

Queen of Württemberg b.H.P.A.

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Stuttgart October 20th 1813.

My dearest Brother

Had I only consulted my own inclinations I should yesterday have indulged myself in conversing with you, but knowing how much your time is taken up by serious business I denied myself that pleasure and commissioned Charlotte to express to you in my name every thing that is kind and affectionate - However the King thinks that it will give you pleasure to be acquainted with the various changes which have taken place last week in our political horizon and has kept back the Messenger that I may give you an account of them. - I am not very fond of entering into political discussions which little suit the Pen of a woman, but encouraged by the desire of doing something agreeable to you, I hasten to comply with my Ancestors advice. I need not dear Brother give you an

account of the unexpected turn which affairs
have taken in Germany nor of the great
advantages gained by the allied Armies,
which your Ministers will have certainly
explained you with. The Württemberg
Troops which made part of the French
Army suffered dreadfully in most of these
Battles and behaved with a steady courage
that did them honour in the eyes of friends
and foes. Such was the state of things when
the King heard that an Army of Austrians
was forming near the frontiers of his Kingdom,
without his being informed of their destination
and about eight days ago these reports were
followed by a message from the Emperor
of Austria, to engage the King to enter into
the new Coalition, or in case of his refusal
to threaten his Dominions would in a few
days be exposed to be treated as the Country
of an enemy. Seventy thousand Men
commanded by General Knecht were at

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that moment within two days march of
Stuttgart. This of course required some deliberation,
one cannot change sides without having time
to decide on a step of such importance and
preliminarily when the situation of the
Kingdom of Württemberg is known; Stuttgart
being within three days march of Strasbourg
is exposed to fall into the hands of the
French every time they cross the Rhine,
and many days or rather weeks must
elapse before Austria could send a sufficient
body of men to free the Country from
the dangers it would be exposed to. These
Reasons must ever have great weight,
but present necessity makes the King give
up all other considerations and he has
not only yielded to the Emperor of Austria's
demands and sent part of his Troops
to join General Kneller's Army but has
also sent Count Deppelin to conclude a

Treaty with the Emperors of Austria and
Napier. I hope that this Treaty will be
very advantageous for Wirtemberg as the
Dominions of none of the other Sovereigns
are so much exposed to the first attacks
of the French — This I hope dear Brother
will be the first step towards renewing
a friendly Correspondence between the Courts
of London and Stuttgart which none will
rejoice in more sincerely than myself who
am much attached to my family and
have felt sorely vexed at being so long
deprived of all direct accounts of those
so justly dear to me. I will now take
my leave and only add the kindest
Compliments to you and beg you to be
assured of the sincere affection with
which I remain Dear Brother

Your most affectionate
Sister and Friend

Charlotte

The Queen of Wurtemberg
to
the Prince of Saxe

Oct. 20. 1795