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Sir

By the last Letter that
I had the Honour to write to Your
Majesty you will have seen that
the French had taken possession of
Nuremberg, which I understand they
have left this Morning at four o'clock
after having kept the Town quite shut
these last two days. The day before
Yesterday there was an action between
Mellan's and Angerant's Corps, one could
hear every shot as distinctly as if we

were at a Review, I own that the idea
that every shot took away some lives
had great effect on me, but the trusting
Providence would at last have mercy on
us and let the good Cause have Success
gave me great Courage. However the Affairs
that day though sharp had no decided
advantage. Yesterday the Austrians
took four Cannons and would have taken
the Military Chest but the Carriage
broke down and the Peasants harnessing
the Horses to the Chest itself drew it
into a Professor's Village, which being
unfortunately neutral the Austrians did
not dare carry it off - Afterwards
General Heuin sent an Officer to the
French to assure them if they did

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not leave Nuremberg he would attack
them this Morning which induced them
to leave it at four o'clock and to go
towards South, this whole day there
is nothing but firing to be heard. God
grant the Austrians Success. It is
awful to hear every shot without
being able to know if the Enemy is
likely to be beat. I assure Your
Majesty that I cannot be sufficiently
thankful to God for allowing me to
~~feel~~ quiet and composed though in
the midst of the Armies, it is now
above ten days that I have been
obliged to stay quite at home as
the marching of the French through
the Town would make it very inconvenient

for me to venture out. As I fear I shall hear nothing certain of this Affairs till after the Post is gone out I shall not fail on Monday to report to Your Majesty with the event.

The Duke begs me to present his humble duty to Your Majesty and I have the honour to be with great respect Your Majesty's

Most dutiful Daughter
and devoted Subject

Charlotte Augusta Matilda

Original of handwriting

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