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Mrs. Bower  
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My dearest Son. I would have given the World to have seen  
 You on Saturday last as I had so many things to say, & would  
 have wrote sooner had my head not been so stupid. I know that  
 I shall have the pleasure of seeing You very soon at Windsor,  
 but as every moment now becomes precious drawing near to the  
 Princesses Confinement, I will not accuse myself of losing any  
 Time in executing yr Commissions. I saw Dr Underwood  
 who tells me that besides Mrs Bower He has seen another  
 Lady who is the Wife of a Physician. Herself of very reputable  
 Parents, well brought up, a very proper Person for the Honor  
 she aspires to, He has seen as You know Mrs Smith, likes  
 Her Person much, & also Her eldest Child, but not the second, which  
 He says is fourteen Month old, very large Head, & so Fat that  
 it cannot walk. Her reckoning is out by the Middle of Decemb.  
 but should it so happen as it frequently does that she should  
 go beyond Her Time about 10 Days or a Fortnight. She may  
 in all likelihood not be fit to come when she is wanted. The

best Advice I can give upon the Subject, is what I have done upon similar occasions, & is this. That Dr Underwood & G<sup>r</sup> Lujeu should see Mrs Smith & Tell Her, that If she is brought to Bed in Time & well & found fit for the Purpose You will engage Her, particularly as the Youngest Milk is always the best, but at the same Time, both the other Ladies should be seen & the one which is the most proper be told to keep Her self in readiness, in case the one last brought to Bed should not answer. This is exactly what I did when the Duke of York was born, & Mrs Griffith was well enough to come in the 3<sup>d</sup> week of Her ~~long~~ Month. Having now done with the Nurses, I take the liberty of giving a Hint about the Childbed Linnen, the Time draws near, & it takes a great deal of trouble to make such a quantity in a short Time. I have ordered my list to be made out, & would have sent it if I could have got it wrote out Clean, but as the Number of things may always be regulated afterwards, I must advise You

to let the Dr  
 write by Tom  
 Mrs Gordon  
 perhaps G<sup>r</sup>  
 Lady Elc.  
 One thing  
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Done to let the Princess order it immediately, Her Mrs of the War-  
 Duke by Townsend knows as well as any body what is wrong  
 Mrs Gordon made all mine, but as the Fashions are altering  
 perhaps Y<sup>r</sup>self or by Townsend may wish to employ some  
 body Else.

One thing Dr Underwood is very desirous should be Ma-  
 med which is that He thinks the Princess should come to  
 Town sooner than You intend. It is a reasonable request  
 I must own as it is the first Child, & if any little  
 Uneasy feelings should alarm the Princess at a Place  
 where she has not those about. Her who she wishes  
 to employ it might perhaps occasion a great deal of  
 Unnecessary Fright. I hope You are convinced that by stating  
 this I do not mean to meddle, but after having been told  
 so by Him I should reproach myself if I did not mention  
 it.

I have not enquired about a Monthly Nurse, but the Miss

about the Princess must of course know those who are good  
& the most convenient. She ought to be secured immediately  
for if those Women are engaged to other Lords it is very diffi-  
cult to get them.

When I have the pleasure of seeing You I will tell  
You all about the Salaries, & presents. I have <sup>and that</sup> ~~Mr~~  
Mondley has ordered the Cradle. Tell Him I am an Experi-  
enced Woman in such matters, say it should be without  
overcost to it. & Now I must have done & prepare  
my Antique Figure for the Drawing room, where all your  
Sisters will accompany me, they join in love with me  
to You, but I will not be outdone by them, which I  
doubt see how I can be by being.

Q- House.  
the 5<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup>.

Your very affectionate Mother  
& Sincere Friend.

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Charlotte

to  
the Princess of  
Wales  
S. M. How  
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the Queen