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Duchess of Württemberg

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Sir

As Your Majesty was graciously
pleas'd to express a wish to hear from me
after my arrival at Louisbourg I delayed
till to day expressing my thanks and
gratitude for Your Majesty's Letter which
is of the greatest use to me. - Your
goodness on which my happiness so much
depends is doubly felt in moments of
Affliction and serves as a balm to my
Heart. I read your Letter over and over
again as it is a great Comfort to me and
always points out to me motives for
resignation. Indeed I am very grateful
for it, it does me good and I should
be very unworthy of the goodness of

Providence if I did not submit quietly to
 his will. The Almighty has granted me
 blessings which he has refused to most
 Women and still more to the greatest
 number of Princesses - Parents that I so
 quietly love and respect, to whom I owe the
 Principles which at all times are the only
 real source of happiness, and can in times
 of Affliction be the only true comfort, and
 who have not only implanted those Principles
 on my mind, but shewn me an Example
 which it is my duty to attempt to imitate.
 A Husband whose affectionate tenderness has
 attached me to him in the strongest
 manner. Sisters that I dearly love and
 Friends that are kind to me. Ought I
 then to repine or murmur when it
 pleases God to afflict me, must I not
 share the misfortunes of other Mortals or

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Duchess of Württemberg

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life.

I certainly gain strength daily but am
obliged to lay a good deal on the Couch of
an Evening. Whenever the Weather allows
I am carried into the Garden and here
the Duke to draw me more out has made
a Flower Garden out of my Dressingroom
but to day I cannot enjoy it as it so
cold the Physicians will not bear of
my going out.

The Duke begs that I will present his
humble duty to You he is very much
taken up with his improvements.

I am very much distressed that I can
get no other Ink to day than this wad
pale stuff as I know Your Majesty

objects to it and shall take care for the
future to have better having sent to
Stutgard for some.

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

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

Louisbourg
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