

Transcript of letter from Queen Charlotte to George III 13 August 1781

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There never was anybody so agreeably surprised as I have been an hour ago by the arrival of your Majesty's letter, for which I return you a thousand thanks. I am glad to find that you continue well, and that your journey as far as you are come affords you pleasure, and I look forward with great impatience for Wednesday evening to embrace and congratulate your Majesty upon your return amongst us. A quarter before three I had sent off a letter to town which I ordered to be given to your postilion in order to be delivered to you when the horses were sent for, but the arrival of the Messenger twenty Minutes past three with so charming a letter is to[o] great a temptation for me to withstand writing a second time. Our news are not of any great importance, I met Lady Sicilia Johnson and her family upon the Terrace last night; the general seems delighted with the thought of your Majesty's seeing his Regiment soon, as we have had plentiful of rain within these three days, the showers have been very partial and very heavy which hath cooled the air wonderfully, and makes the Park look beautiful. Mrs Walshingham hath begun to see her friends on an evening. This called private, though the number of them is not limited. Neither she nor her daughters have appeared anywhere. Father Paul goes there in order to recruit his spirits, with his coxcoming son, as General Matthews calls him. I am glad that I am not of the party, as I cannot help always dreading to find instead of the *Canon a Jesuit*. Mrs Walshingham is rather silent upon her loss, which is, in my opinion, very sensible of her, for if she was to say much upon the subject she must be suspected of hypocrisy.

Lady Juliana Penn hath been for one night at Stoke and from thence is gone to Harteford, in which neighbourhood she wished to take a house, but not being able to meet with anything she liked, she hath taken a house belonging to Admiral Forbes near Lady Harriot Cornyers.

The children are, thank God, in perfect health, and present both their love and duty to you, Octavius in particular wishes much to be with papa, on board a horse but not onboard a ship. I shall be upon the Terras this evening where I shall make many people happy with good accounts coming from you, but I am sure nobody's happiness can equal the happiness of her who hath received them and who subscribes herself with the greatest love and affection .

Your Majesty's Most Affectionate and Attached wife

Charlotte

Q H Windsor

19th Aug 1781.