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Stuttgart January 1st 1700

Sir

I look on it as my duty
to begin the Year by writing to
Your Majesty and expressing the
warm wishes I form for Your
happiness, May the Almighty hear
my prayers and bless Your Majesty's
Arms every where with Success and
give us hopes that Religion and
Justice may again be established
in Europe, which must give Your
Majesty double pleasure as You
certainly feel that this is chiefly
owing to Your Steady Noble Conduct
which has been universally the
same in these critical Times.

I seize this opportunity to entreat
the continuance of Your Majesty's
goodness and protection to myself
and to the Duke.

The very severe frost which has
begun above ten days will I hope
prevent the French from making
any attempt of being troublesome
for some time.

To day being by an old established
custom the one on which the
Deputies of the States dine with
the Duke we are to have a sort
of Great Dinner though not the
usual one as we have no plate
and no Ladies except those in
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invited. In the evening there is
to be a great Concert for the whole
Court, the Duke being determined
in these times to give no Balls
or any thing which illnatured
people could call a Fete and then
abuse us for expending money when
the Country has suffered so much.

The Duke begs his humble duty
to Your Majesty and Congratulations
on the New Year. It is with
great respect that I have the
honour to be

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

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Duchess of Württemberg
January 11th 1800