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Duchess of Württemberg

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Sir

I cannot bear the thoughts
of Monsieur de Preder bringing Your
Majesty the account of my Confinement
and not at least having the honour of
sending you a few lines: but the Duke
dreads so much that I might hurt myself
that I have been obliged to give up the
thoughts of writing for some time afterwards
and as a Compromise write now as the
Physicians give me hopes that I shall
be brought of Bed by the end of this week
To my great Comfort we have this
Morning taken the Sacrament as the
Duke was so good wishing me to take
it with him to change his usual Day

fearing that I might otherwise have been prevented and that I should be fatigued if there were too many Communicants. Yesterday Evening we attended the preparation which pleased me very much. I own I felt a great deal of Joy at being enabled to go to the Altar as I think that when one has fulfilled that duty ones mind is better enabled to go through any undertaking in life: and God knows the present times are such that one feels doubly the necessity of putting ones whole trust in the Almighty who alone can give us Strength to support every trial. It is a very extraordinary thing that it is near a hundred Years since a Duke and Dutchess have taken the Sacrament at Stuttgart ever since the Year 1732 they have been of different

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Religious - I hope that Your Majesty
 will have fine Weather during the
 Easter week that you may enjoy the
 pleasure of being at Windsor: the instant
 my Month is up we shall settle for
 six or seven Months in the Country, and
 as soon as the alterations are completed
 at Ludewigsboung I shall have the
 honour to send you the plan, but the
 Duke will not allow me to do ^{it} at present
 for fear Your Majesty should take an
 unfavorable opinion of its beauty of
 which we are very proud and to the
 Dukes great Joy I like it very much.
 It was a sad thing to see how every
 thing had been allowed to go to ruin
 as Duke Charles had the folly of
 constantly launching into the expence

of building new Palaces and neglecting the
 old ones. Instead of which the present in-
 tention is to make Stuttgart and Ludwigs-
 boug comfortable and to attempt nothing
 more - As we are to have a Menagerie in
 the Country will Your Majesty forgive my
 entreating you to send us a pair of the
 Longaroes which would be a great plea-
 sure to us. - I will now take up no
 more of Your Majesty's time than to beg
 that you will be convinced of the respect
 and attachment with which I have the
 honour to be

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

Stuttgart
 April 5th
 1790.