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Louisbourg May 19th, 1702

Sir

As it must ever be a
delight to me to write to Your
Majesty I seize with eagerness on
Mr Haulla's going to England to
trouble You with a Letter.

Though the weather is again grown
warmer within a few hours we are
still very much afraid that the
cold will quite destroy the fine show
of fruit and that the vines will
suffer very much which would be
a dreadful loss to this Country at
all times but doubly so after

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all it has undergone so many
 years. Notwithstanding the unreasonable
 weather I employ myself much
 in my Garden and in many little
 plans to alter my House but I
 cannot quite give myself up to
 these pursuits as I am still very
 uneasy about our situation, and
 must have recourse to Your
 Majesty's wondred goodness to entreat
 that You will be so gracious as
 to assist us; which Your Majesty
 can most efficaciously by ordering
 Your Minister at Paris to express

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that You are so gracious as to interest
Yourself about us, and wish the first
Council to do something in favour
of the Duke, that he may at
least obtain those advantages which
have been so long promised to him
I hope Your Majesty will forgive
my taking the liberty to address You
again on this subject but it is a
duty for me to lay before You
how much it is in Your power
to assist us by one word and at
Paris it is publicly said that
Your expressing a single wish

in our favour would have the
 greatest effect and if I may
 venture to add another word the
 many unpleasant things we meet
 with on all sides would be infinitely
 lessened if it was imagined that
 Your Majesty honoured us with
 Your protection: which I am sure
 no one can deserve more than we
 do, from our attachment to Your
 Majesty, and the hardships we
 went through during the war.

I hope that by this time the
 building at New is nearly finished
 and that Your Majesty continues

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pleased with Mr. Hyatt's taste. We
have here a very good Architect called
Tourret who is trying to introduce
Gothic Architecture but I fear he
will have some difficulty to succeed,
as I pretend people must have seen
some of our fine Buildings before
they can judge of the beauty of
that style. I have bespoke a Room
to be painted and furnished in
humble imitation of the Seat at
Loggione but notwithstanding all
the pains I take to instruct I
believe it will only turn out a
bungling piece of work. I will

now take up no more of Your
Majesty's time and only add the
Duke's humble duty - I entreat
Your Majesty to be convinced of
the dutiful respect and attachment
with which I remain

Your Majesty's
Most dutiful Daughter
and very humble Servant
Charlotte Augusta Matilda