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Maria Feodorovna to his son Michael.

Amalienborg, the 7th April 1899.

My darling Misha,

At last, I am able to write to thank you with all my heart for your dear letters which made very happy. I waited such a long time for your first letter but then I received also the second one and was extraordinarily pleased. I can imagine how happy you are in Gatchina and how pleasant everything must be there, only it's a pity that the weather worsened and it snowed. Here, we have now fine weather, spring is beginning. We went to Bernstorff and found a lot of flowers and violets, but, of course, everything there is indescribably dismal !

Now, I am quite alone here as dear aunt Alix left and I miss her awfully, as we used to be always together. Of course, everything is now so empty and sad without her. We are so few now in the evenings, only nine persons and I play whist with Apapa every day. We usually walk quite a lot with Apapa. Thank heaven, his health is all right, but he is awfully sad, poor dear Apapa and I shal have a very bad time leaving him with his loneliness. Uncle Waldemar visits us very often, he is such a good son. Yesterday, Fatty Gustav and Tiny Dagmar had lunch with us, they are now alone at home as uncle Fredy, aunt Louise, together with Harald and Thyra left for Nice. Apapa was deeply touched by your lovely present and thanks all of you once again. I am awfully glad with the idea to see you again my precious ones ! God bless you ! Kisses and greetings to everybody. Christ be with you !

Good bye my darling Misha.

With my warmest love.

Your Mummy.

I just received a letter from Olga. Kisses and thanks to her.