

Queen of Hürtemberg to H.P.H.

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My dearest Brother

I hope that you have received  
my Letter of 16<sup>th</sup> ultimate, by which you will have  
seen how very anxious I was about your health;  
fearing by the accounts I had found in the  
foreign papers, that you had clear Brother a  
return of the inflammation on your Chest which  
formerly occasioned us so much uneasiness. But  
now I understand that you are plagued by the  
Gout which though a suffering complaint is  
thanks God not so dangerous as an inflammatory  
illness. I hope that you will soon be free from  
all complaint and able to enjoy as usual air  
and exercise. I think the good News must do  
you good; and beg dearest Brother that you  
will accept of my congratulations on the  
British Troops having occupied Bourdeaux  
God be praised for the great success with

which the English arms have been crowned. I  
doubtless glory in being a Briton when I read  
Lord Wellington's despatches, they are written in  
so simple and plain a style they would have  
served a Roman Consul; all must admire a  
General who performs such wonders without  
appearing to feel that he has done any thing  
extraordinary. These great events in the  
southern Provinces will certainly accelerate the  
march of the Allied Armies and I hope in  
a few days to have the happiness of writing  
you word that they are encamped near Paris  
I do not wish them to enter the Town as  
I dread its showing the effect of Capua in  
days of yore on the Army of Hambar. Besides  
which I should fear concealed treason; it is a  
very jealous thing to be quartered in a Town  
where there are at least six hundred thousand  
inhabitants, all vain of their Country and  
wishing to destroy those who have put an end

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As their imaginary superiority over the rest of Europe. These concealed enemies I dread more than open ones, as you are ever exposed when least aware to be attacked. — Our news from the Allied Armies continues good on the 29<sup>th</sup> ultimate one of the corps entered Meuse. The King's eldest Son has distinguished himself on every occasion and has gained the esteem of all who know him. He has equally acquired the good opinion of the Austrians and Prussians; the Emperor of Austria has given him the Order of Marie Theresse and the Emperor of Prussia twice his military order and now that of St Andrew.

I will now only add the King's Compliments and remain with the sincerest Affection  
My dearest Brother

Your most affectionate  
Sister and Friend  
Charlotte

The Queen of  
Switzerland  
to  
The Swiss Regent

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