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My Dearest Son. I had the Pleasure of a Visit from Charlotte with the Happiest Face imaginable, caused by the reception of your Letter which announced such agreeable News to Her, which She brought Herself to me by your Orders, & for which I return you my most Sincere Thanks. Much as this pleasing Intelligence delighted your Daughter I must do Her Justice, by saying that She was not extravagantly overcome with Joy, but talked of the Event in a very quiet ^{and} reasonable way looking forward to more real happiness in this expected Union than in the former choice She had made. In my humble opinion I believe She truly means what She says

& if it is possible to make Her feel before
 Marriage that tho' the Prince becomes
 an Object of consequence by Marrying Her,
 He must be the Head of Her Family and
 She Submit to Him, as His Wife, all
 will do well, & on His Side, He must be
 carefull not to give Her too great an
 Idea of Her own consequence, nor by drawing
 in to make Promises before Marriage
 which He might (being Ignorant of the
 Customs & Manners of the Country) find
 Difficulty to fullill afterwards: Steadiness
 in His Character is the most to be wished
 for both parties, & as You will see him
 before any entrevue between them, pray
 Impress that Strongly upon His mind.

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as I am convinced both will be ben-
efitted by such conduct. Pardon me
for having said as much upon the Subject
but perceiving now, proofs of Her being
gratefull & Inclined to take advice & to
act right, My wishes for their mutual
Happiness leads me to wish that this
opportunity of setting Him right should
not be lost & I hope this will indeed
be kept Secret between You & me, &
not only the Happiness of Your Child
but Your own depends on their setting
out right, & must also Insure that of
my dearest Son

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Yr ever Affectionate Mother
and Sincere Friend
Charlotte

The Queen

to

The Prince Regent

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