

Queen of Hürttemberg to H. R. H.

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Stuttgart February 20th, 1814

My dearest Brother

After the many proofs I have received of your Affection I look on myself as authorized to open my Heart to you on a subject which has already caused me much uneasiness. Nobody rejoices more sincerely than I do at the hopes of seeing the diplomatic intercourse renewed between Great Britain and Stuttgart. I looked forward to this event with delight trusting by this means to hear more frequently from my dear family and to have an opportunity of being acquainted with many things which I am most anxious to know but which are difficult to commit to paper. However alas I fear that a plan has been formed to destroy the pleasure I had looked forward to on the arrival of an English Minister. As a

Sir Horn who pretends to be a Baronet and sends Cards here. Calling himself Le Chevalier Baronet de Horn au Service de sa Majesté Britannique says he has the promise of being appointed Minister to the Court of Württemberg. I am convinced my dear Brother could you know how imprudently this Gentleman has behaved during his residence at Stuttgart, or the very violent manner in which he expresses himself you would not think it advantageous for me to have him settled here. I wrote last month to Sir Thomas Tyrwhitt to enquire who this Baronet was; and shall now send him a second account of his absurd Conduct, as I am not willing to torment you with so tedious a Story which I think Sir Thomas will tell you with more humour and fatigue you less than

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a long Letter. It appears to me that this Sir
Horn is a little like the M^r Somers and
Drakes of former times, and after all I have
undergone on that subject I am sure that
you are too good to allow me to be tormented
again. Indeed my dearest Brother such
people do great mischief to Great Britain
they awaken suspicions and set on all
Sovereigns against a power that employs
agents who act underhand, when from
the great power of England they ought
always to act openly and with the dignity
becoming such an Empire — You are
certainly ignorant my dear Brother that
at best Sir Horn was a Spy and a
Catholic who has changed his Religion.
Knowing that you were my dear Brother
highly displeas'd with the conduct of

Mr Smith I am convinced that you will
appoint a proper person to be your
Minister at Stuttgart, as you will feel
I am sure how pleasant it would be for
me to have a Gentleman who I could
with propriety converse with on all
subjects - I will now take my leave
only adding the Daro best Compliments
and remain with the sincerest Affection
My dearest Brother

Your most Affectionate
Sister and Friend

Charlotte

The Queen of
Wurtemberg

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