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Stuttgart October 1st 1799

Sir

I have had the honour and happiness to receive your Majesty's gracious letter of the 30th of September, it could not have come more opportunely to keep up my spirits which are again very low with the French having escaped the Sabine and threatening us with another visit, indeed I fear this will be the case the whole winter unless the Archduke will leave

two or three Regiments of Foot
fantry near the Rhine as the
Heavy Dragoons make it a
rule to fly the moment they
are attacked. Indeed it is cruel
to place them there, as the
whole Country is not made for
them to act in. The recurring
orders on every occasion to retire
is enough to make these fine
Regiments totally lose their
Courage.

At this moment I feel it
quite a Providential event that
the Duke was prevented going
on his hunting party, as it

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would have been above two days before he could have returned, or even his directions be received at Stuttgart. I hate to spoil any thing that can give him pleasure as he has so many things to torment him; but I own that I suffered great apprehension at the thoughts of the events which might take place during his absence.

I rejoice very much at the benefit dear Arrietta receives from the Sea and hope that now she will get quite free from all complaint. I hear from

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every body that she is very
much improved which gives me
great pleasure.

The Duke begs that I will
present his humble duty to
Your Majesty and I have the
honour to be with great respect

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

Duke of Cambridge
written 10. 1799