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Sir

I am glad to be able to state to your Royal Highness that matters are going on more happily here than I expected. ~~The~~ Chevalier has fretted herself into a slight fever - but I believe it will not be difficult to compose this perturbation - Mrs Duchess has lost nothing of her self complacency, and talks as fast as ever - It is universally admitted that no lecture was ever delivered with more good-humour or force than your Royal Highness; on Sunday - and I am disposed to think that it will do a great deal of good - Miss Mercier's stay has been protracted a little longer than your Royal Highness intended - but there has been some

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semblance of reason for it - and the
Queen has shown a great deal of
consideration and grace in admitting
these excuses, provided they were
stated to some Royal Highness, and
in withholding Her Majesty's invitation
to the Princess Charlotte, indeed in
withdrawing Her commands when
they had been issued, during the
stay of Her Friend. I will venture
to hope indeed, Sir, that some
Royal Highness's indulgence in this
manner ten thousand other instances
will have done good - The Princess
has expressed a grateful sense of it
more than once - and in Her good-
humour has made some alterations

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in the arrangement of her apartments,
her bed chamber in particular,
with which the Duchess has been
quadrantly pleased.

The Queen and Princesses
are all very well - excepting
Princess Sophia, who is not
more indisposed, however, than
usual - I can trace more than
one or two instances of prudent
conduct which Pr. Sophia has
hinted gently to Pr. Charlotte,
and can anticipate more - but
it must not be thought possible
either that the Pr. could advise
or the other admit counsel from
her Aunt - Your Royal Highness
extraordinary good nature and conde-
scension permits me to write at

my case, and gives me credit, I know,
for being Sir, with the most sincere
attachment and respect, your Royal
Highness's faithful servant
Henry Hallford
Windsor Castle August 6. 1813.

Jr. H. Hallford
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