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Dow Lady Elgin to HRH.

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Be assured tis with the utmost regret I trouble Your Royal Highness to beg your instructions at a time I well know you are so engaged. But I dare not take things on myself and you alone are the Person I wish to speak to respecting Your Dear little Princess. I must therefore beg to have Your Authority for some things that ought to be done if your Royal Highness cannot as I fear have leisure to direct me yourself.

I have first to request your Permission to send for M^r Anquet the Person that undertakes to remove defects in Speech. Princess Charlotte had got much the better of the Hesitation to which she was so much inclined when acting as our Reading Master. M^r Trow (where the Queen saw & approved of) at Weymouth declared from the first and does so still that there is no defect in her Organs of Speech which is evident from her Repeating long pieces of Poetry & changing her Voice as the Subject requires. All however it is occasioned by a redundancy of Ideas and words which she cannot utter so quick as she wishes to occasion a Nervous Agitation. I have always observed that when any thing affects her Nerves Damp Weather, any little disappointment brings it on.

a little, but to my sincere grief I find it has increased very much since
 the hot Weather began and I was quite in Agony at her being greatly
 affected while we were at Windsor, She has used the Cold Bath since her
 Return & I have kept as cool as possible yet Her Royal Highness
 does not get the better as she used to do. M^{rs} Frew is gone to the
 Country for 3 or four weeks and it occur'd to me that if I had Your R^{ty} H^{ty}
 permission I would send to Angier & hear what he says on the Subject
 This Your Royal Highness will allow I ought not do of myself & if You
 you will you send me one word on a Slip of Paper to say I may send for
 M^r Angier it will be sufficient. I have likewise a great wish to
 have some Masters for Princess Charlotte; but what I have to say on
 that Subject I shall defer having received this Evening a letter from poor
 Miss Hunt telling me th^t her time of Absence is nigh completed She
 is unable to return to her Duty & that she did not think she ever should
 & means to write Your Royal Highness herself. I have long wished
 to have talked on that Subject with Your Royal Highness or Miss
 Hunt's Situation but felt the Point too delicate to write on. Many
 things one can say to those they Esteem & can confide in, which
 in writing (at least mine) appears unkind or ~~excess~~ exaggerated & not
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hurry I expect Charlotte from Portsmouth in a few days & she will stay with me till a proper Person is found — One Qualified for the Situation and not one who the Situation may suit It now becomes of the greatest consequence, I shall be in Town on wednesday and be truly happy to have a Summons to attend Your R^{ty} M^{ty} —

I am informed by a letter from M^{rs} ^{Hamilton} Nisbet that a Gentleman who saw Elgin very lately says He was in full hopes of getting Lady Elgin sent home, they wait a few days to see, before they set out for Scotland & till they give up hopes of seeing Lady I am very unwilling to meddle with my Sons Packages finding the Presents are so mixed and also I should be sorry to deprive her of the great pleasure of presenting them herself — I know there is a very fine Sword for Your Royal Highness & he wrote one of some Collections, I understand from himself but he did not give me Particulars & I am afraid to say any thing — If Lady Elgin dont get a Passport I shall apply directly to Your Royal Highness to get thro' the Packages from the Custom House I wrote Elgin a letter under feigned Names begging his directions & begin to be afraid he has not got it — Your R^{ty} M^{ty} may be assured I would not delay the Delivery one moment did it depend on me who am an true Your Royal Highness Faithfull Serv^t M. Elgin

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I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th inst. in relation to the above mentioned subject. I have the honor to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration. I have the honor to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration. I have the honor to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration.

To Mr. [Name]

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