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Sir

I am happy to have it in my power to write to Your Majesty by Colonel Crawford, who having dined here in his way to Paris Frederick has promised to send this over by the first good opportunity.

Allow me to congratulate Your Majesty on the taking of Seringapatam and the Death of Tippe

I hope that this glorious news will have great effect in alarming the French, and occasion an increase in the dissatisfaction which gains ground at Paris.

This Morning I have seen seventeen hundred French Prisoners which were taken at Mauthausen. About one third were creditable looking and pretty well dressed in uniform, but the other two thirds were a set of Banditti, many without shoes and in Peasants Cloaths. I felt very thankful to God as I saw them pass by, as these were the very Men who a fortnight ago threatened to destroy Linzbourg. On Sunday the Officers went by in Carts and I am told the Austrians had great difficulty to prevent the inhabitants of Heilbronn from killing them.

It gave me infinite pleasure to hear of the Surrender of the

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Dutch Fleet whose example I hope  
will be followed by the Army.  
Would it please the Almighty also  
to bless the Archdukes undertaking  
and now that he has taken  
Manheim enable him to take  
Mayence I should then look on  
Germany as saved. For till some  
Tottenes are in the hands of the  
Austrians the loss of one Battle  
may destroy all our hopes. As  
they unfortunately always receive  
too soon the orders to retire. In  
the last fortnight had not the  
Dukes Troops behaved most bravely  
we should all have been lost as  
the Austrians on the first onset  
had orders to retire near Stuttgart.

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which would have laid the whole  
Country at the mercy of the Enemy

I hope the Seabathing does Your  
Majesty a great deal more good  
than ever as You have the comfort  
of seeing that all Your enterprises  
are blest with Success.

The Duke begs his humble duty  
to Your Majesty and I remain  
with great respect and attachment  
Your Majesty's

Most dutiful Daughter  
and devoted Subject

Charlotte Augusta Maria

Dublin 4<sup>th</sup> September  
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