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Sir

It is a great comfort to me that I can now speak openly to Your Majesty on many subjects which providence forbid my mentioning by the post.

The knowing the Duke is at last enabled to conclude the Treaty according to the plan sent him from England gives me great pleasure. I hope Your Majesty is not displeas'd at the length of time elapsed since any steps were apparently taken on the subject, as the Dukes situation unfortunately deprives him frequently of acting according to his inclinations.

The States of the Dutchy who ever since the Dukes reign have been a constant source of distrefs by opposing

themselves to every step which the
 situation of the Country requires, have
 at length two Months ago by their bad
 Conduct obliged the Duke to dissolve
 them. This was occasioned by the
 Emperor wishing Suabia to rise in a
 body, on which the Duke gave the
 necessary orders for settling the business
 and sent Commissioners for that
 purpose to the different Oberämter,
 the States who have no right to interfere
 with the executive Government sent to
 stop the preparations for raising the
 Men, and the Gentlemen employed by
 the Duke were even ill used. On this
 the Emperor was applied to who sent
 a strong receipt and ordered the States
 to submit. Two days afterwards the
 Duke dissolved the Assembly notwithstanding
 standing which they continued to meet

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which is unlawful, and did not return
to their duty till they were threatened
with the Military

All the distresses that have occasioned the
Duke Your Majesty will easily believe
how given me great pain which has
been infinitely increased by a most
wretched Conspiracy having been discovered
by the Archduke Charles, who acquainted
the Duke that the Duchy of Wirtemberg
was the Seat of it, and that it extended
through Swabia and the adjoining Circles
The Archduke gave the option whether
he should in the Emperors name have
the suspicious persons arrested, or whether
the Duke would have them taken up
and tried. Of course the Duke chose the
latter and it makes one tremble to see
the danger we have all over and from
which Providence alone has preserved us
Every day new horrors come to light
and the numbers of people misled

in this business are without end. I
am sorry for human nature to be
obliged to say that many of the
prisoners are under great obligations
to the Duke as their whole families
are dependant on his bounty. It is
singular that it hangs totally in the
middling ranks and that the Peasants
and lower Clafs are quite free from
these Revolutionary principles.

The Duke is much affected by
these events and I am sure nothing
but his firm trust in God could
enable him to undergo this constant
fatigue of body and Mind. The
only time he can in the least forget
himself is the few hours he can steal
from his business to spend with me
and even that is continually interrupted.
I am very eager to get him into
the Country where I hope he will

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be able to take a little more exercise which I think very necessary for him. At present he is much taken up with the recruits which are to complement his Contingent.

I believe they march next Week and then if this Snow does not continue I hope to settle at Louisbourg. I must now beg Your Majesty to forgive my having taken up so much of Your time.

I will now entreat Your Majesty to be graciously pleased to send me the Congarons I applied for two Years ago. The Duke Chapeau who is to return soon will take charge of them. A Garden and House is making for them at Louisbourg where I shall often visit them.

The Duke begs 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

Charles H. Sturt
March 2. 1795