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Duchess of Württemberg

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The Duchess of Württemberg
13th March 1798
Sir

As I know not how soon
I may be prevented having the happiness
to express my Gratitude to Your Majesty
for your constant goodness to me, allow me
to return you my most humble thanks for
your gracious Letter of the 27th of February
which coming from You and containing
such gracious and affectionate expressions, I
can with truth say has served as a balm
to my heart, which was still much affec-
ted with our recent melancholy events, and
I can assure Your Majesty that there
does not exist a being more truly and
gratefully attached to You than I am
Your Picture is my constant Companion
and I trust the Almighty will long

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preserve Your Majesty a blessing and a
 Comfort to us all. - The Duke is very
 much afflicted at the death of his Mother
 and I fear it will be very long before he
 will be enabled to recover his spirits, how-
 ever I rejoice that it was in our power
 to be with her so much, for though at
 the time it makes us both feel the loss
 stronger the thought of having contributed
 to ease her mind must ever be a
 Comfort to us. - I am now very much
 taken up with Jannette who unless she
 has Leporos never leaves me a moment, I
 hope by my care of her to try though
 at a distance to imitate the example
 our dear Mother has set me and
 though I cannot flatter myself to
 equal her trust the Almighty will

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take the will for the deed and bless my
 attempts with success - One thing gives
 me great pleasure in this undertaking
 that from the beginning she took to me
 very much, and her age being the same
 as my dearest Amelia makes her doubly
 interesting to me. Trinettes being constantly
 my Companion makes it still more fortunate
 that the Duke has been so anxious
 to place Ladies of my own time with
 me as it is more advantageous for her
 to have that Society than that of Girls.
 I ought to beg Your Majesty's Pardon
 to dwell so long on that subject but
 knowing Your goodness to me thought
 You would be anxious to know how
 I should be likely to fulfil this

new duty, which I have most willingly undertaken as I look upon it as the greatest proof of the Duke's Confidence.

If I wrote any thing incoherent in my Letter on Friday I hope Your Majesty will excuse it on account of the occasion.

It gives me great pleasure to hear that Your Majesty has appointed Lord Chesterfield Master of the Horse as I believe him to be personally attached to Your Majesty and that one virtue will ever cover many foibles in my Eyes - The Duke begs that I will present his humble duty and I entreat that you will be convinced of the respect and attachment with which I am

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March 13th
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Your Majesty's
Most dutiful Daughter
and devoted Subject
Charlotte Augusta Matilda