

Queen Charlotte to Matilda Fielding

But to Gibraltar & not received.
20th March 1816 Dated Apr. 2^d 1815

My Dearest Miss Fielding - I put off
answering Your Letter sent me by Your
Sister Mrs Hicks on account of the
Uncertainty of any possibility of securing
to send it with any Security. By the
last Note Yr Sister wrote there is a
prospect of transmitting some accounts
from him to the Part of the World You
are gone to, & I seize the very ^{first} opportu-
nity to assure You, that I am so fully
persuaded of Yr Uprightness & Stea-
diness of Character that had You
not by being Sole Executrix to Yr dear
Mother's will; had a right to open Her
Letters I could never suspect Yr ever
making any bad use of the Contents of the one

I wrote to Her, it will at least I hope
prove to You that I have meant & hope
not to have failed in my attempt of acting
fairly to all parties, more I am sorry to
say I shall not be able to do, but beg
You will rest assured that upon all
occasions where either my Speaking or
Acting for Y^r welfare can be called
upon You shall ever find me ready
to come forward. My Respect & Love
for Dear Lady Charlotte & my Sincere
Affection for Your regretted Mother
will ever Secure You ^{to} ~~Yours~~ my
best wishes—

I can not possibly pass over with
Silence the intended Epitaph for Y^r loss.

Queen Charlotte to Matilda Feilding

Friend, it is in every Respect what it ought
to be, Pious, Dutifull & True, & altogether
comprised in so small a Compass which
denotes its proceeding from the Heart
of a Dutifull Child towards a beloved
Parent - I beg You to receive my Thanks
for giving me Copy which believe me
is not ill bestowed.

I beg my Compliments to Y^r
Uncle L^d Winchelsea of whom I hope
to hear that ^{His} Charge & Place have done
him good, how Happy are You to be
under His Protection in Your present
Distress His supporting You will make
every thing more easy at Your return
for having been Eye witness to every thing

that passed He is enabled to stand by You
& I hope You will feel the Benefit of it.

The Apartments at St James's were
ordered not to be touched untill Yr return,
they ~~were~~ were given the very Day the
^{came} account so that You may make Yr mind
easy that nothing will be touched, & that
no Person can Interfere with any thing.
& Whatever the Bed Chamber Woman may
be to inhabit the Apartment hereafter,
I promise, You shall not be Hurried.
God Bless You my dear Charlotte
& give You Strength to go through
Yr Troubles without Injury to Yr Health.
The 2^d. April

1815.