

Queens Palace, April 10th 1818.

My Dearest Son. Sensible as I am of the amiable feelings, connected with an anxious desire to effect a cordial Union of all Your Family, which have prompted You again so strongly to urge Me to receive the Duchess of Cumberland, and to overlook every Objection, which I stated to You Yesterday, in the avowed hope that upon further Consideration, I might be induced to yield to Your Wishes; it is not without very great pain that I now address You as I am well aware that what I have to say must disappoint Your Expectations, if indeed You have formed any, after what passed between Us.

Upon the Question itself, I have nothing to add to all that I have stated so much in detail, both verbally and in writing, to which You will permit Me to refer for an explanation of the Principles on which I have acted. These remain unshaken, and while I feel that they are correct,

Consistent with the line of conduct which I have felt it
 My Duty invariably to pursue, and strictly conformable
 to the Sentiments which were so strongly conveyed to
 Me by the King, nothing shall induce Me to depart
 from them; — To Your kindness and Affection on every
 Occasion I owe much, and I cannot afford a Stronger
 proof of My determination to persist in the Resolution
 I have taken not to receive the Duchess of Cumberland,
 than by resisting so forcible an Appeal. — I have al-
 ready assured You that, so far from being influenced
 by any personal dislike to Her, I should sincerely rejoice
 in any Arrangement which may be calculated to pro-
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indeed greatly lament any Prejudice to such a Measure which You seem to apprehend from My Adherence to the Resolution which I have taken. — In regard to the Effect upon the King of Prussia, You will forgive My saying that My feelings are by no means in Union with the Anxiety which seems to prevail that His Anger may be deprecated, for I cannot but view with Contempt the Conduct of His Prussian Majesty, who has condescended to insult Me more than once because I have not thought fit to receive the very Princes whom He excluded for a considerable Period from the Court of His Queen, Her own Sister.

You will, I earnestly hope, also forgive Me, if I express an anxious Wish that I may not again be urged upon this painful Subject — My Mind & feelings have been very

much harassed of late in various ways, and My
Strength and Spirits are not equal to Trials so
rapidly succeeding each other.

I am ever, My Dearest Son

Your most affectionate Mother
and Sincere Friend

Charlotte

The Queen

to

The Prince Regent

April 10th 1814