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I am a longing My dearest Son for a letter from Brighton with an account of the last attack in your right knee having subsided & that you are again able to try making a little use of your feet.

This present letter is not by way of troubling you with any further questions about Charlotte, as by ~~my~~ ^{the} first I wrote from London they were all stated but I shall with pleasure execute any commission you will give & I have ability to execute them, but I am certain you feel with me, that there will be great difficulties to overcome, before you can please not only yourself but the Public also, which must be considered to a certain degree, amongst

those Difficulties the Choice of Ladies is the most delicate & indeed the most difficult of all, as there is Conduct, Husband & Religion to be considered to which I must add Knowledge of the World & a little Court Etiquette (rest after particular Difficulties).

The Public being very desirous that there should be a ~~drawing~~ Court Day fixed I am desirous to have it on the Twenty first of this Month, which may perhaps admit of a Second before Holy week we are now already in the third week of Lent therefore it must be soon. My reason for this is that I wish to have all Presentations over before the Marriage that no Body on my account

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Ladies by Y^r Desire to be presented at
Carlton ^{House} has given offence to those who
sent ~~for~~ ^{for} Permission when Invited to
Your Parties for the same & were refused
by me, to avoid that irregularity as well
as also to Encourage the Manufacturers
& assist the Trade people, I shall if possible
have Two Court Days that Every one may
come & not have any excuse for not coming.
Whatever orders are given by the Lord's
Chamberlain & Steward, ~~for~~ for such Days
They will be so obliging as to give, & I am
pretty sure that this arrangement will save
both You & me many Difficulties at the Wedding

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As I can not doubt that You see the
Propriety of my having the Drawing Done
Will You be so kind as to desire ^{Mr} ~~Mr~~
Hertford to have it put into the different
Newspapers Directly as Saturdays Gazette
will be too late for most of those that
mean to appear.

You will of course be so kind as to
send Me an answer as soon as Possible
& believe ^{me} that I do not propose this as
a party of Pleasure but as a Duty which
must be fulfilled. but I do feel Pleasure
in Subscribing Myself

Windsor Your very affectionate Mother
the 22th March and Sincere Friend
1816. Charlotte