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Sir

Being convinced Your Majesty will wish to have further accounts how every thing goes on in the Dutchy I think it my duty to acquaint You every thing here continues quiet. The French Troops entered the Country on Monday and the Duke offered me again to go to Anspach if I had any fears, but I took the liberty to be very averse to this step and entreated to remain here as I should be miserable at a distance from him, he with some difficulty consented on Condition

that I would promise to go out a morning
 warning if he had now or to think I
 should be exposed to any thing unpleasant.

As for himself he is determined to stay
 as long as possible which he must certainly
 owe to his Subjects, who have promised
 to undergo any thing if he will not
 leave them, and in a body have declared
 they would let themselves be cut to pieces
 for to ensure his safety.

Even my staying I look upon as a
 great duty, as it prevents people of
 property leaving the Country, they cannot
 for Shame sake show less courage than
 a Roman - Had people of all Clases
 remained quiet in the place Providence
 had placed them in, instead of flying

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at the first appearance of danger half the
 mischief would have been avoided. All the
 well inclined out of fear leaving their
 homes only well armed people remaining
 who gave up their Country as a prey
 to destruction. It is from these principles
 that I act and therefore I hope Your
 Majesty will approve of my Conduct as
 I should think I did not fulfill my
 duty were I only ready to go through
 what is pleasant, and not share the
 trials which the Duke is called to go
 through.

The Duke begs me to present his
 humble duty to Your Majesty and
 assure You that if he sees any opportunity

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for my leaving this place in two
hours I shall be in safety. I am
not naturally fearful and trust that
Providence will put a stop to the
renewing of a War which would other-
wise ruin all Germany.

Our Weather continues very uncertain
but I go out whenever it clears up a
little. Sir I have now the honor to
be with the greatest respect

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

Charl. A. Matilda
March 10. 1793