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Knowsley June 26th 1743

I give You thanks for the acceptable News in your favour of the 23., and truly rejoice with you for the safety of his Majesty and the Duke. From L^d. Carteret's letter, publish'd by Authority, I should judge the Victory not so complete as a good Englishman might wish, else the French would not have been suffer'd to repass the Mein so easily. Surely it was a bold undertaking of theirs to attack an Army of at least 40000 with only 25000; for Lord Carteret allows no more to the Troops of our Enemy's.

I'm very sorry to hear of your indisposition, and most heartily wish you a perfect recovery, which I hope is not far off, and that I shall hear of you in health at York, where I shall want your assistance in my Cause with the Wilkessack Tenants. — I am

My Wife and family desire
their compliments.

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Your obliged and most
humble Serv^t
Derby