

The Queen
to
The Prince Regent

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My Dearest Son. I put off writing again that I might have the Satisfaction to Inform You that every Article about Charlottes Trouseau as Far as Will be wanted & Necessary for either the 4th/⁵th or 6th the Days of Bloomfield mentioned in His Letter ~~will~~ for the Wedding likely to take Place, will be ready & I hope meet with Your approbation.

I now must Congratulate You upon having been able to take a ride on Horseback, a Piece of News which gives Universal Joy & particularly so to the Interior of this House as it raises Our Hopes to see You soon Amongst Us which one & all do wish most Heartily.

You will well remember a French saying *que les vieillies ne font que Tousser & que parler* You shall not say that of Me, but if You say

Elle ne fait que recevoir ^{me} Tourments avec des questions
I plead guilty & shall not be offended at it.

To the Number of Names I sent in my First
Letter about a Four night ago ~~to be~~ for You to con-
sider which of those might be most Proper for the
First Lady in Charlottes Establishments, I will
add the Dowager Lady Donagast Upon inquiry not
only now but some Time ago I am convinced that
You were misinformed about Her having had
any Connection with a certain Lady now abroad
I knew Her to be one of the most loyal attached
Persons I possible, Her Behaviour to a very un-
pleasant Husband while He ^{lived} irreproachable
& Her conduct to His Children, who do behave
ill enough ~~to~~ Her since His death perfect,
I have seen Her frequently & live Her Society, but
Inquiry must be made about every one of those

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Ladies & You must be so kind as to think about settling that very soon. I have promised to sound for John Thynne which I will do the moment I know who is to be the first, but I can not undertake going any further. You must pardon me for pressing this, the time draws so near that I fear we shall be without any Ladies when the Wedding takes place. I will also put you in mind of what I have said concerning Mrs Campbell & Miss Coates it is worth while your consideration, ^{but} being ignorant of what her Establishment is to be I am no Judge of what Number she will be equal to pay.

Another thing I will take the Liberty of Naming with which I know I have nothing to do, but as your wish is to secure Prudent people about your Daughter you will not take it amiss

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when I name Dr Short whom You have given
Charlotte Permission to retain about Her, I
know that He laments, that His Duty now
as a Parish Priest must call Him away ~~for~~
for six Months which can not be avoided, have
You thought of any body Else who could well
supply His Place? The Character of His Son
stands so High at Oxford & He is reported to
be extremely mild in Disposition & prudent
in His Conduct it might perhaps please
Charlotte ~~if~~ & be advantageous to Her to
have the Son who I have ^{no} doubt would follow
the Fathers Steps implicitly during His Absence
Dr Lanyon knows Him well & You may trust
to His opinion. I beg You to believe that
Neither Charlotte nor the Dr know any thing
of this, & that this ^{is} I mentioned for yr private Ear.

Seeing that Parliament has Voted
Ten Thousand Pound for Jewels I suppose
that yr Gift cannot be comprised in it
They must be chosen, & I have therefore ordered
Bridge to come to Windsor with those she
had bespoken which far exceed that Sum
that she may choose what she likes best
of them & by following Her ow Taste Nobody
can be blamed as to the Selection of them.

As far as relates to the Female
attendants upon the Royal Family, which all
must be present at the Wedding I have taken
Care to Inform them that they are to appear
without Hoops but with Trains, & further
My Orders cannot go, but You must be so kind
as to have those orders put into the Papers
& that soon, for No body will bespeak Clothes
Unless they are sure of being there

I have now tired You enough but it was
unavoidable, I hope the Time is approaching
when I shall have the Pleasure in Person of
^{affirming you}
how Sincerely I am

My dearest Son.

Z. H. Your very affectionate Mother
The 23^d March. A Sincere Friend
1816. Charlotte