

Lady Elgin
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(Pp. Charlotte)

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My Dear Sir

Had I had the smallest hint of your being in Town I would have writ your Royal Highness as I said in the very anxious Note I sent from Newspaper Information — But of that no more, it is now half past eight when I receive Col M^r Matons Card — and I send Gray with this in Order to lose no time in telling your Royal Highness that I arrived at New with your D^r Child at the Hour appointed — The King was waiting to receive her, which he did with much Affection, & drew us into the Dining Room where he again embraced her, & was very kind to me saying he was come to meet the Princess of Wales & the little Princess & was alone — I really became stupified, & in Confidence Sir I repeat the Words His Majesty said I have got you all to myself — The Prince has given me the Child to me, but it is not settled — He said some few things relating to it but I was so stupified I cannot answer to my Correctness — He was going on when the Princess of Wales came & His Majesty went to receive her the Child in his hand, & took her into another apartment — Princess Charlotte came in a few Minutes with the Kings private Key of the Garden

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saying his Majesty desired I would walk wth her & M^{rs} Lisle — We did not stay
long but we were not called on till Dinner His Majesty was agitated & talked
only of Weymouth & after Coffee went wth the Princess to finish the Subject
or Story — The Princess seemed much on her Guard — And could not
have said any thing to us as his Majesty of course addressd himself
to her — I find it impossible to write so as to be in time — but I have
orderd my own Carriage & shall leave my precious Charge for the first
time & will call at Carlton House in my way to S^r Walter Langbat
who I wish to take a Wretched Letter of my poor Elgins to — to shew them
— If your Royal Highness wishes to see me — You will order me to be stopd
if not, I will go on & stay till I bait the Horses, & get back as fast as possible
but I must Add that I must see yourself for to no one else will I speak on
Points of such Delicacy — I am D^r Sir with the most Sincere Attacks

Your Royal Highness

Dutifull & Faithfull Ser^t

Shooter Hill 22 August

M: Elgin

I shall call wth a Key to open some thing for an Excuse —