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Stuttgart January 10, 1814

Sir

I return you many thanks for the obliging manner in which you have through Madame de Goumiers acquainted me with the Duke of Cambridge intended visit. By a Letter Ernst entrusted to Prince Paul who he now speaks of in raptures, he mentions his being to spend the whole winter on the Continent and before his return to Winchelsea intending to call at Stuttgart. I delayed answering him as I was too unwell to write only complimentary Letters and since those I troubled you with have been quite confined to my Bed with a Sore Throat and febrile cold to day is the first time I have been allowed to get up

for a few hours and those I shall employ
 manage the Physical people in writing
 I enclose a copy of my Letter to Ernest
 which I beg that you will have the
 goodness as to shew to the Prince Regent
 that he may know how I have acted
 and that it may not be in Ernest's power
 to do much. Tomorrow I shall write
 to my Mother and also send her a copy
 I have of late mentioned to her several
 times Ernest's Conduct on the Continent
 Princeps Paul gives frightful accounts
 of him. He has allowed himself to be
 easily permissive with her. His marriage
 with Princeps Solow seems a thing settled
 between them wherever her Divorce takes
 place. I have however omitted in every
 Letter in which I have spoken about

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cannot mention having heard any part of
his strange Behaviour from you as though
I think it a duty to warn my Mother
it would be a bad breach of confidence to
expose private conversation. — Hearing
that Lord Castlemajor is expected at Head
Quarters I have wrote a long Letter to the
Prince Regent to beg him to take the
King of Württemberg under his protection
and mentioned the point it gave me to
hear that a Minister had been appointed
for Munich before a Treaty was concluded
with my Husband. — As I am sure that
You will hear of this Letter, I think it
might be remind You, that the King had
hardly signed his Treaty with Austria
that he was eager to have the diplomatical

interviews reestablished between the Courts
of St James's and Stuttgart, and frequently
ordered Count de Dappelin to address himself
to the Earl of Aberdeen who it was found
was to receive full powers to treat with
all those Sovereigns who had changed their
political System; but nearly three months
being elapsed and these powers not being
arrived I have taken the liberty to advise
the King to order Count de Dappelin to
write to Brocard CusArough and express
his Sovereigns desire to conclude a Treaty
with Great Britain. This was done some
weeks ago but fearing that this letter
might not have reached the Secretary
of State a Copy has been sent to him
at Head Quarters, and I have wrote to
Lord Cathcart and begged of him to

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to speak to Lord Cowley in my name that
the King may obtain a speedy answer.

If you are not fit to return soon to London
pray send the Prince Regent my Letter
concerning the state of this Country and
Count Mandelsterns Note. Every moment is
important at this Crisis. I wish it could
have pass'd through Your hands but I
hope a few lines from you will be of
great use to us. -- After all the trouble
I have already given You Sir I ought to
be ashamed to add to it but being convinced
that you find pleasure in obliging me
I must beg that you will as soon as
possible by Express write me word what
sort of a Man a Chevalier de Horn
Baronet en Service de sa Majesté

Britannique is - He came here a day or two
 before you left Stuttgart so our acquaintance
 of Madame de Lenthers who knew him
 many years ago at Parisbonne where he
 was a sort of British agent, and concealed
 by his present wife a Mademoiselle de
 Gumpenberg during the time the English
 were obliged to leave the Continent. Some
 pretend he was formerly a Catholic Priest.
 I do not know what he was but his
 Conduct here is very singular and makes
 me quite uneasy. Had he not given
 himself out as being employed by the
 British Ministry I should Charitably
 suspect him to be Un Esprit Qualifié
 He has sent three or four Espreps to
 Lord Aberdeen without receiving an
 Answer, pretends that he expects every

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day an Messenger from Head Quarters who is to
return to London by Stuttgart this never takes
place but last Night while I was all in
Bed he felt to ask for Letters which he would
forward by an Anstroom Courier to Head
Quarters. You will easily believe I avoided
having any obligations to this unknown
Gentleman. — You are acquainted Sir with
the Anxiety of all our dispositions and will
easily imagine how we are worked at thro
Mans being here in absence of an English
Minister. Sometimes I cannot help fearing
that justice is not done to our steady
good intentions, and that God knows for
what purpose we are suspected and
watched. This would be doubly unjust as
nobody was ever so conscientious in keeping
their engagements as the King.

Should the Ministry think it necessary in
the South of Germany to have a post of
a Gentleman Spy I should think either
Coblentz or Mannheim a proper place
than the residence of the Prince Royal
of England. — We have this Morning
a Spanish Messenger heard that the Prince
Royal at the Head of the ^{Swiss} Troops
has beat a Corps of French under General
Millo and taken several Prisoners. The
Prince led on the Cavalry himself. You
cannot think how happy this News has
made the King. I have had a very
pretty Letter from Charlotte and a Locket
with a beautiful Eye and a fine Stone
which has given me much pleasure. I
will now take up no more of your time
and remain Sir with great Regards

Y^r Friend

Charlotte

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Stuttgart Germany 10th, 10 14

My dear Ernest

Having been indisposed and obliged to keep my Bed since I received your Letter through Prince Paul I could not answer it sooner as this is the first day I have been allowed to get up for a few hours. I am obliged to you dear Ernest for your intended visit, but must for the present beg of you as a great favour to postpone it, till I write to invite you to come to Stuttgart. There are many reasons which make me very anxious that you should defer our interview till a better time. You would dear Brother certainly be very much

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tired at Stuttgart. The King's mode of life
and my bad health, inducing us to lead a
very quiet life which would little suit you
and which, naturally, excludes this year as
the King's two sons Prince Royal and
Prince Paul are ^{both} absent. Pray be
convinced dear Ernest that at some
future period I shall be very happy
to see you but must now take my
leave as I am still weak and remain
with sincere regard and affection

Dear Brother
Yours affectionate Sister
and sincere Friend

Charlotte

Enclosure to 51751-4

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Copy of the Queen of
Württemberg letter to His
Royal Highness the Duke
of Cumberland?

The Queen of Württemberg
to

The Duke of Cumberland

Jan 10th 1744