

Prince Ernest of Mecklenburg - Strelitz

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Sir

It is impossible for me to find words to express to Your Majesty my gratitude for Your kind and gracious letter, and particularly for the confidence You put in me to ask my advice about Mr. de Budis character. He is sensible, cleaver and steady, used to retirement by choice, his sweet temper will I believe answer the purpose perfectly well he will gain little dear Williams heart very soon, and under Your direction act as an honest man ought to do, he is in my opinion the only man I know fit to leave in Your Majestys family, because he has no will, his time is chiefly employed in reading good books. I have



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allways professed a great friendship for him  
this makes me perhaps a little partial  
but notwithstanding that I will venture  
to answer for him and his good behavior  
I am to set out this moment for  
Celle, I shall find a great deal to do I  
am not sorry for it occupation is kee,  
fary, my ambition is to do my duty as the  
only way to show to your Majesty my  
gratitude.

I am with the greatest respect  
and attachment.

Your Majesty's

most obed. and most  
dutiful. servant.

Ernest. P. of Meilly

Hanover.  
April the 23<sup>rd</sup>  
1742.