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Duchess of Württemberg

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Louisbourg April 8th 1799

Sir

I am very uneasy at being oblig'd every Post to contradict the accounts I have had the honour of giving Your Majesty the foregoing, the French are every moment changing their positions and are in two or three days in and out of the Dutchy, before it is possible to have an idea of the alteration which has taken place. I believe they have for the present left us. God grant it may be for good as they do void mischief, not only by eating up every thing, but taking away Horses Cattle &c.

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Some of the Oberamts are so completely ruined that the Peasants will not be able either to sow or till their Fields. We all tremble that even with the greatest care a Famine must ensue as the Austrians make equal extravagant demands. I hope the Almighty will assist us, providentially we were blest with an uncommon good Harvest last Year which has enabled these requisitions to be complied with, and the same hand which sent that will I trust have again mercy on us and prevent the Calamity we are threatened with.

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during the Easter week allowed of
your enjoying your hunting and your
Farm, ours is still very changeable
and of course unwholesome. Some
days it snows and others I am till
near six o'clock in an open Carriage

In all distrefs there is some Comfort
and I think it my duty to tell
Your Majesty that on the first entry
of Troops into the Dutchy the Duke
sent for his eldest Son from Tubingen

I never in my life saw any body
in three Months so much improved
as he is and it gives me great
pleasure to see him and his Father
on a very comfortable friendly

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footing. As I look upon a good
understanding in one family as the
only real happiness, the seeing them
so well together is a great joy to me

The Duke begs that I will 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