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My dearest Son. I want words to express my Gratitude for the very kind & affectionate care You intended to take of me in Your Absence in case I should have gone to Town. The weather is so cold & the Snow so deep that I have given up all Idea of Venturing out of Doors for fear of a Second attack of the Influenza which has left an Everlasting remembrance behind it since last Year. I have let Your little Nervous Friend know that I did not at this Season think it proper to leave Home which I hope will make His Mind Easy.

I have been made very ^{happy} by a Letter from the Duke of Cambridge. He is too Modest to Name the manner of His Reception at Hannover, but I have received the Account of it which I read with the most Dearfelt

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Joy. He was Himself so overcome with ~~the~~
 it, that He could hardly Speak when He was
 to answer the Magistrate at the Entrance of
 the Town. — I have also received
 a long Letter from Würtemberg, full of
 all the acquaintances She has made with
 the Imperial Family of Russia of which
 She prefers the Widow of the Prince
 of Holstein who She says is one of the
 most Amiable Creatures possible, not
 handsome but very pretty & pleasing in
 Her manner, quite English & very desirous
 to cultivate English acquaintance, She
 has nothing but English Servants about
 Her little Boy & begs it as a Favour
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very joyful meeting.

She expects also a Visit from the Duke of Cumberland which it appears she would willingly decline on account of His dislike to the Emperor of Russia of whom he allows himself to speak in a very disrespectfull manner wherever He goes, & She dreads therefore the consequences of the meeting between Her Brother & the Duke who is Uncle to the E. & You know easily offended. She also mentions that People in General think the D. of C. quarrelsome, & dissatisfied, which would keep Her in constant fear & would not give such an enjoyment as a Visit of a Brother should produce. Her Idea is that You might perhaps prevent His going to Stuttgart.

but I am not Inclined to think so, with His
 Disposition He would be more eager to go
 as He would suspect something wrong, & on
 the other hand I am very clear that should
 He be imprudent enough to let out His
 Anger, they may stop it by telling Him
 that such Liberties can not be allowed
 in their House, I am clear He will leave
 them quiet enough for the hater to be
 found Fault with. however I leave
 this to Your Judgement & shall not say
 a word in my Letter to Her that You
 know it.

That the Allies have grasped the
 Rhine is a Subject upon which I con-
 gratulate You most Sincerely, it gives
 new Hopes of Affairs going on swimmingly

& diminishes my Idea of Peace, Napoleon seems by His own Speech & those of His Ministers to be sufficiently humbled as to acknowledge Himself to be in a very critical Situation, therefore a little more Perseverance & Alacrity will probably ^{bring} ~~make~~ his Downfall to an End.

I understand that Letters from ^{the} Wellington's Army report that there is a great party in France for the Bourbons but a still greater against Bonap. & that it is supposed their Declaration will depend upon the further Success of the Allies for which I pray most sincerely. tho I fear it can not be obtained without great Loss of Blood & many Lives, the latter opens the Door of many promotions & amongst those You

could think of Felton Harvey if possible
 for Your Aid de Camp it would make
 His Mother very happy, the Young
 Man bears a good Character as an Officer
 has been in Every Campaign both in
 Portugal & Spain & has lost His Arm
 in the Service, His merits as an Officer
 I can only have by hear say & yet I
 think Ed W. has frequently named him
 as being very active in the Service, As
 a Son & Friend I know Him to be all
 one could wish.

Our Dear Sophia has had a very
good Night the first since Her Illness
 & the Physicians assure me that She goes
 on much better. The King thank
 God is quiet & Calm but feels the

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 Col very much, His Sleep is from five
 to six Hours & he retains His ~~Stomach~~
 Appetiten which I am glad of as I own
 I dreaded this Col Season.

I hope You will return to us
 without any Accident & rejoice that
 the Overturn at the Setting out upon
 the Journey did not injure You. that
 we may soon have a cheerfull meeting
 is the Sincere wish of

my dearest Son

Windsor

the 8th Jan^{ry}

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Your very affectionate Mother
 & Sincere Friend

Charlotte

The Queen
to
The Prince Regent

10th Jan 1814