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Duchess of Brunsburg

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Sir

Though I have made it a rule never to trouble Your Majesty with any Petitions, and have invariably refused all those which I have been desired to present. I hope Your Majesty will forgive my acting differently on this occasion and permit me to send you the enclosed Paper from the Rheingrave of Salm who has so bravely defended Philipubourg: which Town has been totally destroyed by the French last Month when they crossed the Rhine. A Subscription is set on foot in Germany to

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relieve the poor Sufferers and it would  
 be very gracious if Your Majesty  
 would have the goodness to give  
 something towards it. The Petition  
 gave not having the honour of  
 being known to Your Majesty would  
 not trouble You with a letter, but  
 has written to me and begged  
 that I would lay the case before  
 You and entreat Your protection  
 and Assistance.

We have of late had frequent  
 false alarms on account of the  
 French, but thank God they  
 have all turned out with little  
 or no foundation. Even the  
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met with last week I trust is quite repaired. As Feldmarschal Suvarrow is in Switzerland. The Austrian General Hotze who fell on 27<sup>th</sup> Sep<sup>r</sup> is much regretted.

Our Plans are all changed since Friday the Duke had intended going a hunting for three weeks or a fortnight and I had desired to stay here during that time. But business preventing this scheme taking place on Wednesday we are obliged to settle at Stuttgart which I acknowledge does not suit me very much, but it cannot be helped and therefore I am very much taken up in arranging

my Books Drawings and Work  
for the Writer.

The Duke begs that I will  
present his humble duty to  
Your Majesty and I have the  
honour to take my leave and  
remain with great respect,

Your Majesty's  
most dutiful Daughter  
and devoted Subject

Charlotte Augusta Matilda