

Transcription of entry for 25 December 1788 from the Journal of Robert Fulke Greville

Thursday Dec^r 25th The report of this morning stated that H M^y had had about 5 hours sleep, & the Bulletins 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 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 Dundas that in the Morning when in bed, & when He was reported quiet, He was as deranged as possible, & had been so for some time – Among his Extravagancies of the Moment He had at this time his part of the Bed Clothes under his bed – had taken off his Night Cap, & got a Pillow Case round his head, & the Pillow was 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