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Sir

I have this instant  
been honoured with a most gracious  
Letter from Your Majesty for which  
I return my most humble Thanks.  
I am quite overcome by the kind  
things You are pleased to say, and  
entreat Your Majesty to be convinced  
that the seeking to deserve Your  
good opinion and Affection will  
ever be a strong inducement for  
me to fulfil my duty. After the  
favors which were bestowed on me

at home I must be devoid of  
every good principle if I did not  
try to follow the examples I had  
so long the happiness of having  
daily before my eyes.

I am very happy that Mr Wickham  
has given Your Majesty a good  
account of our eldest Son, he is a  
fine young Man and I hope will  
be a great comfort to his Father  
who dwells on him. Had my little  
Paul been older I think he would  
have pleased Mr Wickham very  
much as he is a very comical  
Boy and in my partial eyes

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his manners are like Adolphus's  
but I must acknowledge that the  
Duke always accuses me of spoiling  
him and Catherine, who certainly  
puts me much in mind of dear  
Elizabeth and has a very amiable  
good Heart.

Though the Harvest is fine we  
have a sad distress in the Dutchy  
which is the quantity of Field Mice  
that eat up every thing: they make  
it quite dangerous to ride or walk  
out in the Fields from the holes  
they make. My Garden is full of  
them and notwithstanding I

