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Weymouth the 2^d Sep^r 1792.

My dearest Lou. I received Y^r Letter on Friday Morning just as we were going to get into the Boat which was to carry us on Board the Juno Frigate, where Contrary to my Nature I became so faint that it disabled me to do any thing that was right or that I liked to do. However Y^r interesting Letter had Power enough to make me forget my own Feelings for some time, & to make me truly enjoy the happy Escape & Courage of Madame de Noaille. It is strange that my Sex should shew so much more Fortitude than the Men in France for every Step they former have taken in these Troubles give strong proofs of their Courage whereas the Men shew Nothing but a cowardly Doubtfulness

For in every Step they have taken they appear
to vie with each other who can be most cruel
in my opinion Cruelty is the greatest proof
of Cowardice. His Power is landed, & the
K^g expects Him here the Morrow & therefore
He has not avoide himself, but by the Letters
which are come there is every reason to fear
that the Poor Unhappy Queen will fall
a Victim to that Tyrer Nation. The Idea
of this is Terrible, & the reality must be shocking
& I feel truly Miserable not to be able to
help Her, What Use Her Death can be of
I cannot nor can any body else see it, there
is no Idea of the K^g being put to Death, by
to be kept in Prison, & why they will deprive

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appear, him of the Queens Company, is incomprehensible
 as though Her Death the Royal Family could
 be extinguished. We say abroad, was large
würdt wird gab. may that saying prove
 true, as the Duke of Devonshire comes so late
 I think that the Meeting between
 Madame de Noailles & Her Child must
 have been very moving, I should have been
 happy to be present at it, & if I could
 forget the Miserys of Her Friends &
 Country, what a moment of inexpre-
 ssible Happiness must not that one have
 been when she found Herself & Infant
 safe out of the reach of Persecution.
 & I envy You a little the Pleasure

of being ~~made~~ both Witnesses & Instruments
to the Happiness of so many. That is
not Christian life. I know it, but may
You always be enriched for what is good
it carries its own reward with it. & I tell
You more, Charity covers many Sins, &
who is free from them? Not myself, I Plea
guilty at once. But what Comfort does
it not Administer in Adversity, I hope
are You who have the Power & inclination
to put it in execution.

Tuesday the 4th. Lord Howe is just arriv'd
& so is the French Mail, The Letters give
a gleam of Hopes about the Queen, saying
that all the Royal Family are well & in good
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which Lord Gower explains to the King means safe,
He also says that None of them are allowed
any Servants, nor Money, & that the Officer
in Waiting upon them, or rather Watching
them pays for their Diet at a Taverners
in the Neighbourhood of the Temple. I have
not myself seen Lord Gower & shall probably
not till this Evening when I mean to satisfy
my Curiosity in hopes of meeting with
something to Entertain You with another
Day. The King says Lord Gower expresses him-
self extremely happy of being returned to
England. The Flanders Letters say also that
the Duke of Brunswick, Count Stenlo, &
General Clairfait have joined within

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within three Miles, So that in Number
they will be Sufficient, & I trust in Action
will be the same.

We have a perfect Compound of Whea-
ther, Wind, Rain, & Sunshine, & indeed
each other without interruption, we sail-
ed Yesterday as far as Fullworth, in
the finest Sunshine possible, & at Our
return the Rain came on so heavily that
we were Wet through & so it continued
all the Evening. Our Company does not
increase, The Place itself is very full
but all unknown to Our Society, &
& Mr Pawlet are expected to Day, & Mr
& Mr Digby intend coming for a Fortnight.

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& this addition will make a little Variety
 The Play House is a great resource to us
 & we go frequently, The Actors are toler-
 able & some parts very well done, The first
 Woman is a Gigantic Boy & Young, but
~~has~~ ^{has} Capabilities of Talents. We expect
 Quick, King, & Mr & Mrs Neighbour
 next & than according to the Duke of
 Clarence's Phrase, We shall be Capital
 & so am I in the Dulness of my Epistle
 but most lively in the Affection with
 which I subscribe myself.

Yr very affectionate Mother
 & Friend. Charlotte

The King desires His kind Love to You, & Yr
 Sisters their tender Regards.

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The Queen

to

The Prince of Wales

2^d. Sept. 1799.