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~~Sir~~

My Mother is writing herself to the  
Duke, & You may easily believe that  
my heart as well as my inclination  
would make me wish to do the same,  
but I am confident You will do me  
justice to believe, that sickness & respect  
for his present most heavy affliction  
prevents me from addressing him  
personally, as I really think at such  
a moment it would be most unwise  
to do, but knowing Your good nature  
I am sure You will write me a line  
to ease me about him, besides my  
Mother commands me to enquire of  
You to send us an account of how he  
has borne this tremendous blow - in  
our lives have we never been so  
completely shocked, but in the midst

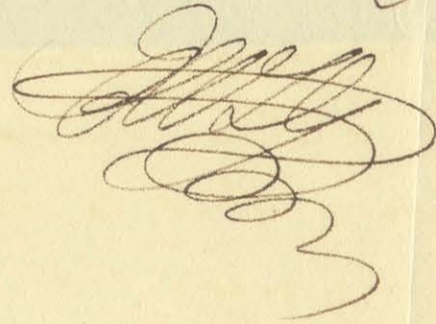
of our affections we have found some  
 consolation in feeling how Thankful  
 my Brother ought to be, at knowing  
 how completely happy he had made  
 his child & that as far as mortal  
 could do, he had done for her & that  
 Charlotte was as happy as possible  
 from his allowing her to marry the  
 man of her choice & with whom she  
 has ever appeared the happiest of the  
 happy; that must be a balm to them,  
 yet at the same time it proves the  
 instability of all earthly comfort  
 It is such a tremendous blow not only  
 to the Prince but to the whole country  
 that I cannot tell you the shock it  
 has been to us poor Angles we have  
 thank God every reason to believe that  
 she truly is at peace & out of all her  
 late sufferings which is a blessed thought  
 when one truly loves — I am very

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running on so long but one can think  
of nothing else. May write as soon  
as you can & do me justice to the  
Dance & explain to them why I wish  
not write — My Mother was terri-  
bly shocked at first, for to suppose the  
truth she has long been unacquainted  
with Charlotte & all day she has been  
worrying herself as she did not like  
the account after the delivery —

May believe me

Your sincerely



Bath

Nov: 6th  
1817

Princess Elizabeth  
to