

Duchess of Württemberg

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Sir

The first use that I make of the health & strength that it has pleased the Almighty to restore me is to address Your Majesty to prove to you that nothing but illness can ever prevent my wishing on all occasions to express to you my love and respect. Do not think me ungrateful to Providence for the many blessings with which I am surrounded when I say that the loss of my dear child has deeply afflicted me, I trust that I feel this as a Christian and submit with resignation to the will of the Almighty but nature must ever make me regret the loss of the little thing I had built such happiness on: when I do this I frequently blame myself as God has made her happier than my warmest wishes could have done - On this subject I cannot stop to mention the blessing I enjoy in the affection and attentions of the Duke who really is the best of husbands and who God knows has suffered cruelly from his anxiety of my subject. I am doubly sensible of this happiness as it falls to the lot of so few people in our situation of life and therefore should be much more blameable if I did not submit cheerfully to the will of God.

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I am also fortunate in having had Madame de
 Spigel whose conduct to me I shall never forget as
 also my other two Ladies and Lady Stuart who have
 never left me. — I must also mention another subject
 that has vexed me. I proposed M^r Cabotant on his
 arrival here to stay till the Christening as I had
 set my Heart on Y^r Majesty's being represented by
 your own Minister and I then thought that I should
 have been brought of bed early in March. he was so
 obliging as to stay and from the death of the
 Dutchess and since that my unfortunate health at a
 time that Stuttgart was uncorrupted only dull. but as
 the Hudding was over and some pleasures allowed
 he intended on the birth of my dear Infant to
 have given a Great Ball to the Duke when he
 heard of my misfortune the preparations being
 made he wished to give it in Honour of my
 Recovery but had the goodness to give it up
 when he heard how deeply I was afflicted at
 the knowledge of the death of my Child to show
 my feelings for which I shall ever be obliged to
 him, as for the Interest he has shown about
 me during my Illness. However I rejoice

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that he has been here as I shall see him
again before he goes and that Your Majesty will
have it in your power to be perfectly satisfied
of the care and attention that the dear Duke
has of me and which I can never be sufficiently
grateful for. - I can now only add that I am
Sir with the greatest respect and attachment

Your Majesty's

Most dutiful Daughter
and devoted Subject

Charlotte Augusta Matilda

Stuttgart
May 2nd
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