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My Dear Father

Being well aware how
 very much my shyness is against
 me & exposing myself often as I
 ought I wish to do I must in
 the present instance (where words
 to do to by failed me) have recourse
 to writing after which I trust
 I shall be more equal to talk
 openly & fairly with you (as indeed
 I always wish to do on every subject
 upon it should you wish to discuss
 it) It is quite impossible for any
 one to feel more deeply concerned
 with the trade & every other
 than I do at the whole of the
 conversation to day - I was all
 I could wish & oblige - I trust

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In writing - It shall be the
constant study & wish of the
whole of my new life to merit
this lasting name of true patriot
& patriot, to prove by actions
how much more I really do feel
than it is possible for public
words to demonstrate
now having in some degree
not yet sufficiently given rise
to my overworked spirits to
allow me to make known to
you here. I have finally made
up my mind - you have previously
been allowed to leave the choice
to me, saying which now, I decide
upon your most sanction -
Thus encouraged I no longer hesitate
in declaring my partiality in favor
of the Prince of Coburg - opening

You see our will, be more steady
or consistent in this their ground
I have no objection than myself -

Till you promise me to name
the subject you may not wish
I will never betray it -

And now allow me to
subscribe myself with every feeling
of gratitude & affection

My dear Mother
Your very devoted
& affectionate
child

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