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Duchess of Württemberg

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Sir

I shall find it very difficult to express to Your Majesty the pleasure and happiness I had yesterday in receiving your gracious Letter: which with a Heart and Eyes overflowing with gratitude I read over several times - I am perfectly convinced that the only true Comfort in distress and the only real support through life is Religion and am thankful to Your Majesty for the advice you so kindly give me to try by my example to imprint those principles on the Mind of Fanny. The Duke had always insisted on her being brought up a Lutheran and though she

lived with her Grandmother was always instructed by a Lutheran Clergyman who attends her daily. Therefore I trust that I shall succeed in my endeavours to make her as far as I can go through the same course of Religion that Mama made us read with Schroder. - This Week the Hereditary Prince was confirmed but to my mortification the Duke thought that I might suffer by being so long at Church and I was the only Person who did not attend that Ceremony, which they all assure me he went through with great propriety and on Sunday he is to take the Sacrament. - The moment that the Physicians will allow me after my confinement I

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shall go to Ludwigsbourg and as it is
so much after the time that we
had reason to expect. I have entreated
the Duke to go before me as his
health suffers from the heat and the
confinement of Stuttgart: he will not
hear of it till after the first ten
days are over, and I have almost
persuaded the wise people to promise
if I am well that they will let
me go at the end of the Month, but
it is the fashion here never to stir
till after six weeks. However I plead
Mamma's example and then they cannot
submit. - Our Weather is very fine but
already much too hot and if we
have no cold afterwards trust that
our Harvest is very promising and

that we shall have no more misfortunes
this year with the Curies which have
been very bad these last three or four
Seasons - I am very sorry to hear so
indifferent an account of the dear little
Duchess of York and pity Frederick very
much that he is so often exposed to
anxiety on her account I trust in God
that she will get better as I think she
would be a dreadful loss to him. - The
Duke begs that I will present his humble
Duty to Your Majesty - I have the honour
to be with the greatest respect

Strasbourg
April 18
1790.

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