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Jurkelspiel May 12th 1800

Duchess of Württemberg
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Your Majesty's known
goodness to me makes me take up
my pen to acquaint you, that
we are on our flight, as the
Austrians have been beat several
times by the French since the
4th they retire sadly on all sides,
and the Enemy taking advantage
of this have done us dreadful
mischief. I left Louisbourg at 3 o
clock Yesterday Evening, the Duke
is determined to stay as long as he
can without great danger. - Our
situation is very cruel in all
the efforts he has made have

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been in vain. He is quite broken
 hearted at the treachery of the
 Commandant of Hohenweil who
 in a most cowardly manner
 yielded up to the French; when
 ever I shall have it in my
 power to write safely to your
 Majesty I shall give you some
 details on that head which will
 make you shudder. - Indeed I
 dreaded on Morrey's part that this
 news would have been fatal to
 my dear Duke, nothing but his
 firm trust in Providence can
 support him under so many
 trials. - A party of four or

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Five thousand French have carried
off greatest part of his Stud out
Wreck. and a great deal of pro-
perty he had out Tullingen. I
hope the Almighty will still
have mercy on us and at least
prevent our poor Country being
totally ruin'd. - One comfort we
have in all our distress is that
our eldest Son has behaved very
well at the Army - I hope tomorrow
to go to Wittingen and if I can
without danger shall stay there
it is an old Castle and is the best
place in the Duke's Dominions on
the Prussian side. - I know

nothing since I left home Yesterday
which I did with a most heavy
Heart God grant that I may be
able to return soon in safety.

Your Majesty will forgive this
Scrawl as I cannot get here either
better Pens or Paper. I shall not
fail to write every Post. till
things are quiet. and have the
honour to be with great respect

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