

Translation

Stretby 4 September 1813.

Monsieur,

Last night, Monsieur Chevalier, I received, by the courier you had the kindness to send to me, the obliging letter you did me the honour to write annexed to the Box which contained the Money with which the Queen intrusted you for me - gratified, in the highest degree, with your remembrance, the continuation of which you assure us in your letter, I am not less grateful for the promptitude and exactness with which you acquitted yourself of the Commission of the Queen; and it is with this feeling that I offer you my most sincere acknowledgments for it, requesting, at the same time, that you may be persuaded that I know how to value it. I am nevertheless doubtful as to the destination of the Sum of Money - The Queen in her letter to me does not mention a word about it and much less about its destination - I shall therefore keep it most faithfully in a secure place, and will write by the first courier to the Queen to obtain her utterance orders respecting it.

As to the Voyage of my Brother to England, Monsieur Chevalier, I agree with you that the success of it cannot but be advantageous to

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my interests and those of my Family; and you may easily conceive that I will not prevent it, yet at his time of life, and with so feeble a state of health, it is difficult and rather delicate to give him advice upon the subject, and I think I do the best in leaving the whole to his own decision. I accept, in the mean while, with gratitude your assistance, and, authorized by your permission, and your kindness, I will avail myself of it in time with confidence.

I hope, Mon cher Chevalier, that, on your return, you will do me the honour and pleasure to call here and to spend a few days at my house and with me; and I long for the moment which will place it in my power to repeat to you personally the assurance of the most distinguished esteem and consideration with which I am,

Monsieur,

Your obedient servant  
Charles Duc de Saxe-Meiningen.