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Stutgard December 10th 1799

Sir

Though I fear Your Majesty will think me very little to be depended on after the different pieces of false news which I have written I think it my duty to acquaint You that the Archduke has refused accepting of the Armistice offered by the Enemy. Manheim being now in the hands of the Austrians and the French not appearing to have any intention of advancing at present gives us hopes of a quiet Winter God grant it that

we may be able to recruit our
Spirits against the opening of the
Campaign in Spring. I indeed
could Your Majesty form any idea
of the constant anxiety we have
undergone You would think a little
quiet as necessary for our Minds as
for the health of the Troops who
have been harassed by their frequent
marches and counter marches.

Sir I hope Your Majesty will
allow me to prevent You from
Attending the Duke's Chapel Master
his new Opera of die Geister Insel
which is dedicated to You and he
has had it bound at Leipzig that
it might be more worth Your

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Mayesty's acceptance.

The Duke who begs I will
present his most humble duty
to Your Majesty has taken advan-
tage of the present quiet and
intends this evening going for a
few days a hunting. 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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Duchess of Wintourbury

December 16 1744

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