

The Queen of
Wurtemberg
to

Sir Tho. Seymour

March 15. 1815⁴

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Sir Thomas

I am sorry to be so often obliged to
have recourse to you but your obliging politeness
encourages me to hope you will forgive this trouble.
I hardly know whether I ought to laugh or cry at
my present corruption but to say the truth it frets
me as it gives much uneasiness here because I
cannot make others understand the customs of our
Country as they attach more consequence to a
paragraph in the News Papers than it is worth.
However extraordinary this appears to our Englishmen
it is perfectly to be excused as four or five days
before this Article appeared in the Frankfurt
Journal Lord Castlereagh in a conversation with
Count de Wintzingerode not only mentioned this
paragraph which he had read in the Times but
asked an explanation of the whole and particularly
of that part concerning Lady Castlereagh. When
I was informed of this conversation I laughed

at such nonsense and wondered that our Englishmen
should attach any importance to what is printed
in the Newspapers. - This was mentioned to me
on Wednesday and Saturday Evening the Frankfurt
Journal reached Stuttgart with this foolish Article
which was thought so important that the
Censor sent it sealed up and I believe that
orders have been given to have a paragraph
inserted in the same Frankfurt paper to
contradict it. Pray Sir be so obliging as to
seek the same method and have an Article
inserted in the Times saying that every body
was astonished at a Report which had
appeared in the Times of 22^d February, which
is without foundation concerning the Queen
of Wittenberg's quitting her Husband to return
and settle in England. - It is very cruel when
one has so many serious causes for anxiety
to be constantly tormented by trifles - You

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would be glad Sir could you know the number of
persons who came here on Sunday to enquire into
the truth of this Report. I am certainly flattered
by the interest so many people have shown in
the cause. --- At last Le
Chevalier Horn has left Stuttgart after having
been politely desired to leave this place by the
Minister who is at the head of the Police, he
made many difficulties, wrote a note in a
very high style, threatening that the Prince
Regent would resent this Behaviour. He has
told so many different stories that nobody can
come to the truth except of his former History
which I mentioned in my last - The Austrians
say he was a spy at Berlin known under the
name of Frederick Starnbach an Augustine
Friar. They speak of this to all who mention
Horn - Le Chevalier said at first that he had
been several Years employed in the Secretary
of States Office, and given as a sort of

Secretary to Sir Charles Stewart, who had intended
taking him to head Quarters, but Lord Aberdeen
advised against his being allowed to accompany
Sir Charles as he found the Chevalier much very
obnoxious to Prince Metternich - Then that Lord
Castlereagh had sent him word that the Regent
till the Peace intended having no Diplomatic
agents on the Continent, and when he found
that on his having said this, that he was
advised to leave Stuttgart he changed his story
and pretends to be attached to the Embassy at
Genève. However he grew calmer on being
informed that Mr Rose and others said he
was known to be a Spy to both parties - I
am glad to find that his assertions as to his
intimacy with most of my Brothers is false
therefore trust the rest has no little foundation.
I am grieved to hear that the Prince Regent
has been ill God grant his indisposition
may not be of any consequence. I always

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tremble when I find that he has been obliged to
have recourse to bleeding, as formerly he suffered
much from being bled too often - I fear that
you will have found poor Sophie really
altered, I understood she continues growing
weaker which makes me dread a decline.

William's returning to England is a great
disappointment to me he had promised me
a visit which I looked forwards to with
great pleasure - Though Ernest talks of
going to Berlin I understood he is still at
Strelitz, the separation I find has taken
place between Princess Solms and her late
Husband. The Newspapers runne themselves
as much on that subject as on any account.
I wish that they found something else to
occupy them besides the Royal Family
Every body praises me to death about
Princess Chevalotte and accuses me of being

close because I will not speak of things that
I am ignorant of. I enclose the copy of the
Paragraph out of the Journal de Francefort
and will now take my leave as I believe
you will be very glad to be released from
this Scrawl and remain with regard to
St Thomas

Your Friend

Charlotte