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Louisbourg April 26th 1799

Sir

I am all gratitude
for Your Majesty's most gracious Letter
of the 9th which I have just had
the happiness to receive. My Heart is
deeply impressed with the gracious kind
manner in which Your Majesty mentions
your anxiety about my welfare, I
entreat you to believe, that in all situations
Your goodness is the greatest comfort to
me, and the trying to deserve it will
ever be the study of my life
I enjoy very much the being in

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the Country and though our weather
 is still very changeable contrive to
 get out some part of every day, either
 on Foot or in an open Carriage. I
 amuse myself in watching the
 progress of the Spring in the little
 Garden into which my Room opens,
 and in drawing the Flowers which
 blow there. The Duke continues the
 improvements which were begun last
 Year, but thinks it prudent to begin
 nothing new till things have the
 appearance of being a little more
 settled. Only planting goes on which
 is highly necessary as the Country
 is in want of wood, the scarcity of
 which was dreadfully felt by the

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poor least Winter.

We lead even a quieter life than usual as we have had no Company here except Count and Countess Metternich in their way to Vienna, and some of the Austrian Officers: Yesterday Count Colredo visit with us, he has been with the Archduke ever since the beginning of the Campaign.

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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Bishop of Winchester
April 20. 1494