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Sir

Though it will be out of
my power to finish my Letter to day
I cannot at this early hour deny
myself the pleasure of recalling to
Your Majesty a Daughter who has been
taken up in Entreating the Almighty
to continue to you the marked Protection
which on every occasion he has so
strongly vined and that your life may
long be granted for the Comfort and
happiness of Your Subjects and Family
I hope Your Majesty is convinced that
amongst them all none is more
attached to you by every tie of respect

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and affection than myself.

This week has been very fatiguing to me who am now used to the quietest of all lives. Tuesday was a continual hurry as it is the only great Gala throughout the Year, and Wednesday we had a very fine Traumatic party consisting of two and thirty Stedgers, the night is beautiful and the motion very pleasant at our return home the Duke gave a Ball and I did not get to Bed till one o'clock which is very late for this House as I believe there is not a Candle burning in general at half past ten o'clock. On Thursday to add to the fatigues they unfortunately gave the Tragedy of Fivco which lasted

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 not to be acted. - Indeed much mischief
 is done at present by the Theatre, as
 Kotzebue who is the favorite author of the
 public tries to render vice plausible and
 virtue insignificant, in addition to which
 he wreathes every principle. I regret very
 much to see by the Papers that many
 of his Plays are translated into English
 but trust their total mischievous tendency
 may when acted offend a British Audience
 and completely prevent any body encouraging
 them. There is an Englishman here
 of the name of Laurence who is so
 much vexed at some of the things
 that having been translated have

appeared at Doury Lane that he is employ-
ing his leisure time in making a liberal
translation of some good Pieces and I
hope will send them to Covent Garden.

I am now almost totally confined to
the House as our weather has been
dreadfully severe I hope that in
England it is not equally so as Your
Majesty will be prevented Hunting.

The Cold being very unusual here
has done much harm in the Vineyard
and every body thinks they will be
three Years before they can recover.

On Monday the Hereditary Prince
went to the University at Tubingen
where he is to study some time and
has expressed great regret for the error

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he was drawn into.

The Duke begs that I will present
his humble duty to Your Majesty. I
know Your dislike to unnecessary letters
and have therefore undertaken to present
his good wishes with my own for the
new Year. I will now intrude no
longer on Your Majesty than to assure
that I am with the greatest respect

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

