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Sir.

I do almost feel Ashamed of again troubling Your Majesty with my Affairs, & will own that it would make me even wretched if I was sensible that the deficiency of my Finances arose from any particular Imprudence of mine, but as I really never have taken any Step without Lord Ailesbury's advice, I feel easy in my mind that it alleviates greatly the reluctance I now feel in representing it to Your Majesty. The inclosed Letter & state of one Years Expence sent me by Lord Ailesbury last Monday makes it absolutely necessary to acquaint Your Majesty with it, & will explain much better than I can every thing which is Essential to know. I will only Add that Lord Ailesbury consulted Mr Grant upon the Subject a Year & a half ago when my accounts were pass'd & He gave it as His opinion that with propriety no



change could be made. I have myself made one with  
 Your approbation in my Wardrobe expences, & am  
 even ready to do more if You think proper, but You  
 will be so gracious as to recollect that Mary &  
 Sophia have now only an allowance of one  
 Thousand Pound & if they appear oftener in Public  
 than they have done & which must be soon, <sup>the case</sup> they  
 must require a larger Sum, May even Amelia  
 as she grows Older cannot go on with an allowance  
 of five Hundred. The Travelling Expences increase  
 Considerably every Year, & so does the Pension list  
 as several Old Servants must give up doing  
 duty & others Supply their Places. The Extraordi-  
 nary Expences of last Year must also be considered,  
 & every Article is so raised in Price, even the most  
 trivial things which no Man can be a judge of in this

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find their expences double to what it was a Year  
ago.

I have the happiness to assure Your Majesty that  
since I have had my Private Money paid Quarterly  
I have never once drawn any Sum from my Treasury  
& that my Expences at Frogmore are all paid out  
of my Private Purse excepting M<sup>r</sup> Whigats Bill  
which is done by small installments of 250 £ a  
Quarter.

I have now stated to Your Majesty my Situation  
fairly & openly, it never can be better than in Your  
Hands whatever You determine I shall acquiesce in  
with Pleasure. Lord Ailesburg & M<sup>r</sup> Grant are so well  
acquainted with every thing that if You should think  
it proper to have any further information they will be



ready to give it, & I will own that this being  
spoke to will make me happier than being talked to  
myself.

Since I received Gen Stilesburge's Letter He told  
me that about a Year ago He had taken the Liberty  
to write to Your Majesty about my Affairs, He is  
sure did mean it well, but I think it right to tell  
Your Majesty that this step was unknown to me

I have the Honour to be

Your Majesty's

most dutifull & affectionate  
Wife.

the 15th April.

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Charlotte



[Enclosure]

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GEO/MAN/  
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Lord Ailesbury is very sorry to be under  
the disagreeable Necessity of troubling  
Her Majesty with the enclosed Particulars  
which Mr Mathias has stated with as  
much Exactness as is possible, and besides  
the 1st He mentions Four Hundred and  
fifty Four Pounds are due on Monday for  
- pay to discharge the Quarterly Pay-  
- ments which Lord Ailesbury found it  
so difficult at this critical Time to  
continue to do that He thought it best  
to propose the Suppression of Her Majesty's  
- Tradesmen: the Fact is that the Incon-  
- venience grows every Quarter  
the more of paying it, and it is  
become necessary not only to pay Her  
Majesty's Debt but that such an  
Addition should be made to the Income  
as may prevent future Embarrassments.  
Lord Ailesbury will have the Honor of being at  
the Queen's House Wednesday at Three o'clock.  
April 11. 1796.



