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My Dearest Son. By some accounts from abroad I have reason to suspect that notwithstanding Your express Orders to the Duke of Cumberland not to bring the Future Dutchess to England He fully intends not to come without Her; and as He is known to be very decided in His Character; I fear we may be surpris'd with such a Visit when we least expect it. To prevent all possible misunderstanding in case of this Event taking place, I feel it a Painfull Duty, although in this Instance I owe it to the Family, the Nation, and not least to my real Love and Affection for You, to declare to You the Impossibility of receiving Her. Her Marriage with Prince Solms when She was engaged to the Duke of Cambridge, and many other Circumstances of which I am more imperfectly apprized, are unfortunately too well known here, not to be brought forward by the disaffected, & most probably

is the opportunity looked for by the Prince of Wales to return and to make another flourish (which I know She intends). The consequence of which in regard to Charlotte is very dangerous for as She leans very much towards Her Mother, the receiving the Dutches of Cumberland, of whose History She is not ignorant, will Arm Her with not an unjust Argument in Favour of the Prince. Under these Circumstances to prevent all Mischief arising from any mistaken Kindness, I fulfill only my Duty in apprizing You of what may happen when we least expect it.

Your own Peace of Mind is my greatest Concern as I am sure the Public will not pass over this Step without Serious Animadversion, and I am sorry to say (though against my own Niece) with Justice, and I will not deny that I feel very deeply

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be the Cause of so much Mischief.

I have desired Lord Liverpool to be the bearer
of this Letter as the talking over this Subject with
You would almost break my Heart, but I feel I am
right, and my Duty to You & my Brothers Family
must always guide my Conduct

I pray You most earnestly to write again
to the Duke of Cumberland and persuade Him not to
think of bringing Her with Him as the only means
of Ensuring You Comfort in which ^{must be} ~~is~~ Included that
of

My dearest Son

Windsor
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Your affectionate Mother
and most sincere Friend

Charlotte

Letter from

Her Majesty

to the

Prince Regent

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The Queen to the
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