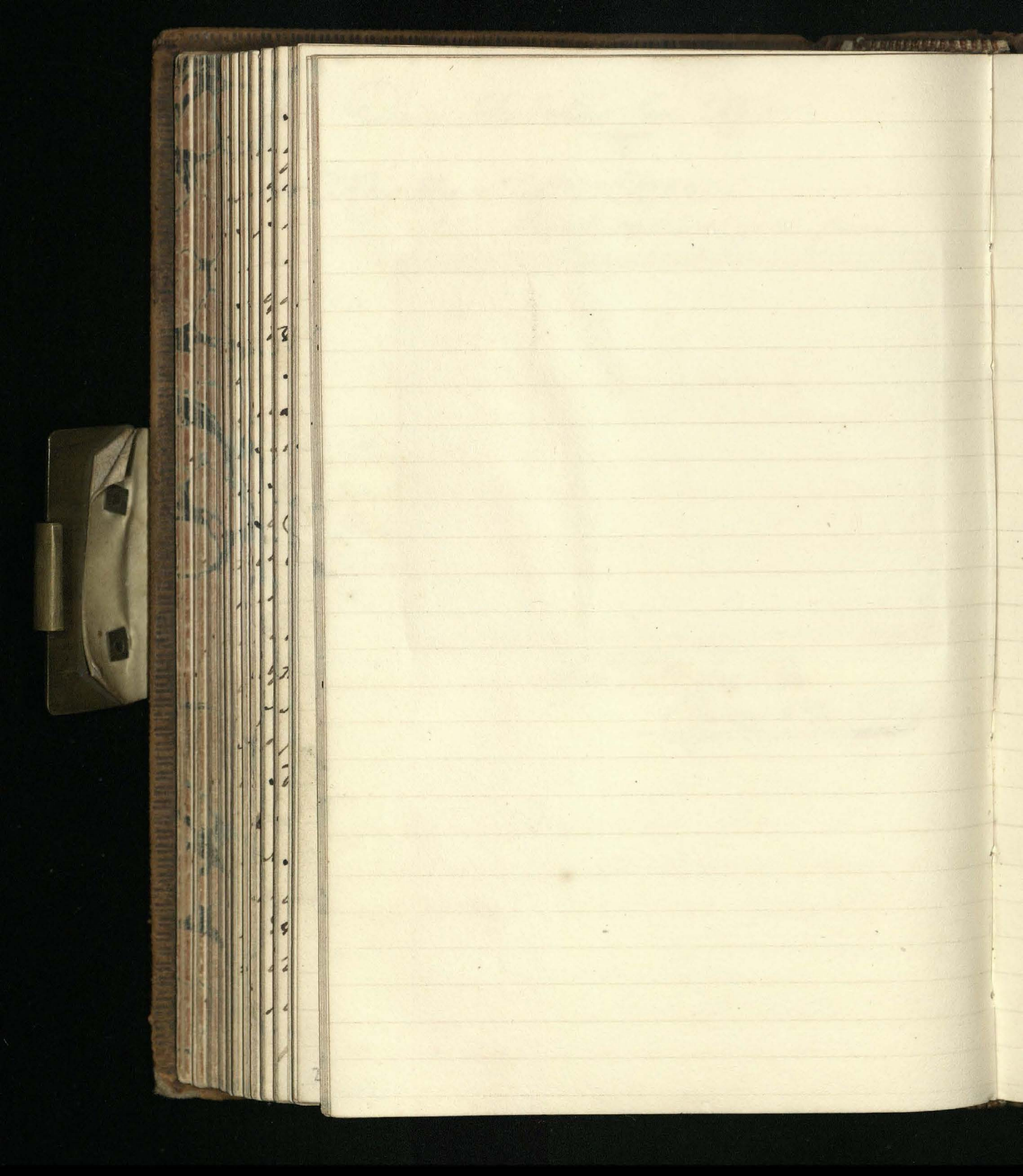
Rob.t Fulk Greville
Equerry to The King.

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018



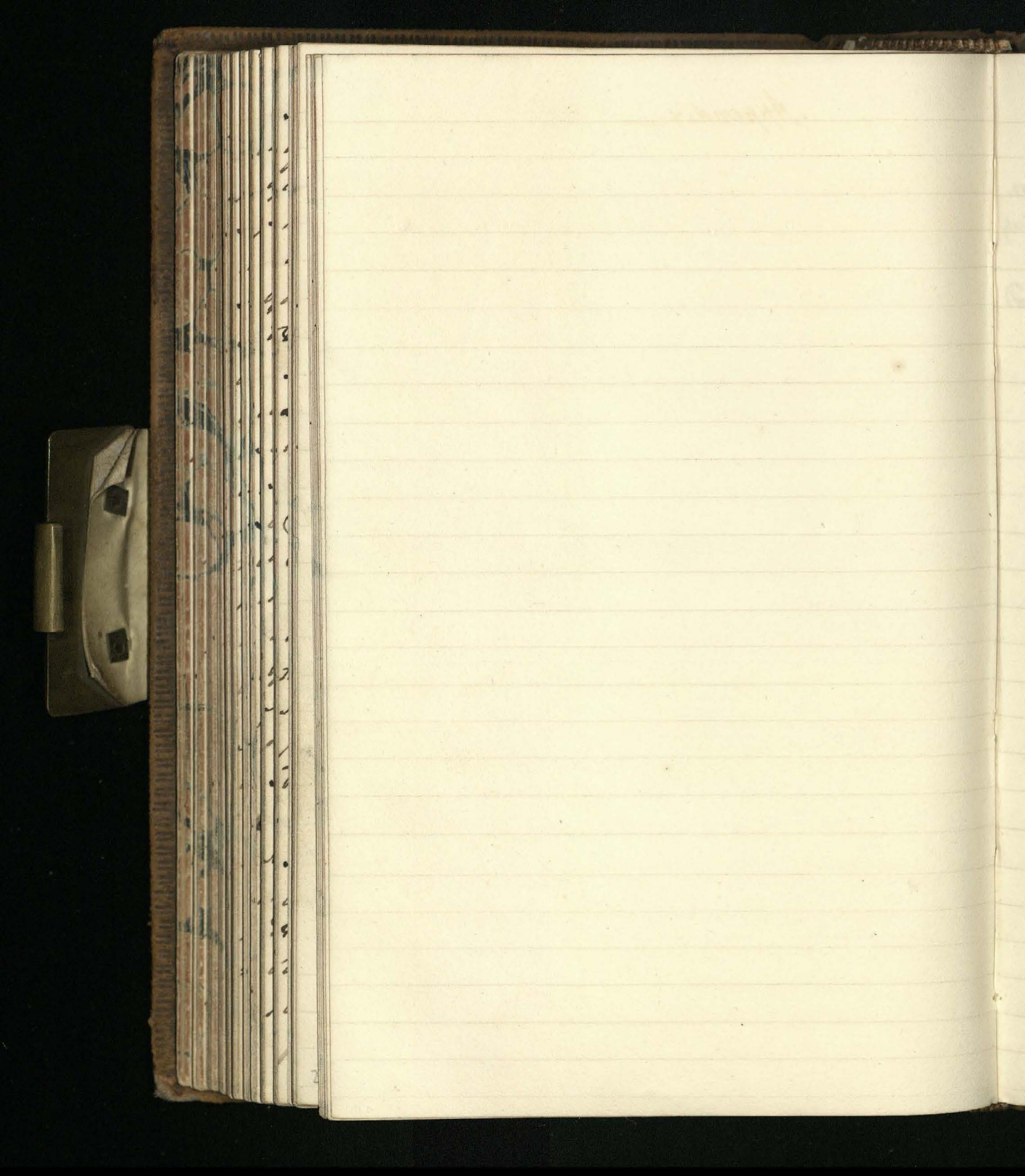
Schooner – Snake. [illegible] —— 67½ Tons – RFG Nov 2 1849.

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018



Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018



Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

Appendix—

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

Appendix—

From Sir Lucas Pepys's Examination

Before The Committee of The House of Commons 7th Jan.y 1789.

" On The 27th of Dec.r in the Evening I saw His Majesty
"in such a Calm and approaching to a Rational State
"I was in hopes, had it continued Signs of Convalescence would
"soon have appeared."

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

Appendix.

From Dr. Warren's Examination
Before The Committee of The House of Commons
Jan.y 12th 1789.

" It was proposed yesterday (Jan.y 11th) to carry His Majesty
" out to take the Air — I was not informed that this
"was mentioned in the consultation in the Morning, but
"I was informed by Dr. John Willis, that His Majesty's
"Pulse was Yesterday 120 in a Minute — I was likewise
"informed that He had lain all Night under coercion
"and had sweated a good deal — Some Prudent
"Person advised His Majesty should not be carried out
"to take the Air " —

Dr. Warren's Examination continued —

" I found His Majesty's Pulse this Morning between
"106 & 108 — in a Minute — Dr. John Willis told me
" that He had promised to carry His Majesty out this day
"(Jan.y 12th) & desired me to consider, whether the not
"complying with his Expectations might not irritate Him
" a good deal — I was sorry that He had had such a
" promise — I was necessitated to take the least of
" two Evils, and advised that His Majesty should not
"be carried out, the Thermometer being at 17 below the
" freezing point — "

NB Vide Jan.y 15th 1789. Another Projected Airing, put off in time.

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

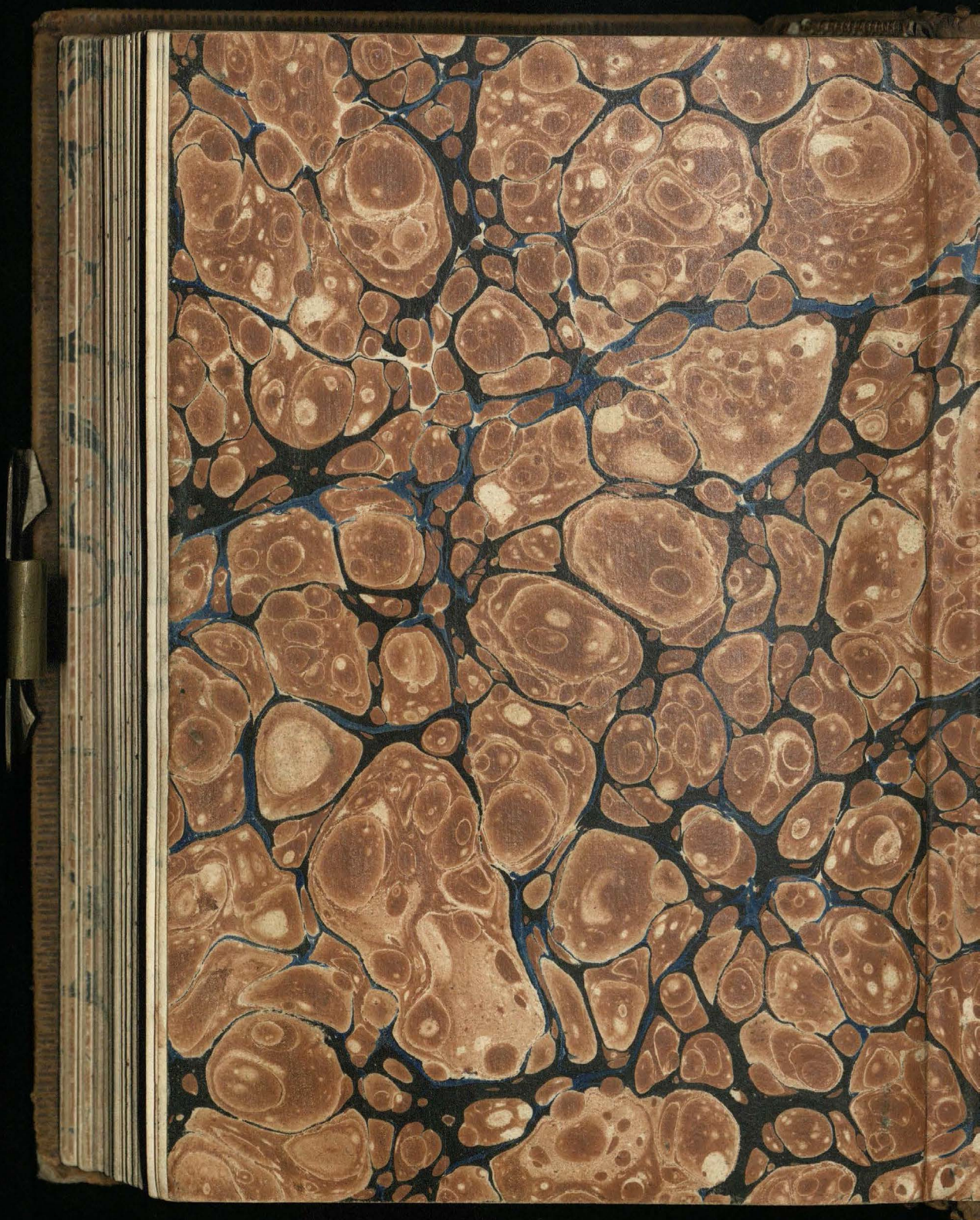
Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

A number of blank pages follow
and have not been photographed.

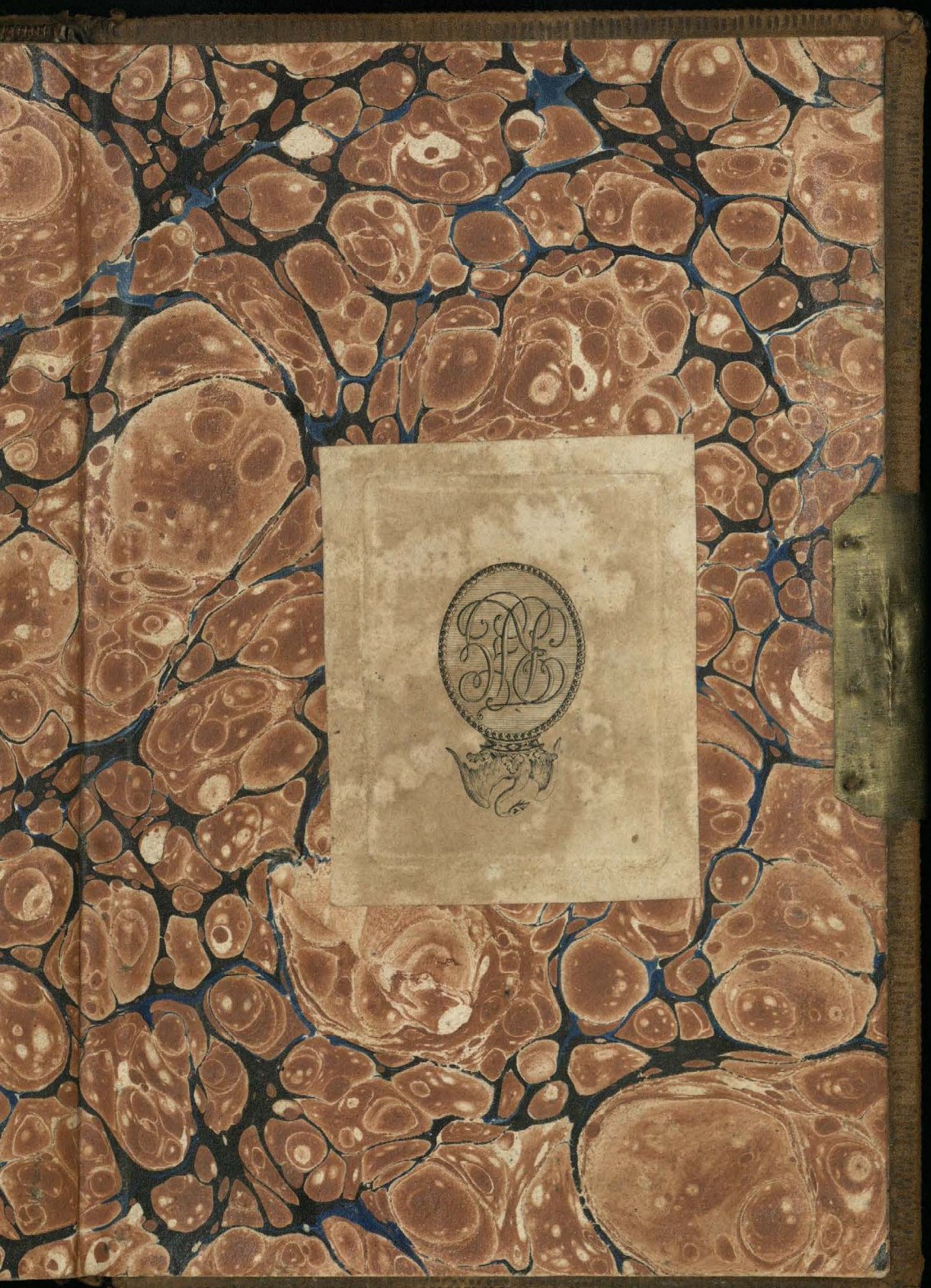
Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018

A number of blank pages follow
and have not been photographed.

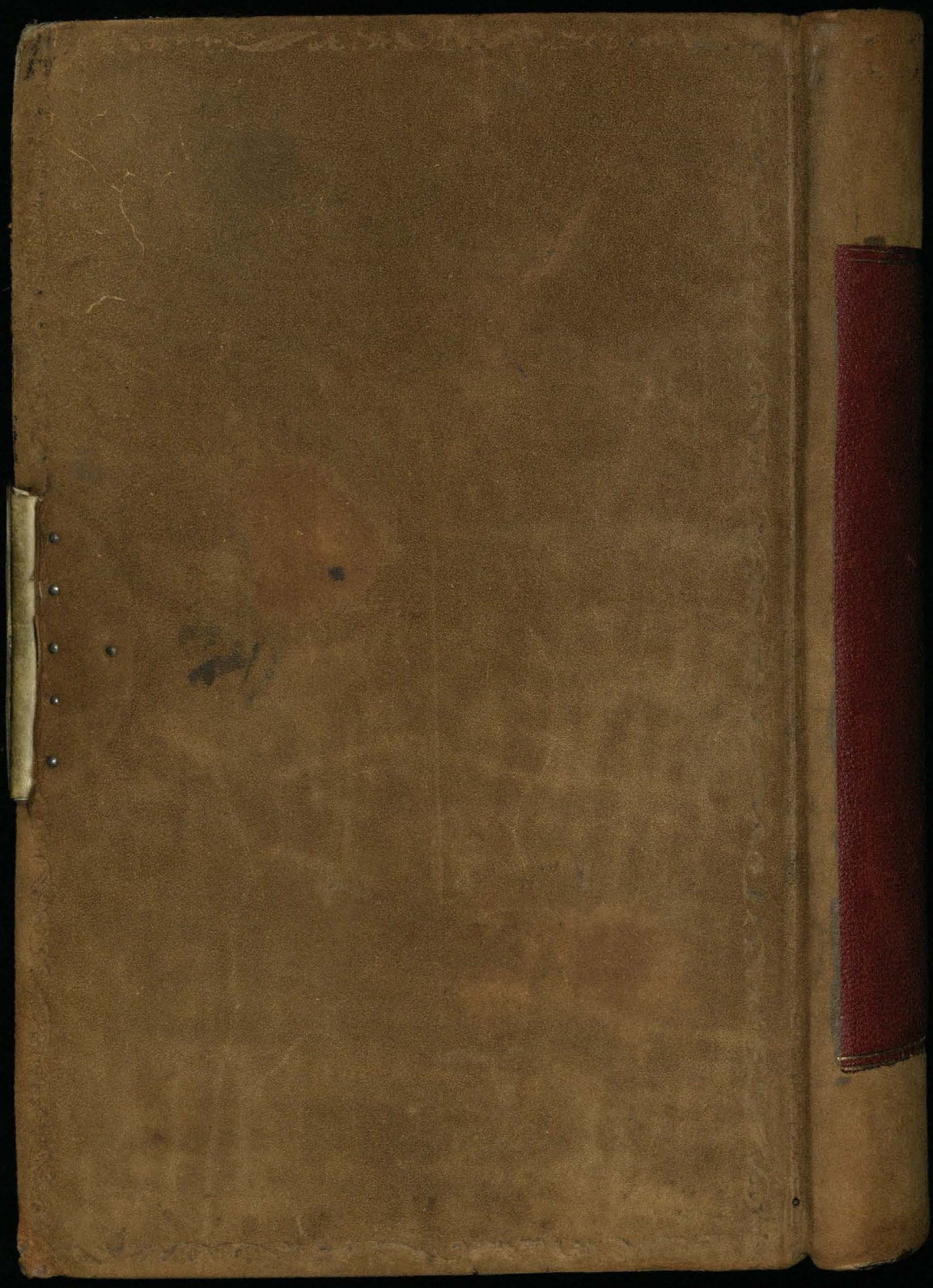
Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018



Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018



Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018



Supplied by the Royal Archives/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2018