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My Dearest Son. It was my wish to write by dear
little Charlotte Yesterday morning, but I mis-judged
when that my Head was so full of the Old Party
that I could do nothing until I new the House of
the Royal. Thank God that it has ended as I thought.
I only grieve that the Execution could not have
place immediately after the Condemnation, that it
must be owned that two Days for recollection &
preparation for the Prisoner to go out of the world
is a grant worthy a Christian & Religious Nation.
I feel extremely hurt at the accounts from ~~Nottingham~~
the Inhabitants there seem to be so very unfeeling
that I cannot help thinking that both French
Principles & Money ~~still~~ often encourage them, & I
wish most sincerely that you could at least get away
out of the Country as I hear from every Quarter, that
under the appearance of great quiet, etc is busily em-

played in the early part of the Day ~~when~~ when nobody
is about with many people & that He has many
Spies ~~amongst~~ amongst the attendants who take care
to leave Home by five in the Morning to avoid being
seen. This is perhaps what You know better than I
can relate, & I hope You will pardon me for naming
it, but my Heart is so full that it must come out.

The best part of this letter will be ~~to~~ to acquaint
You that I have had a conversation with Charlotte
for a full Hour on Friday Morning to which the
Event of last Monday was the best Introduction
as also the report of a Proclamation being ordered
to be published on account of the anonymous Letter
sent to You. ~~This~~ My great wish was to impress
upon Her Mind that She ought to look upon
You as the only Source of Her Happiness & that
it was Her Duty to obey You in every thing, & that

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The ought at no time to consider herself as ~~ignorant~~
when you disapproved of any thing in her conduct
for that you as her Father most of course by
not only by right but by experience know better
what was for her good. That she ought to be
carefull about fancying particular friendships
at her time of life now that in her situation
she ought to be civil to every Body but to shew
no partiality & that your character was greatly
raised by ~~the~~ following that course & that I was sure that
she must both see & feel that Political Friend-
ship never could be depended upon & that any of the
Royal Family taking a part against the Crown
was lowering it most essentially. After that I spoke
to her about her manner, not finding fault but
pointing out the necessity of mending what appeared

Infling to Her, but what might be prejudicial to
Her in the World. & I have the pleasure to tell you
that She told Sir D' Cliford that She was much
pleased with Her conversation & that the more
She thought it over the more right She thought
I was.

I think it right to Inform You that I have just
been below to see the dear P^r, He looks well
in the Face & certainly has gained Flesh. I was
there about Ten Minutes, He was quiet upon
the whole but gave some indication of His disease.

I long to hear that You are more comfortable
& wish most heartily that You may soon see an end
to all Your Troubles which will be the best News
to hear by.

Windsor
the 14th May.
1812.

My dearest Son

10/12 " May 17th " 1812
The 14th to Her
Your affectionate Mother
& Friend
Charlotte