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I hope my Dearest Son that both Eliza & Augusta  
have stated the true reasons why I did not write  
myself immediately after receiving Your two Letters, ~~but~~  
& to Day Wednesday no Military Business requiring my  
Presence, nor any other party, I chose to stay at Home  
to employ my Time in a pleasant way which is that  
of writing to You. I must now return You thanks  
for all yr goodness to dear Anelia, She is I suppose  
very sensible & discerning of it & expresses herself so  
in every Letter, I am sorry that Her amendment  
is so slow, but Zeate assures me in an account which  
He sent Yesterday that He sees & is convinced of  
the improvement in Her Face, & that He expects good  
effects from the Emetics she took two days ago, as  
also from Electricity which they mean to begin  
very soon. The former Anelia says in Her Letter  
has proved <sup>to be</sup> a Necessary remedy, & of the latter she hopes  
much.

Her Situation at Worthing by what You say can  
 not be the one that ought to be chosen for Her to  
 remain at should the Faculty think it right for Her  
 to remain any length of Time near the Sea etc  
 I am truly thankful for Y<sup>r</sup> offer of the Pension  
 & should were I to act for myself not hesitate  
 to accept of Y<sup>r</sup> goodness at once. but as others must  
 be spoke to I must seize on an instant moment to settle  
 it, which may perhaps offer <sup>itself</sup> very soon & I shall  
 fail to avail myself of it whenever I can.

As to what relates to My Friend M<sup>r</sup> B.  
 I hope You will believe me sincere when I tell You  
 that I shall feel happy in serving Him, a Letter  
 from Him to me <sup>might</sup> ~~would~~ perhaps incline the Y<sup>e</sup>  
 to send it to Mr Pitt where after all it must go  
 but I think it right to mention that I have a  
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for or named a Welch Judge, the <sup>Y<sup>d</sup></sup> hinted something  
 about a Marriott & the Person who was to succeed  
 Him, the Name I forget, <sup>for</sup> it was thought that who-  
 soever was to undertake or to effect Marriotts chan-  
 ging His Place would meet with Great Difficulty.

As to myself I do assure You I am now  
 much better & have mos. implicitly followed  
 Dr Tarton's prescription with very good Effect.  
 Besides that I am out for two or five Hours al-  
 most every Morning which agrees well with my  
 Health, but the Sun is so powerfull at Times  
 that after I come in I must sit down & take a com-  
 fortable Sleep for about half an Hour which revives  
 me much. — We have not many People here  
 of Our Acquaintance, but enough to make the  
 Y<sup>d</sup>s Juvenile Party, & mine of Casinos, & should they  
 fail To me ferai a tout. Y<sup>d</sup> Charles Somerset gains

much by better acquaintance, He is a civil well bred  
Man, full of Respect to the King, & attention to me,  
indefatigable in His Duty, & trying to make Himself  
agreeable as much as possible, & above all I admire  
in Him His <sup>good</sup> manners in Society for He will go on  
in a Conversation without ~~the~~ stopping one with  
a short Yes or no. We have now had three  
Reviews, the first was Lawjett's Dragoons where  
Pelouch <sup>Pyre</sup> had every reason to be flattered with the  
Kings very gracious approbation. the second was the  
Yeomanry Commanded by Mr Damer. The Commissioners  
allow them to have done Wonders for the short  
Time they have been together, after that was over we  
Breakfasted? Came where every thing was in the best  
Style. Yesterday the King reviewed the Dorsetshire Militia  
Commanded by Lord Godwin there were a 1044 in  
Field, we went at Ten a Clock & returned at two, we

that the Place of their Review was Wick Common & that we were there by Ten You will allow the Performance was none of the Shortest, but to do them Justice every body said they did Uncommonly well.

To Day part of the Cheshire Militia are to come & on Saturday all the Troops quartered here are to act together, & Lt Radnor gives a Great Draffon, upon the Occasion for which He has sent to London for Cooks, Confectioners, & every thing that is good. He is a good Man in Himself a little particular which makes a Charming Contrast between Him & Lt Charles.

At this Time of the Year the Stage is a great resource, we have had Campbell & Mrs Mattocks here, the former acted five Times & we missed not one Night, He was pleased the <sup>Q<sup>ty</sup></sup> so much that We went to

His Benefit, I regret His Absence much, but I regret still more my not seeing Him in London. Quif is just arrived also for five Nights, He thinks Him- self not strong enough to Act upon a London Stage for the Present, but I must Confess He acts as well as He did before He was taken ill, but as He does not think of going to London I hope He will stay here a little longer. The Male Actors belonging this Year to the Weymouth are tolerable but the Women are terrible, We are in hopes of getting a Mr Edwin from Bath of whom the ex- pect great things.

On the Saturday Night the Regt & all of us went to the Great Campout where part of the Shropshire & Hampshire Supplementary Companies are Encamped, to see the Sea Fencibles of which

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there are along this Coast near 400. Commanded  
by a Sea Captain Ingram. they are not paid, but  
furnish themselves with every thing, & they learn  
only the Manœuvring of the Great Guns, which they  
performed very well. the greatest Number of them  
are at Portland Island, & we saw only 80. of them,  
when they had gone through their exercise they  
fired a Royal Salute, & we drank at Captain  
Forests Tent, where every thing was as Neat as  
Possible, He is a well looking & well bred Man  
& so very pleasing in His address that I am not  
Surprized by Catherine Manners likes Him.

Lord Rivers has left us this Morning for a  
few Days, He as well as His Brother Lord William  
Pitt seem both much broke but recovering for  
the Sea Air. I do not think that Lord Pitt is sensible

How much she dear Patty Witty is, excepting that she says  
she loves of late much better to drive than to ride.

My Elgin writes charming accounts of dear  
little Charlotte. Miss Gale assures me Charlotte says  
that she often says me go again to Grand Papa. May  
she live long very long to make you happy & may  
you by her improvements forget every thing else  
Pleasant, & may those years you have to live  
be every one happier than the last is the sin-  
cerest prayer of

My dearest Son

Weymouth  
the 19<sup>th</sup> Sep<sup>r</sup> 1798.

Your very affectionate Mother  
& sincere Friend Charlotte

19<sup>th</sup> Sep<sup>r</sup> 1798.  
The Countess of Wessex  
to  
The Countess