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Sir

Having been this last Week  
much plagued by straining my wrist I  
delayed writing to Your Majesty in hopes  
that I should in a few days recover my  
strength and my usual handwriting but  
finding that not to be the case I will  
try to make these lines legible by writing  
very slow, that I may not appear to  
neglect recalling myself to Your Majesty  
which I am ever both happy and  
anxious to do.

On the 25<sup>th</sup> of July to my great joy  
the Duke returned home from Wollach, he  
looks thank God well but has not yet  
received the benefit. I so anxiously wished

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from the Waters the Physicians assure  
me that in a fortnight or three weeks he  
will begin to feel a considerable amendment

Our Weather has been very extraordinary  
this whole Summer notwithstanding which  
we have thank God a plentiful Harvest  
which I trust will lower the price of  
provisions which are considerably increased  
of late Years in this part of Germany.

I dread that the Carriage will not be  
as good as we had reason to expect from  
the manner in which the Corn flowered  
as though we have had a great deal of  
Rain it has been always with Storms  
and has not sufficiently penetrated into  
the Earth which makes the Grapes fall

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off before they are ripe. Had the Care of  
Corn appeared to me fuller or larger than  
those in the Great Parks I should not  
have faulted sending some to Your Majesty  
but having walked a good deal in the  
Fields I examined them closely and  
found no difference. The oats appear to  
me particularly fine but they are not  
yet quite ripe. They have here a  
great deal of what they call Türkoischen  
Weizen with which they feed all the  
Poultry and make Flower which is used  
more for Soups than Bread, it is  
cultivated in every small slip of land  
and very much amongst the Jews.

I wish that Your Majesty could see

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this Country as I think the Cultivation  
would please you very much. One sad  
thing is that in the course of a few Years  
Wood will be very scarce as every body tries  
to cultivate Wheat as it bears so good a price  
and by degrees they neglect totally planting  
which is very necessary in a Country where  
there are no Coal Mines.

The Duke begs that I will present his  
humble duty to Your Majesty. I have  
the honour to be with the greatest respect

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

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