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My Dearest William. The bearer of this letter is General
de la Motte an acquaintance of Yours from Gibraltar
of whom the World Speaks well as an Officer and whom
the King hath ordered to come back on account of his
Health in hopes of preserving Him the longer. The Parcel
which accompanies this letter is the Locket which I pro-
mised You at Your departure, I flatter myself You
will approve of it as the taste of Duval seems to shine
greatly in the Workmanship of it. All I beg of You
is not to give it away & to take care that it is not lost
You are commonly very careful & therefore You will
not be less so at present. I choose rather to send it
tho' the General as the messenger which is to come
hath been so unfortunate as to lose some things at
different Times.

We are still at Windsor & the Dutcheffs of Arcastr

a Lady Elizabeth Waldegrave are with us, the former
I am afraid will leave us after the meeting of Parli- se
ment in order to Visit Her Daughters in Lincolnshire
but the latter I intend to keep here for some time longer
She is of a very Amiable disposition very Modest
but extremely cheerful hath an agreeable Conversation
when known, and is much valued by Your Sisters which
makes me very happy I intend soon to have Lady Darby
with me who always is pleasant Company. Lady Char-
lotte Finch is at present with Her Son where she enjoys
Herself very much, the Weather is very fine consequently
the Country in great beauty. Captain Salter is just
arrived in this Neighbourhood with His New Young Wife
She is at a distance very well looking a prodigious fine
Complexion with a beautiful Colour make Her appear
to great advantage and it is said in the Country where
abouts they live that She behaves very well to His Daugh-
ter

We are still in the Country and shant think of
settling in Town till after Christmas, even the Younger
part of the Family are to stay here which of course
will make it more pleasant to me, and be of great use
to Your Sisters as all the Masters stay until l'oub
la bande joyeuse do remove. The Parliament will meet
about the eleventh of next Month, as that falls upon
a Tuesday We shal then go for a whole week to Town
London never was ^{so} empty as it is at present & excepting
those who are obliged to come for the meeting of Parlia-
ment it is thought that in general people will come
very late, I think that no great Sacrifice for they
make up these Amusement in the Spring in which
they are right for the Amusements out of Doors
are in my opinion preferable to those within Doors.

The Messenger shall be charged with the
Combs You have bespoken, they are ready and neatly
done and I hope will meet with Your approbation.

The Majendi Family are not returned as yet from
Daha, I hope whenever they do come to see the Mission
immediately, His Brother I hear is very happy with
His Wife She is not Handsome but very well brought
up and very clever, et tres bien manieree, as I am told,
& Her fortune may prove to be worth 80,000 £. but
that depends upon the Father.

All Troops upon the Royall George are now
at an end, for three Days there was great hopes of
Success but since that some Accident has happened which
makes Mr Tracey give it up for the present at least
some Day entirely, He has spent 3000 £ without
Success, the attempt however does Him Honour.

Voila asey mon cher je n'en sçait plus
faite mon Compliment au General Dadi, et croyez
moi son Sincerelement.

Votre tres affectionnee Amie
& Fidelle Mere
Charlotte.