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To
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R. H. the 20th June 1746

My Dear Lady Charlotte Finch. Ever since the return of Compton
 have I been employ'd in finding time to answer Your letter.
 inclination there was sufficient but my Mornings being chiefly
 taken up with receiving young people & providing them with
 breakfast and other accidental calls I have never been able to find
 a moment for this agreeable employment. Our times at present
 seem to be quiet and peaceable and indeed have been so ever since
 Our parting, The Kings Levies was very full last Wednesday &
 the Thursdays Lunch like a Birth Day owing to the long ex-
 pected & glorious News from Sr Henry Clinton, which came so
 a propos that one must be totally void of all feeling if
 one does not very particularly discover the hand of Providence
 in Our favour at this critical moment, the Te Deum upon the
 occasion, was heard during our stay in the Drawing Room, and
 contributed greatly to the Brilliance of the different entertainments,
 and I find that in general this Victory hath enlivened almost
 every body, and that no more dejected Spirits are to be met with

at this moment upon political subjects. that however is not the
case ~~at~~ with some private families, the poor Dutchess of Devon
is very much dejected about lady Willoughby who is seized with
the same Putrid fever her brother had last Year, she was taken
ill on Friday the 9th & continues very much the same still, the
Sir Noah Thomas, & Sir Richard Jebb attend her, & the latter
just writes me Word that she is still in imminent danger.
Lord Althorpe is likewise very ill of a bad Fever, in town
lady Spencer I am told is come in order to stay with him
he was in great danger Yesterday, but I could not get any
from that quarter to day, for both of these Families my Dear
lady Charlotte with sincerity feel, and I even find it difficult
if any fatal event should happen ~~which~~ to know which of
the two deserves the most pity, at all events I feel for those
that suffer & are in distress, and only lament that human power
goes no farther. The Dowager Lady Harrington is also very ill
in the Physical people think her in a galloping Consumption.

the ^{labring of} After so many Melancholy Families, Do j with a very great
Satisfaction full heart return to my own happy Family, and return You
with my sincere Thanks for the agreeable accounts of the Dear Childrens
taken health, j greatly admire Elizabeths steadiness in going into
the Sea when she found the thought of it disagreeable & terrible
it is that power over herself in which j trust she will feel
hereafter great comfort in life, you will allow her j am sure
great merit in feeling so much, saying nothing, & yet doing what
was right, as to the two little Angels Sophia & Reparine
you j could almost see with them, and am not above owing my
idea we agree that j feel happy in not being a Spectator when
they are about that dreadful operation of bathing, as You do
not say any thing about Yourself j was satisfied that the sight
those of the Sea satisfy You and that Sir Monk Thomas advice
power hath not been thought necessary to determine You against
the not bathing, Miss Hamilton j flatter myself does not follow
Your example, particularly as Dr Turton told me but the day before

Yesterday that he thought bathing would prove very beneficial to her, it would therefore be a great pity not to take advantage of this opportunity, my sincere good wishes attend her in the attempt, and I beg to know if she proves a good child or not.

Yesterday the King went to the House of Lords, the speech appears to me & proves to the rest of the World not only good, but very proper upon the occasion, Lord Mansfield spoke remarkably well & had the pleasure to find that every body present felt for him, they say nothing could be more moving than when he mentioned the loss of Miss Papan, that is what he felt the most, Lady M is very composed and feels the benefit of the cure by this Lady Weymouth told me when I saw her some days ago.

My Sister & the little family are all well, as my Daughters told me, She and Miss Fiddling played at cards together one day last week at our House at Newn. There is a young little which complains very little & is ill with, therefore not worth to be continued, I am desiring you to believe me Your sincere Friend. Charlotte.