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Duchess of Saxe-Weimburg

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The Duke has desired me to acquaint Your Majesty with his humble duty, that he finds himself to his great regret obliged to go to Vienna where he will endeavour to make a very short stay as he leaves me here. Peace being much talked of it is his duty to try by every exertion in his power to prevent his becoming a sacrifice to it, as he was made to the shameful Armistice: of which he was only acquainted by the Newspapers. The heavy contributions which have been imposed on the Dutchy seem to militate against some of the Articles of the Armistice, which made the Duke apply

to the Imperial Court that it would
endeavour to obtain some favourable
alterations, but even this was in vain
as Monsieur de Thugut told Monsieur
de Bihler the Emperor could not interfere.
Monsieur de Moreau to whom the Duke went to
ask that at least part of this heavy
contribution might be remitted refused
to diminish any part of his demands
and has added requisitions in Corn
Cattle &c for above two Millions. Which
it will be impossible to furnish as
there are above eight thousand Men
quartered in the Dutchy who eat every
thing up. Two hundred and fifty who
are at Soubourg cost the Town eight
hundred florins a day. Six Generals
have lodged themselves in the Dukes
Houses, as yet with great difficulty

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they have been prevented taking possession
of the Castles at Stuttgart and Louisbourg
But General Puchersawse who is at
Stuttgart disappointed with a very good
House which was given him, took
possession by force of the Palace we
formerly inhabited and has ordered
such a quantity of Game to be shot
that if he goes on at the same rate
in three weeks there will be no
more in the Duchy. The Table of
each General costs sixteen Guineas a
day - How our poor Country will ever
be able to stand this God alone
knows. - I must again entreat Your
Majesty not to abandon us as
without Your graciously standing
up for us we must be ruined, as

there is so little dependance to be placed on those who can give us up as prey to the French after all our sacrifices

I intend to remain quietly here during the Duke's absence as we can live here at present cheaper than any where else, though I do not like the place and long very much for the Duke's return that we may find some Country House till it pleases Providence to allow us to go to Stuttgart

I will now take my leave of Your Majesty and remain with great respect
Your Majesty's

Most dutiful Daughter
and devoted Subject
Charlotte Augusta, Princess of Wales