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Queens House

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My Dear William

Though I received your letter for which I owe you many thanks on Friday last, I postponed writing to you till I came to London, as I hoped that I should either hear, or see something, the account of which would perhaps amuse you. However I will relate to you something that happened last Tuesday at Windsor as Maria was driving up the Long Walk she met by chance some of News's people riding, and she was so good as to send for us, it is worth while being seen but at the same time it is painful to think what a chance they run of being killed. One Man in leaping jumps off his Horse and at the end of the leap jumps on again, two others ride upon four Horses

with a Child which they hold up in the air and who stands upon their shoulders and a Man dressed like a Fool stands between the four Horses upon the Stirrups in this Way they gallop several times round the inclosed place in which they ride. It would be too tedious to repeat all the various attitudes in which they ride.

Wednesday we went to Drury Lane M<sup>rs</sup> Siddons acted The Play was the Fatal Marriage, I saw it last Year, a most dreadful story, it is I believe one of the deepest Tragedies that appears upon our Stage.

Yesterday we went to Court your acquaintance Captain Saltern was presented. He is married and has brought his wife to England.

We have of late had Company constantly at Windsor The Dutchess of Ancaster has been there before the Christening and ~~has~~ continued to remain with us.

Lady Elizabeth Waldgrave has been with us for a fortnight  
and returns with us again to Day. I like her very much  
she is very lively and agreeable.

The young creature as you call her our new little Sister  
is contrary to your opinion universally thought a great beauty  
her name which I suppose that you know by this time  
is Amelia the Prince of Wales Augusta and myself were  
the Sponsors.

Pray give my love to Frederic and my respectful Compli-  
ments to my Uncles and the Young Princesses.

Adieu Dear Brother

I am

Your ever affectionate  
Friend and Sister

Charlotte A.

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P.S. Mamma has just desired me to add her love to you,  
and to tell you that she intended to have wrote to you, but  
had so many things to do that it was impossible for her  
to do write.

Adieu again

Ever and for ever Yours

Charlotte M