

prayer-book close to his
the sly simplicity of an
deep at us, but whenever he
down, afraid, and 'conned
er. The way he did this
st of it was, that I could
y 'I and the king' con-
remainder of the service.
ay be called, I owe those
have been embodied in the
ch, I must believe, are not
at George the Fourth re-
as 'by far the likest por-

e of Kent had much of his
immediately preceding his
condescension, and I have
documents which he gave
n the royal family. The
need not be explained, led
I think foolishly, to apply
mentioned the circumstance
condemning the advice.
uggested to him that
ed not; and sensible, that
ad to unpleasant discus-
petent legal advisers.

was acquainted with Sir
of baron, put the papers
ested me to sound him on
nounced the same opinion
o Sir William Grant, the
curred, and strongly de-
I reported progress, and,
public money, though he
fluent gentlemen.

all-written letter, by the
egent, noticing some of
highness sent a groom to

me for the copy of this letter, before five o'clock in the morning,
on the day he left London for the last time, when he went to the
west of England: the other papers he allowed to remain.

"By the way, to this untimely sending of the groom, 'thereby
hangs a tale,' which should be told as an anecdote of that singular
good nature, which is peculiar to the members of the royal family.

"His Royal Highness was in the practice of commanding me to
come to him, often at times very inconvenient; frequently, be-
tween five and six o'clock, which was my dinner hour. This
had occurred more than once; and one day, when I was
engaged to a particular party, it so vexed me that without
once, in my fit of self-absorption, thinking of his rank, I resolved
to have an end put to the custom. Accordingly, frying with
anger, and growing fiercer as I walked faster through Hyde
Park to the palace, by thinking of the inconvenience, I was
shown into the room where the duke was sitting, and began
immediately to deliver myself of my cogitations. He listened
for a short time, and, before I had done, gave an exceed-
ingly good-natured laugh at my remonstrance. It dissolved the
spell; I saw at once my absurd violation of etiquette, and knew not
where to look. But, with a kind of boyish playfulness, he good-
humouredly admitted the justice of my complaint. After that
time, he generally requested me to come at hours which he
thought would be convenient.—With the exception of this final
message, he was always very considerate. An early riser, the
hour was of no importance to him.

"I have also had occasion to be sensible of the affability of the
Duke of York, on several particular occasions; quite often enough
to justify a man in my station to be more than pleased. It will
be recollected, that a public dinner was arranged in commemoration
of George the Third, ostensibly, but really to get up a subscrip-
tion to defray the expense of a monumental group of sculpture.
Nothing could be more flattering than the prospect; the Duke of
York agreed to take the chair, and the whole clanjamphry of the
court promised to attend. But after all 'this beautiful dawn,'
some of the back-stair gentry went to his royal highness, and
remonstrated with him against countenancing such a subscription;
the duke, in consequence, determined not to go, which was, of course,

'A sign for all the courtiers to be sick.'