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To Her Royal Highness The Duchess of Kent

Madam

Your Royal Highness's gracious
and condescending kindness to the unfortunate,
induces me to hope that you will not
refuse to listen to my distress which I now
venture to lay before you in as concise a
manner as the nature of my case will
allow.

From my earliest infancy I enjoyed
the protection of His Royal Highness the
late Duke of Kent, who was my Godfather
and from whom I received the name of
Pherardine Kent. —

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Her Majesty the late Queen Caroline, and
the late Dowager Countess of Dartmouth
being my Godmothers. -

The annual stipend for my support ceased
at the death of Her late Majesty; and by
the untimely death of His much lamented
Royal Highness the Duke of Kent, I lost
the protection I had enjoyed since my
childhood. -

A long series of unmerited misfortunes
have at length caused the imprisonment of
my husband, and I am now left with
five infant children in a state of utter
destitution.

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I therefore humbly implore your
Royal Highness to condescend to consider
my misfortunes and former protection, with
such kindness as has been lately shown
me by Her most gracious Majesty Queen
Victoria, who according to the enclosed
letter sent me through the hands of
the Baroness de Schyren was pleased to
consider me worthy of Her Royal
clemency.

I have the honor to be with every
sentiment of loyalty and respect

Madam

Your Royal Highness's most obedient
and most humble servant

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