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Duchess of Württemberg

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Sir

I look upon it as my first duty to write to Your Majesty at the beginning of the Year and hope that you will enjoy every blessing you so truly deserve and which it is my constant Prayer to the Almighty to grant you. May I entreat of you to continue to me that Goodness and Protection which has ever been a source of happiness to me as nobody can be more sincerely attached to Your Majesty than I am

It is not determined which Day we are to take possession of

our new habitation. I leave this House with regret as I have spent my time very agreeably to myself here. -

I am sure that it would give Your Majesty pleasure to see the Duke's attentions to his Mother and the respect he shews his Father's Memory. He even intends with his Son and his Brothers to attend the great Funeral; and went himself on Friday Evening when the Body was removed for the private Burial to see that they might set out quietly and to prevent there being any noise which

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should shock the Dutches who was kept ignorant of the Body's being at Stuttgart and so prevent her knowing it: the Duke had even a Newspaper printed for her with the account of its arrival at Ludewigsboung. The reason of this deception was the resolution she had formed to see her poor Husband once before he was buried and on the Dutches speaking to the Physicians they assured ^{him} in her state of health that it would be Death to her if they granted her request. - To day I pity her very much as we have all put on our Mourning and that we are

obliged to dine with the States which
prevents any one of us being with
her this Morning. She feels very much
the attentions of her Son and expresses
herself much pleased at my staying
with her.

The Duke begs that I will present
his humble Duty to Your Majesty.

I have the honour to be with the
greatest respect and attachment

Your Majesty's
Most dutiful Daughter
and devoted Subject
Charlotte Augusta Matilda

Stuttgart.
January 1st
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