

Lady Elgin
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(Princess Charlotte)

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Sir

Shooters Hill 19 August
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As I suppose by the Papers that Your Royal Highness is come to London, I think it my Duty to apprise You of a very extraordinary Circumstance that has occur'd to day - The Princess of Wales came here and after exciting the little Princess's Curiosity to mine, told us She was come to say that his Majesty had wrote his Royal Highness to go to New to morrow, & to bring us all (she was so good to say) wth her - A few Minutes after expressing the Pleasure that seeing the Royal Family gives us I was quite struck with the uncommon style of the Invitation - I who never in my Life went to their Majestys, but from a written Order from the Queen by one of the Princesses, am astonished - Her Royal Highness was very gracious & asked me whether I would go in ^{Princess's} her Coach, or ~~in the~~ ~~own~~ - I said with truth that as Princess Charlotte was so nervous I thought it best to go alone

Not having heard of or from the Queen for a great while I am in a sort of Uneasiness I cannot express - I understand the King is going to Weymouth, I hope Your Royal Highness will forgive my troubling you but I feel it my Duty to acquaint You of my Situation and I shall write You immediately the Result of this Expedition -

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The Order is to ~~at~~ ~~Five~~ by one o'clock - I have the Honor to be with ever
Faithfull Duty Sir -

Your Royal Highness's
Most Devoted Servant

M. Elgin

Princes Charlotte is very well
but Nervous from the Weather -

Forgive ~~all~~ errors