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Loudbourg April 15th 1000

Sir

It is with a very grateful Heart that I take up my Pen to express to Your Majesty my thanks for sending M^r Wickham here, the propriety of his Conduct and his good sense must please every where.

The Duke begs me to present his humble duty to Your Majesty and assure You that though at first a little vexed to find that he had lost the most advantageous moment to conclude the Treaty from others having prevented his following his own inclinations, Still he felt thoroughly that the situation of Affairs being altered from what they were last Year, he

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readily accepts of the proposed Terms
 only wishes Your Majesty out of Con-
 sideration for the State of the Dutchy,
 and the great expences as well as
 Repose we have had owing to the war
 would allow Your Ministers to conclude
 this Treaty for six Years instead of
 three. Mr Wickham finding the
 Duke very anxious on this head
 told him he had no power to
 lengthen the time, but hoped that
 it would not meet with much
 difficulty if a proper application
 was made to the Ministers: he
 also promised as far as it lay within
 his power to back this proposal.
 I have reason to flatter myself
 that Your Majesty will be satisfied
 with the Troops as the Contingent

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has obtained much praise from the
Austrians and as I had the honour
to mention in my letter of 10th March
that those kept back for Your Majesty's
Service are infinitely a finer body,
the Duke has taken great pains
to have good Officers and to equip
the Men thoroughly. The behaviour
of these Troops in September last
and during the cruel Winter Campaign
makes me hope they will continue
to fulfil their duty and do us credit.

The Duke has also desired me
in his name to present to Your
Majesty the History of the States
Last Week the Precept came
from Vienna authorising the
Duke to dissolve the two Committees
of the Assembly which is an

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unheard of Event, as those who form
 the Committees always remained
 Members of the new Assembly, and
 the Committees only ceased on the
 opening of the Assembly when those
 who formed them laid down their
 places and were frequently reelected.
 On the 29th the Duke has ordered
 the new Assembly to meet. God grant
 that more care may be taken in
 the Elections and that the people
 may at least feel the blessings
 they enjoy.

I am very much pleased with
 having made Mrs Wickham's ac-
 quaintance she is a cheerful
 unassuming woman and appears
 to like being here. They are lodged
 in the Grosvenor House and we do

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every thing in our power to make
their stay pleasant. Since Yesterday
the Weather has improved which
enabled us to shew them some of
the beauties of this place. Now the
Country grows every day pleasanter
at every moment some fresh thing
comes out.

Your Majesty will be a little
surprised to hear that I am going
to ride. My Stomach though better
has continued so long troubled
that the Physicians declare that
riding will be the best cure. The
Duke is looking out for a Horse
but bego that I will be satisfied
with its being safe and quiet.

Having now taken up a great
deal of Your Majesty's time

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I will only add that to my great
Joy the Hereditary Prince is in
a few days to join the Austrian
Army as a Volunteer. I am in
great hopes that this will cure
him of his great Shyness. I
have the honour to be with great
respect

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