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Y<sup>r</sup> Letter my Dearest Son arrived at the moment when every Soul was assembled upon the Esplanade to witness & assist at the rejoicings of Nelson's Victory, & as it was a Naval Victory our Feu de joie began with the Firing of the Ships in the Bay of which the Noise was very Great & Loud. This was followed by that of the Troops & lasted from  $\frac{1}{2}$  past eight till near Ten a Clock. We then came in to Breakfast when I rec<sup>d</sup> Y<sup>r</sup> Letter & cannot express how Gratefull I felt to the Almighty for Preserving Y<sup>r</sup> Life in so very Extraordinary a Manner & for Y<sup>r</sup> Attention in mentioning every particular about it. How many reasons have I Not had in the eight & forty House to be thankfull to Providence I hope I shall not forget it, & must beseech You to be very carefull about Yourself & to Consider how dear Y<sup>r</sup> Life is & ever will be to me.



at half past 10 we went on board the St Feorenza  
 & left the Duke of York on Shore who after having  
 reviewed ~~the~~ or rather seen the Sea Fencibles was  
 & did leave Weymouth at one a clock. We did really  
 breathe the finest Sea Air imaginable, but there  
 being no Wind whatever we enjoyed <sup>the sight of</sup> all the little  
 pleasure Boats rowing round the Ship & hearing all  
 the loyal & Sea Songs from all quarters, Our Com-  
 pany was so large that we had two Tables for  
 ladies & were very merry, at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past five we retur-  
 ned on Shore & at  $\frac{1}{4}$  before seven were in the Play  
 House full dressed with Oak flowers as thick as pos-  
 sible. At the beginning of the Play some very pretty  
 Lines wrote by a Gentleman upon the Occasion  
 were spoken which were well received, & they did Honor  
 to the writer as well as to the Actor who recited them.

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We are or rather I am looking out for good News from  
 Lord Dridgott, I think this Great Fleet will meet with  
 some Disaster. Oh, What a fine Beginning would this  
 be at the beginning of Parliament. & what change  
 might it not make in the Politics of the Continent.

I gave Lord Charles Somerset yr letter, I shall see  
 him to Day & hear what He will do whether or not  
 He will take yr advice. His little Wife who really  
 is very good wishes that it may at least she said  
 so at the Play.

I saw Great last Night for  $\frac{1}{4}$  of an Hour, He  
 gives upon the whole rather a more comfortable  
 account of Dear Amelia, but still continues saying  
 that much time must be required for Her recovery.  
 He is gone to Plymouth, & after His return she  
 is to try the Cold Sea Bath, I hear a very bad account



The Queen

to

The Prince of Wales

of poor <sup>104</sup> Chesterfield, & <sup>105</sup> Esq, the latter is  
a coming to London for a fresh Consultation  
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but I am afraid will not be much benefitted by

that. Our Stay at this Place is prolonged  
to the 22<sup>d</sup> of this Month, We shall be at the  
Drawingroom on the 25<sup>th</sup> & go at once to London  
& Parliament being just now fixed for the 6<sup>th</sup> Novem<sup>r</sup>  
the next time we go after the 25<sup>th</sup> will be the 5<sup>th</sup> of  
November on Monday. & astens je suis au bout de mon  
Cabin, so that I will release You immediately from  
reading des papiers. excepting that of assuring  
You have Sincerely I am

My Dearest Son.

Weymouth

4<sup>th</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup>

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Your very affectionate Mother

& Friend. Charlotte