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Herod. Princess of Württemberg

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Sir

Having this moment received the News of Admiral Duncans glorious Victory permit me to congratulate Your Majesty on the success of Your Fleet: which must give you so much Joy as it is an additional proof of the special Protection of Providence which has ever manifested itself in Your Majesty's favour, that it may ever continue to do the same is my most sincere wish.

To crown my Joy we have also received from Vienna the News of the Conclusion of Peace which to us is of infinite consequence on this subject I must anew have recourse to Your Majesty's known affection and goodness to me and I should indeed be wanting to the best of Husbands in

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whose happiness and situation mine is so closely connected: and to the kindness with which I have been received by the whole Ducal Family were I to neglect to remind Your Majesty of the application I ventured to make to you before I left England in the Joint names of the Prince and myself and to which you gave me a gracious and flattering answer. Permit me therefore to entreat Your Majesty who as Elector of Hannover must have so much weight at the Congress to give your support to the Interests of the Ducal House which has lost considerably by this cruel War. When Your Majesty considers the extent of these losses both in Territory and Revenue I hope that you will look on our Application as

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Just. In supporting the Prince it is Sir
taking in hand the Interest of a Son
sincerely attached to your family of your
Daughter and of your Grand Children.
and though we have received the most
flattering promises from the two Imperial
Courts as to their supporting our receiving
an Indemnification for our losses and
their nomination to the Duchy Electorate
already long promised to this House.

France has also engaged not to oppose it
It would be more gratifying to my Heart
to owe most of these advantages to the
protection and affection of my Father
who has ever flattered me with his goodness
than to other powerfull Alliances which

can never be equally pleasing to your
Daughter.

At this anxious moment the Duke is
going to dispatch Count Zeppellini to
Vercina and from thence to Petersburg
to apply for the continuance of the good
Friendship of those Courts who have
ever been well inclined and particularly
at present to the House of Württemberg

I flatter myself that Your Majesty will
forgive my entering into so many particu-
lars but you know the strength of my
attachments and will not therefore blame
my anxiety on a subject on which my
happiness and even the situation of my
Children depends.

The Title of ninth Elector which

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is so desirable an acquisition will be
 thanks to Vienna easier obtained at
 present than at any other period if
 Your Majesty will be so gracious as to
 unite Yourself with the Imperial Courts
 and I own it would give it double value
 in my Eyes as it would be obtained
 through the same Interest as the
 House of Hanover.

I have the honour to be with the
 greatest respect Your Majesty's

Most dutiful Daughter
 and attached Subject

Stuttgart
 October 25th
 1797.

Charlotte Augusta Matilda

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