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Weiltingen May 14th 1700

Sir

On Tuesday we arrived here and I had intended not troubling Your Majesty with a Letter till I could acquaint you with something positive as to our situation, but the Duke sending to Mr Wickham enabled me to acquaint Your Majesty with some particulars about Hohenweil. I did not think prudent to send by the post. General Bülfinger the Commandant is seventy five years of age, and the Duke not wishing to trust an old Man, though he thought it dangerous to entrust him alone with the defence of Hohenweil. Appointed Colonel Wolf

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vice Commandant in February 1799.
 with two secret orders, the one ordering
 him to supervise Belfinger if he found
 him inclined to deliver up this place
 and the other by which the Duke
 positively forbids his ever yielding
 the Fort to the Enemy, if ever
 the Duke being in their hands might
 be forced to write such an order
 unless it was accompanied by certain
 signs, which the Duke was determined
 never to give as he thought Robertville
 of too much consequence for his
 family - The Fort is built on
 a rock some hundred feet high
 and so strong that by breaking
 down the Drawbridge it was quite
 impossible for the Enemy to do any

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mischiefs, it was victualled for three
years and had not only every necessary
provision but even luxuries. I cannot
comprehend how this wretched man
who always bore a good Character
could be so treacherous. I thank God
he is taken and I trust will be
severely punished. The loss of
Robertweil goes very hard with
the Duke but he knows that this
as well as all our other misfortunes
comes from the Almighty and
therefore bears them like a Christian.
Since I left him on Sunday he
has quelled a bad Mob at Stettin
which was occasioned by the States
wanting to send their Money away
secretly, he has now resolved that

it shall go publicly. I believe the
 Courage he shewed has at least
 made Stuttgart remain quiet. I
 wish that Town had the same
 good spirit which reigns in the
 rest of the Country.

To day I say I understand it
 to attack the French God grant
 he may be successful as on this
 hangs our fate. I try to prepare
 my mind for all events and to
 bear with fortitude the misfortune
 it may please God to send us.
 Should we be obliged to leave our
 Country I wish much to go to
 some quiet place in the Neigh-
 bourhood that we may be able to
 return as soon as the Enemy

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has left it and by great economy enable myself to assist the Duke's poor Subjects who must become victims of the inhuman Enemy.

It is very cruel that the Austrians by taking all our Troops with them have prevented our defending the Dutchy as we did last Year, and notwithstanding all their Treaty's abandon the Empire to the mercy of the French. Could once a spirit of unity reign in their Army things would be very different and I believe that nothing but having an Archduke at its head will ever make them do any thing reasonable. The Young Archduke Ferdinand is quite a

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Here and has more than once saved
the Army and particularly on the
4th field Marshal Grey. Amongst
all our misfortunes the Conduct of
our eldest Son gives us great comfort
poor dear Boy it is a dreadful
beginning for him, but his prudence
and good Sense make it of advantage
to his mind and he gains the
good will of every body.

The Duke begs that I will
present his humble duty to
Your Majesty. I remain with
great respect

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