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Princes Court.

Thursday Aug. 5. 1795

Given to me by H. C. Selby Esq

Case from the Cause John Wilkes Esq; Attorney & Chamberlain of London J. R. S.
Born 28 Oct. 1727 - Died 26 Dec. 1797-



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From John
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Thursday Aug. 5 (1785)

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John Wilkes (1727-1797), the famous English radical politician, friend of Charles Churchill, James Boswell, and Baron d'Holbach, was much attached to the daughter mentioned in this letter. She was his only legitimate child, and was accustomed to visit in France in the summer, usually returning about the date of this letter. Wilkes correspondence to his daughter chiefly comprises letters addressed to her during these visits. In a letter to her dated July 30, 1785, he speaks of his intention of being in Dover to meet her on August 6th., but since Thursday, August 5th fell on the year 1784, and not in 1785, the former year is assigned to the letter. This is confirmed from the following: In a letter to his daughter, dated Friday, July 23, 1784, he says:-
"I expect to be in Dover on Friday the 6th of August. The French mail not being arrived, I do not know if any alterations are made in your plan. If there are I shall conform to them."

(Collection of Captain F. L. Pleadwell)