

[9 July 1779]

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Dear William. Oh what infinite Pleasure  
does Your sweet letter give me! The surprise  
was the greater, as I did not expect it.  
yet longed very much to hear from Your  
Element. You say, that You are happy &  
well; may You always continue to be so! By  
experience You will find, that, to be happy,  
depends very much upon Yourself. The fulfilling  
the Duties in that rank and that situation  
it does Please Providence to Put You in, which  
I hope You will think of doing, will greatly  
contribute towards it; & the most essential  
thing of all, is to put God always before  
Your<sup>eyes,</sup> to become a sincere Christian. Believe  
me, no Man ever can prove a usefull Mem-  
ber to Society, without being a good Christian.

it is Religion that should guide Your steps, it  
it will assist You in every action of Your life, so  
and support You in misfortunes & afflictions, wh  
If You choose this Path, You must feel sid  
comfortable in this World, and be <sup>greatly</sup> rewarded it  
in the next.

Our first journey to Windsor was, no  
as in general, very Pleasing; the Weather of  
did not favour us much, being very rainy; fur  
but notwithstanding that, Our Morning Drives  
were performed; and the Company of Your two ju  
Elder Brothers added great Cheerfulness to  
the Party. Lord Dorset's new House is now St  
furnishing & the Family intend to take beg  
Possession of it in about four Weeks; <sup>by</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>House</sup>  
House is still in the same situation we left mo

it last Year; and it is yet undecided whether  
some additional Rooms are to be built to it, or  
whether it is to be inhabited in its Present  
situation: in short it is at Present every thing  
it should not be, unfurnished, unfinished, dirty  
and uncomfortable to the greatest Degree. & does  
not appear the least cheerful, & thing the most  
essential in a Country place, is its being pleas-  
ant; for else it is not worth living at it.

Our own habitation at Windsor is  
just the thing for us, the new building of  
the Office advances very well & the Palace of  
St Albans House will be finished by the  
beginning of Autumn. That being done, our  
journeys will be, I flatter myself at least,  
more frequent & attended with less inconveniences.

The Poor Duke of Ancaſter has met with  
another very ſevere Stroke in the loſs of her  
only Son, the Duke of Ancaſter, who Died  
Yeſterday at ſeven a Clock of a Putrid Fever.  
It is to be lamented, that this Young Man with  
fine Talents, a good Heart, & the Advantage  
of Youth, did chooſe to lead ſo idle a life, &  
ſo ruin his Health by giving himſelf up  
to Drinking, & to become Unfit to be uſeful to  
the World, it was low Company which prevent  
him to ſhine by his Capacity; and in ſtead  
it was his ruin. This is a good Leſſon for all  
Young People; Pray beware of it at all times,  
ſhun low Company, be Humane & ſhoritable  
to Your inferiors; but do not make them Your  
Confidants, & be ſivil & not Proud<sup>to</sup> thoſe who are

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I return You thanks for Your German  
letter, it was well wrote and still better  
express'd, if You have the Honour of having  
made it Yourself I have all reason to believe  
that You will do Our language credit.

I also thank You for the witty Sou-  
venir, it is very beautiful, I hope You will  
before the arrival of this have received my  
letter and Packet by General La Motte  
and that You like the Taste of the Pen.

Your Sisters will all answer themselves  
therefore I shall only aid that every body  
is well here and that we still continue in  
the Country.

I am very Sincerely,

Your very affectionate Mother  
& Friend  
Charlotte

The Green Gibbon & the Two Combs come  
by this Messenger.

I have one thing more to add  
about this Affair which is that You  
must Absolutely avoid to say any thing  
to the Princess which might create an  
Affection in Her towards You, as the con-  
sequence of that must prove fatal to  
Her & Her Family, as she might be  
induced by that means to refuse more  
Advantageous offers, and I hope that You  
are so generous as to wish to be the cau-  
se of such a Disappointment. Once  
more Adieu.

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