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Lonsbrough February 6th 1817

My dearest Brother

I hasten to express my gratitude
for your affectionate Letter of 7th ultimate and
your dear Picture which I received last night.

I beg that you will be convinced that I feel
deeply your kindness in giving me this fine
Enamel which I value highly; but hope you
will not think me forward in entreating
at some future period to be indulged with a
Head in bits of the same size as those
Gainsborough painted for the Queen, this
would be bestowing a great favour on me
as I think in general Oil Pictures more
like than Miniatures.

You are very good my dear Brother to

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have entered into the reasons which have
obliged you to refuse the pecuniary assistance
I had applied for. Had I been acquainted
with the state of the British finances and
of the cry for Economy I should certainly
have avoided being troublesome, though I
must acknowledge my situation is not
brilliant at this moment, but trust in three
or four years to have cleared off my debts
and then shall be able to live comfortably
Many thanks for the gracious manner in
which my dearest Brother you received
Baron Kemper he cannot sufficiently
express his gratitude or his sense of your
condescending goodness to him

Now my dearest Brother I must slightly
touch on a part of your Letter which

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has given me great pain and at the same
time astonished me. No certainly the idea of
my ever opposing a wish of my beloved
Husband was as far from my Heart as
from my Heart. Believe me dearest Brother
never could I have been as happy with
him as I was had not our minds been
congenial. — You will from this imagine
how deeply you have wounded my feelings
by attending to the idle Reports of those
whose only object must have been to do
me hurt and who ever wish to blame the
Conduct of all Sovereigns. — I am
convinced that your intentions towards me
are good and kind, but pray do not give
credit to misrepresentations, at such a
distance it is dangerous to attend to

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Reports and a pity not to place confidence
in the conduct of those who have ever acted
from principle.

I will now take up no more of your
time and remain with sincere love and
affection My dear Brother

Your most affectionate
Sister and devoted friend

Charlotte

The Queen of Württemberg
to
The Prince Regent
July 6th 1817.