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Duchess of Württemberg

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Sir

I have in my life never met with any thing like the severity of the Cold the Thermometer has been at twenty three degrees and a half below the freezing point and I fear much the mischief this weather will do in the Country. About nine or ten Years ago there was a winter of the same sort though they say the Cold was not then above twenty degrees, the greatest part of the Fruit Trees were destroyed which is a shocking loss as great part of the Income depends on the Soil of the



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I quit. Some people pretend that many  
Trees will be saved if the proprietors  
will have the Courage to cut them down  
as far as the frost has attacked them

I have been three times in a Sledge  
and am much pleased with the Motion  
the day After New Year's day was a  
great party; but the other times I have  
only been with the Duke. I should  
enjoy this amusement much oftener if  
the severity of the Cold had not froze  
the Ears of several people amongst  
whom our Cousin the younger Prince  
of Savoy has been a sufferer. — The  
worst I think of the weather is the  
difficulty to keep the Rooms temperate

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They are either too cold or so hot that  
it quite stupefies me.

I have been quite shocked this  
Morning by reading in the Stuttgart  
Newspaper the account of Prince Frederick's  
of Prange's death. How I pity his poor  
Parents it is doubly cruel for them  
in their situation to have additional  
misfortunes. The greatest comfort they  
can meet with will be Your Majesty's  
goodness. Their Eldest Son being with  
them at present I am glad of as it  
will a little draw their minds to  
think of their other Children



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I hope that the weather does not prevent Your Majesty's hunting, as I know how fond you ever were of that amusement.

The Duke begs me to present his humble duty to Your Majesty and I have the honour to be with the greatest respect

Your Majesty's

Most dutiful Daughter  
and devoted Subject

Charlotte Augusta Matilda