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Louvbourg, March 29, 1804

My Dearest Brother

Though I know that You
are not fond of writing I flatter myself
You will allow me to express to You how
much I have been distressed at hearing
that You had been dangerously ill
my Sisters who are so good as to keep up
a constant Correspondence with me
mentioned with great satisfaction your
having an inflammation on your Chest
I hope that with care you have been
long recovered and that dear little
Charlotte as soon as You were able to
settle in Town was your Companion
at Breakfast, the whole family speaks
of her Pleasures and whenever You
allow her to spend a week at Vincennes
all my Letters are filled with accounts
of the dear Child who I am assured is

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Your Picture. I hear frequently of her
by Lady Elgin who is very much
attached to her

I have my dear Brother been very
unhappy of late with hearing of the
King's illness which owing to contrary
winds I was first acquainted with
by the French Newspapers. You who
have never been at such a distance
from your family cannot imagine all
I went through till dear Elizabeth's
Letter arrived. I can never forget her
kindness to me in writing at a moment
that she was so much afflicted herself
and was also taken up with attending
in so exemplary a manner on the Queen
who I fear will suffer essentially from
this fresh trial.

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take place in our neighbourhood on the
15th the French cross the Rhine with
a small body of Troops marched into
the Electorate of Baden and have
carried off several Emigrants who are
accused of having taken an active
part in the Conspiracy against the
first Consul. It makes on quite
shudders to think what the consequences
of this step may be.

The Elector desires me to present
his Compliments to You. May I
beg of You to give my love to Charlotte,
who I have taken the liberty to
send a little Ivory and Gold Fan for
to the Queen. Adieu my dear Brother
and be convinced of the Sincere Affection
and Regard with which I remain
Your ever affectionate
Sister and Friend Charlotte

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*The Duchess of
Sunderland
May 29. 1804*