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My dearest Son. You can not be more surprized at the Contents of Miss Knight's Letter then I am myself having understood by the Letter You sent Yesterday, as also by the one she wrote to me that She had accepted through Lord Moira Your proposal upon which I gave Her by a Letter in answer a full dismission for ever, but not in the manner She required it by giving my full approbation to the Step She had taken. This it was out of my power to do as the Two Letters written on Saturday & Monday the one refusing & the latter accepting the offer are so contradictory that unless She took me for an Idiot I could not pass it over in Silence & ~~was~~ stated in my answer

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that I was always desirous to act consistently the proof of which I have given You by
She could not suspect me of retracting or declining speaking to Her myself as I
the Tuesday the words I made use of on ^{be} feared that by my great Partiality for
Friday to Yourself & the Dutchess of Her, I might make use of some expressions
leads & on the Saturday to Herself which might lead Her to think I wished
viz. That I would not bias Her either Her to Decline. & I ^{to} even went so far
way to accept or to refuse ~~it~~ but as to refuse seeing Her on Sunday when
that I would abide by Her Decision she called at the latter.

This I have done by saying that from Miss Wright is at this Time as much
this moment She & I parted for ever. Her own Mistress as You are Your own
& that I would only add my sincere Master, dismissed my Service since Yes-
wishes that She might be far far today. I do certainly not mean to
more happy in Her new Situation ^{to} ^{thank} Her coming again to me, & therefore
than She could have been in my Family I can not possibly understand why she
I made use of no other words I do assure should feel any reluctance to oblige You.
You & You may be sure that I can not nor I answered this as quiet as I could & am sorry
should have stood in Your way at any Time that there should so continually meet with

unexpected Difficulties. ^{Ed} Moiras Eloquence
has great power over Her therefore You
have much to hope from His assistance
& that He may succeed is the sincerest wish
of

My dearest Son
Windsor
the 20th Jan
1813.
Your very affectionate Mother
& Sincere Friend
Charlotte

If you think this Letter can prove
of use to You I have no objection to
Miss Knight's seeing it.