

The cause & the effect, - I may ever be
fortified by Christianity against evil prin-
ciples & evil practices, prove an example
of true virtue, & remain secure under
Divine protection through time & through
eternity.

Remain

Your Royal Highness's
obedient, affectionate,
and dutiful servant

Mary Anne

Copy of my
letter to Her
Royal Highness
Charlotte
January 5th 1809.

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My dear Princess Charlotte,

Permit me to request that your
RtH will again have the goodness again to
accept my congratulations on the anniversary
of your birthday, together with a trifling token
of my affection & duty. Perhaps your RtH may
already have read this little book, if not, I
trust you will be pleased wth the elegance of
yt. poetry, and that you will derive or still
higher gratification from the reflections w^{ch} it
will naturally inspire. It teaches us that only
impressions are deep & lasting, and that it is
therefore of the utmost importance that young
persons sh^d fix their attention upon ^{those} subjects w^{ch}
ought to be retained through life, & sh^d guard a-
gainst such impressions as may in future
give rise to false prejudices, and contract
both the powers of yt. mind and yt. feelings
of the heart. Religion alone can prevent such
errors; she calms the heart, & enlarges yt. un-
derstanding; and be assured, that, notwith-
standing yt. assertions of vice & infidelity, it
is she alone that can render yt. events

* The Pleasures of Memory.

of time worthy to remain in y^e. memory
when time shall be no more.

I trust your Pth. will believe my
assurances that I have y^e. strongest interest
in your welfare, & that my wishes & prayers
for your happiness are most earnest & sincere.
Through the merciful interposition of Pro-
vidence, your Pth & your illustrious fa-
mily have been preserved, with this highly
favoured country, amidst y^e. torments of us-
urping nations; & whilst every loyal fa-
mily in Europe has suffered from the arts or
y^e. violence of our usurper, we still enjoy
y^e. blessings of domestic peace, & the comforts
of a well-regulated government, under a
pious, & therefore a revered, sovereign.

These are blessings in w^{ch}. each mem-
ber of y^e. community undoubtedly shares,
but allow me to represent to your Pth
how peculiarly they affect yourself, and
those loyal personages to whom you are al-
lied; since you & they would have been
exposed to the most alarming dangers,

had this country been suffered to become a
prey to its enemies. That gratitude therefore
wh^{ch}. we all ought to feel towards God for such
a deliverance, should particularly animate
your heart. You would either have perished
or as many of your exalted rank have
already perished, or you would have been
taken out of the hands of your instructors,
& placed in those of infidel & impious tutors,
& surely y^e. latter would have been for the
most dreadful fate.

We have seen how great was the
prevalence of both vice & infidelity in those
countries over w^{ch}. our general enemy
has been permitted to tyrannise; — too much
have unchristian principles & their na-
tural attendants, corrupt morals, infected
even those of the highest rank, though, by
encouraging them, they jeoparded their
temporal as well as their eternal interests.
The consequences have been fatal; — may we
of this nation be preserved both from