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Hered. Princess of Württemberg

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Sir

I should have had the honour  
to write to your Majesty last Post but  
my spirits were still so hurried with the  
unfortunate accident the Prince met with  
on Saturday the 5<sup>th</sup> that I could not have  
sent you a reasonable account. On Saturday  
at four o'clock the Prince was so good as  
to bring me some Letters and told me he  
was going out of shooting. I followed  
him to the Door and saw him mount  
his Horse. when I returned to my Room  
I was seized with such an unaccounta-  
ble uneasiness that I could not go

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on with my Book and taking my  
 work went up to sit with Madame  
 de Spiegel in her Room. I had been  
 there about a quarter of an hour when  
 a Servant came in and called her out  
 telling her that Prince Frederick had  
 something to say to her. This alarmed  
 me very much in about three minutes  
 she returned and saying that I looked  
 ill with fright begged I would go  
 into the Garden. This confirmed my  
 fears and the moment that I had  
 reached a Bench I burst into Tears  
 entreating that she would acquaint me  
 with what had happened to my  
 Husband she then by degrees told me

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that he had fallen from his Horse in  
a short time Prince Frederick came  
from his Father to fetch me back to  
the House where I found the Prince  
in Bed and he then told me himself  
that his Arm was broke. It is a  
great mercy that he was not killed  
as in the first fall he broke the  
Right Arm in the Joint. The Surgeons  
say that he has fractured the Condyles  
or two Balls that join the lesser  
to the great one and afterwards  
was on the side of a Mountain rolled  
four times. His eye was much bruised  
but providentially not hurt essentially.  
He never lost his presence of mind  
for before they could lift him off the

ground ordered his Son to go to Madame  
de Spiegel to desire that she would break  
it to me in the gentlest manner and gave  
directions that I should be taken into the  
Garden that I might be spared the  
pain of seeing him lifted out of the  
Coach. When I came to him he forced  
himself to appear cheerful and though  
in dreadful pain as from the distance the  
Surgeon could not arrive till six hours  
after the Fracture he kept laughing  
and talking with me for above three  
hours when he insisted on my going to  
Supper and the moment I left him  
he fainted away. At last about eleven or  
rather twelve o'clock at Night the Arm  
was set. He goes on amazingly well

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as thank God he has had no Fever  
But he has suffered very much with being  
universally bruised and having had a  
Contusion in his left Arm always weak as  
it has been twice broke. I am astonished  
at his patience. I cannot be sufficiently  
thankful to Providence to have spared  
his life and to have allowed that this  
fall should happen when his Son was  
here who has shewed him every duty  
that was possible and has been very  
kind and affectionate to me.

The Prince and myself join in  
duty to Your Majesty and the  
Queen. I hope that you will

forgive my troubling your Majesty with  
so long a letter but my mind is so  
much taken up that I can think  
of nothing else. I have the honour  
to be with the greatest respect  
Your Majesty's Most dutifully devoted  
Daughter and Subject  
Charlotte Augusta Matilda

Schaumbourg  
August 11<sup>th</sup>  
1797

Duke of Schaumbourg  
August 11. 1797