

"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  
not 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 precious  
presents he has made to them.

To Lady Charlotte Finch he gave a Pair of Diamond  
Earrings - To Lady Spingarn he gave a Diamond  
Pin, & to Lady Elizabeth Waldegrave two Diamond  
Hair Pins.

Monday March 2<sup>d</sup> - 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. 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

time but he did not see The King.

Mr. Pitt had a long Interview with H. M. 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 &  
Sydney & The Duke of Richmond are expected.

On account of the coldness of this day & from  
his having been bled H. M. did not walk out - he  
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 parts  
of it, he put the Papers on the Table again, & made  
no comments on its contents -

Tuesday March 3<sup>d</sup> - The Attendant Physicians  
of this Morning were Sir George Baker & Dr. Gibstone  
Both saw H. M. -

Soon after breakfast The Duke of Richmond arrived  
with Lord Camden - Each had separate Audiences -  
Both expressed themselves satisfied with H. M.'s  
conversation and manner -

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 taken to be diligent in  
tracing connecting Intentions, & on the whole I am pleased  
to think, that there 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 D. 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 N. M. had received The Duke of Richmond &  
Lord Camden He walked with The Queen to The  
Exotic Garden, & during this Interval Major Price  
arrived - On their Majesties return this arrival  
was announced, & I being 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

it been foreseen, would have given general alarm  
on N. M.'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 N. M., 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 Waist coats were made  
& then was introduced - Fortunately N. M. heard  
this ill timed conversation without the least agitation,  
& no unpleasant consequence occurred from the after  
recollection of it -

From The Workhouse He continued his  
Walk to Richmond Hill to shew the fine prospect  
from it to Doctor Willis, and from thence (as He  
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 Cheese cakes for  
which this Shop is famous, called usually Maids of  
Honour, & He was happy in making those with Him  
there in this respect -

On Richmond Green He called at General Ditz Williams's  
with whom He staid about an hour - The General  
had in his Service a Harper who He engaged in Wales having

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, <sup>not</sup> 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 ~~the~~ this evening for that purpose.

On the Kings return from his Walk He saw Lord Carmarthen & Lord Sydney, each of whom had separate Audiences. Lord Carmarthen expressed much surprise at N.M.'s recollection.

After his dinner The King took his Walk with D<sup>r</sup> Willis Papering our Dining Room Windows He saw General Gordon Major Price & Myself - He stopped & talked with Us for some time.

In the evening General D<sup>r</sup> Williams's Harper came. He immediately began to tune his Harp in the Hall on hearing which We left our dining Room & adjourn'd to it - He began to play to Us; This brought The Kings from above Stairs to the Hall, where He list'n'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

this manner We walked up Stairs N.M. very graciously shewing at this time, that "so supported the Old Man could go on well."

He thus Enter'd The Queen's Apartment, & in this manner He brought Us both up to Her Majesty, to whom We now made our profound Obedience - & which was received - In Silence -

The Harper was next introduced to the Apartment, and having understood that N.M. was partial to Handel, He had principally brought an apartment of his Music with Him. The King was much pleas'd 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 retir'd -

When N.M. left it We receiv'd Him as usual as He pass'd through the Anteroom - 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 talk'd with Me.

Tho' I am satisfi'd that N.M. is going on well, I do not yet wish Him to believe, that He is quite so. His is still closely connected with Agitations - He must be kept from flattery, & He must Himself for

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 good might be  
hazardous— Kindness might overset him, for he is  
naturally susceptible of its Impressions, & these to a  
mind relaxed by Illness, may eventually become dangerous.

I find Dr. M. has not yet given up the wish of  
Intention of going to St. 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<sup>th</sup>— His Majesty saw Mr. Pitt  
this morning after his breakfast & afterwards he  
received the Duke of Montague & Lord Ropesbury—  
In the course of this morning also came the Archbishop  
of Canterbury with the Bishops of Gloucester, but neither  
saw the King.

When he walked out afterwards, he saw the Bishops of  
Salisbury, & Sir Joseph Banks who attended him to  
the Exotic Garden, & where Dr. M. saw also Mr. Barrington  
The Bishop of Durham's wife.

The Chancellor was likewise at New this morning  
He first saw the Queen & afterwards His Majesty—  
From the Chancellor I learnt, that no particular care

had been assigned to him by Dr. M. 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. M.  
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 succession 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 & annoyed by those Party Feuds  
on 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 satisfactions, at the close  
of this my anxious waiting, to be enabled to declare

that I have at no time, nor on any occasion entered into any discussion on Politics or Party with any Person whatever under this roof, from the time I first came to it to the moment of my departure or 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 <sup>latent</sup> displeasure in every quarter, & I have now remained here on close duty, sufficiently long to ascertain the value & extent of this kindredness from my Friend Colonel Digby, which his early hint conveyed to me, when he cautioned me to be on my guard at Stew, where he had already, & in my absence ~~discovered~~ 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, & ever long - & I profited by it afterwards.

To The King I owe the fullest acknowledgement of his uniform kindredness, & 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 <sup>some</sup> 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 opportunity

-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 information from me - but not infrequently he returned from hence, with details less accurate, than those which plain 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 afflictive 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 Goldsborough & myself) to whom the important charge of His Majesty's Person was confided, on his removal from Windsor to Stew, on Saturday Evening: Nov 29<sup>th</sup> 1788, & I continued in daily Attendance on His Majesty under the same roof, until his Physicians were finally dismissed from their Attendance, & afterwards until I was relieved by Colonel Manners on this day, Wednesday March 4<sup>th</sup> 1789.

I have done my best, cheerfully and Willingly, in a most difficult situation, & I have scrupulously

Endeavour'd to steer through its many Intricacies with  
correctness, & with attention to the performance of every  
duty expected from me, & which eventually in many shapes  
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 Jukes Greville.  
Equerry to the King —