

THE Vice-Chamberlain is commanded to go to my Son, and to tell him from me, That he and his domesticks must leave my House: He is likewise commanded to go to the Princess, to tell her from me, That notwithstanding the Order sent to my Son, she may remain at St. James's untill her Health will suffer her to follow her Husband. You are moreover commanded to tell the Princess from me, that it is my Pleasure, That my Grand-son and Grand-daughters remain at St. James's where they are; and that the Princess is permitted to come to see them, when she has a Mind; and that the Children are permitted, from Time to Time, to go to see Her and my Son. The Vice-Chamberlain must further tell the Princess, that in the present situation of my Family, I think That whilst she stays at St. James's, she would do well to see no Company.

The following Letter was sent to all the Forreign Ministers.

S I R,
HIS Majesty having been inform'd that many Reports are spread, for the most part ill grounded, relating to what has lately pass'd in the Royal Family, has order'd me to send you the inclos'd Account thereof. I am with a great deal of Respect,

S I R,
Your most obedient and most humble Servant,

Whitehall, Dec. 4.
1717.

JO. ADDISON.

London December. 3d. 1717.

AS soon as the young Prince was born, the King inform'd himself what was the Custom in the like Case in the Kingdom, with regard to the Ceremony of Baptism; And having found by the Registers, that when it was a Boy, and that the King was God-father, it was usual for him to name, for second God-father, one of the chief Lords of the Court and oftneft the Lord Chamberlain, he nam'd for that Office the Duke of Newcastle, who is possess'd of that Employment; at the same Time naming for God-Mother the Duchess of St. Alban's, Groom of the Stole to the Princess. Nevertheless his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, was so chagrin'd at it, that Thursday last, after the Solemnity of the Baptism was over, being no longer able to master his Resentments, came up to the Duke of Newcastle, and gave him very injurious Language, supposing that he had made Interest for that Honour, contrary to his Highness's Inclination. The King was then in the Chamber, but not near enough to hear what the Prince said to the Duke. The latter, thinking himself oblig'd to inform the King of it, and the Prince having own'd the Fact to the Dukes of Kingston, Kent and Roxburgh, whom his Majesty sent that Morning on that Occasion, his Majesty order'd him, by a second Message not to go out of his Apartment till further Orders: On Saturday the Prince writ a Letter to the King, and on Sunday Morning writ another; but his Majesty not having found them satisfactory, and having besides many Reasons to be Discontented with the Prince's Conduct in SEVERAL OTHER PARTICULARS, signify'd to Him yesterday Afternoon, by his Vice Chamberlain Mr. Cecke, that he must go out of the Palace of St. James's: And to Madam the Princess, that she might stay as long as she thought proper; But as to the Princesses his Grand daughters, and the young Prince, it was the King's Will that they should stay near him in the Palace; and that the Princess should be permitted to see them as often as she desired. Nevertheless the Princess being unwilling to quite the Prince her Husband, retired with him to the Lord Grantham's, her great Chamberlain, in whose House TT, RR, HH, lay last Night.

S I R

I Received with all Submission your Majesty's Commands, confining me to my own Apartment, till your Majesty should signify your further Pleasure to me; so great a Mark of Your Majesty's displeasure surprized me; extreamly, never having entertained a thought of your Majesty unbecoming a most dutiful Son. I was made to believe Your Majesty appeared easy in the Choice I had made of the Duke of York to be Good-father to my Son, and that the Duke of Newcastle might represent him and not be Godfather himself, being perswaded of this, I could not but look upon it as an unaccountable hardship that he would be Godfather in spite of me, but when your Majesty thought it proper to command it I submitted, this Treatment of the Duke of Newcastle touched me sensibly, and so far rais'd my Indignation that at the sight of him, upon this Occasion could not help shewing it.

But as the respect I have always had for your Majesty, always hindred me from expressing my Resentments against him, whilst he was charged with your Majesty's Orders; I hope your Majesty will have the goodness not to look upon what I said to the Duke privately, as want of respect to your Majesty, however I have been so unhappy as to offend your Majesty contrary to my Intention, I ask your Pardon, and beg your Majesty would be perswaded that I am with the greatest Respect, &c.

S I R, I hope your Majesty will have the Goodness to excuse me, if the Condition I was in Yesterday, when I took the Liberty to Write to your Majesty, I omitted to mention that I will shew no resentment to the Duke of Newcastle upon what has past, and I take the opportunity to assure your Majesty of it, being with profound Respect Sir, &c.

S I R, I have just now obey'd your Majesty's Orders having left St. James's, the Princess goes along with me, and our Servants shall follow with all imaginable Expedition.