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Esslingen September 20th
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Sir

This moment the
Messenger who brings Your Majesty
the Joyous News of Malta's being
taken is arrived here and I cannot
deny myself the honour & pleasure
of congratulating You on this
occasion - I wish it were in my
power to give Your Majesty as
favourable accounts of Affairs in
Germany, but alas they grow more
intricate every day. The Emperor
after having joined the Army and
appearing to intend to defend

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heartily the Empire has concluded
an Armistice by which I fear the
Dutchy will remain in the hands
of the Enemy, but not having heard
from the Duke since this was
known at Vienna I cannot speak
with certainty on the Subject. The
only hopes I have that things may
turn out a little better for us, is
that perhaps the Duke being on
the Spot may induce the Emperor
to do more in his favour than he
would otherwise. - I also Sir again
seize on this opportunity to entreat
Your Majesty to direct Your
Minister to express that You
wish us not be abandoned to

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the mercy of the French. - I have
the honour to be with the greatest
respect and most dutiful attachment

Your Majesty's

Most dutiful Daughter
and devoted Subject

Charlotte.

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Duchess of Kent
1850

28th Sept. 1850