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My Dearest Son. Tho I could not make it my last occupation Yesterday Evening, it is my first this Morning to return You thanks for Your really unbounded kindness towards myself & Your Sisters during our Visit at Brighton - I beg You to believe that none can feel it more deeply than I do, & tho I can indeed find no words strong enough to express my real feelings, yet does the Heart feel what Pen can not write nor Dictionary explain may I defy even a Dr Johnston to assist me at this moment. & may I beg of You to assure all those belonging to Your Family & their ladies that I shall always remember with pleasure having met them at this agreeable Party.

You will be glad to hear that we arrived here safe & well by half past Five, might have come earlier had it not been for the Detour we were obliged to take on

account of the Bridge at Flotsham being down, but tho'
we were obliged to go very slow I can not regret the hour
it took us up as the road through the wood is Beautiful
& must be delicious in the Summer - at Cobham we got
out to partake of almost a Dinner provided by Your
goodness & we both did Eat & Drink Your Health most
Heartily -

I was sorry to hear at my arrival that Your
Housekeeper at the Dairy Lodge is extremely ill, & that
it is thought to be owing to the dampness of the Office
of which strong Symptoms are likewise perceived upon
the Staircase, I am sensible that I have nothing to
do with that or to meddle & yet I can not help wishing
that as You have already spent a good deal upon this
pretty House that You would send some Body to look after
it, as perhaps as yet by given more Air to the House

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other by ~~the~~ making an Aire or to Drain it round
the House as I fear a Wet Winter must injure the
Building essentially, Augusta who went there yester
Day says that the Fires are well kept up, but that
the rooms of the Offices are lower than the Groundw^{ay}
which of course must render it precarious to those
who must inhabit that part of the House. I shall go
there to-morrow with Elyza as I shall feel happy
to find it less bad but I fear the contrary.

I had the pleasure of finding the King as calm
as when I left him & as to Sophia looking certainly
much better in the Face, & should the Weather continue
as mild as it is now I expect much amendment in
her by being able to continue taking some exercise either
on Horseback or the Carriage

I found the Duke of York here on my arrival

He looks well & sets off this Morning for his Shooting Party, the only news he could tell us was that Lady Rosebery is returned to her Mother, both parties have asked right the one to go back & the other to receive again, but oh what a horrible meeting this between a Mother and a Daughter — — That our meetings may never be crowded but if possible always resemble the ones late lately experienced is the constant prayer,

My dearest Son

Windsor Palace
the 30th Octbr
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Your ever affectionate Mother
and sincere Friend

Charlotte

The Queen

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Princess Royal
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