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My Dear Father!

Pray accept my best thanks for the letter, with the order of St Matthew, which you were so kind as to send me through Lord Minto. According to your desire, I have enclosed my answer, for the Emperor's Mother — allow me to take this opportunity of expressing how much I feel flattered by your alluding me to wear this mark of distinction. — I cannot close this letter, without asking a favor

from you, which is this. Sr.
Thomas Lawrence has been, as I
believe you know, finishing my
pictures, & I wish very much
that he should paint & sketch at
the same time, but as he has
-died to go to his house, he could
not think of undertaking it here
without your previous knowledge &
consent as he has incurred a
of the house & favors your confidence
upon him, made a note upon
to paint by any man out of his
own House — As we are
hardly ever in London, or London
long enough to enable Mr. Thomas
to begin & finish a work of this
kind, ^{it} ~~this~~ would be ^{it} ~~it~~ necessary
impossible, unless you would

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see frankly pleased to allow of
 his coming here for the purpose?
 He had the daily
 accounts in the papers of your
 sailing excursions & with much
 interest, to see how that you
 are quite well, & enjoying this
 fine weather - I shall be
 ever with his affec. duty

I believe me to be

My Dear Mother

Your affec.

I do hope

Daughter

Chroum &
 11th Sept

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Princess Charlotte
Mrs. Spencer