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Maria Feodorovna to his son Michael

London, the 22nd March 1907

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My dear darling Misha,

Forgive me for not having written for such a long time, but I am so busy that I can hardly find a moment. Your dear letter made me very happy and I thank you very much for it. I can't tell you how excellently and pleasantly I am spending my time here with darling aunt Alix. In Sandringham, we lived completely by ourselves, quietly and splendidly. It is such a marvellous place, the house is so lovely and cosily arranged, aunt Alix's are amazingly beautiful and charming, only "so full" that there is little space left. The weather is divine all the time, as warm as in May in our country. We spent much time outdoors and everyday at seashore which I like most. We came back here on Monday and to-morrow, unfortunately, will be the end of this marvellous stay. Together with aunt Alix and Toria, we leave for Calais, "where we must part" ! But I am so happy and grateful "for that immense joy to have been here" that I must calm down. As it is only 24 hours from Biarritz, "I could not resist" and shall visit dear Xenia whom I did not see since 7 months. This cheered me up quite a lot and I shall arrive just the day before her anniversary. I shall be very sorry to part from aunt Alix, but she must meet uncle Bertie in Toulon on the yacht and could not remain here more time.

I am extremely happy about the hearty welcome they extended here to our seamen. The Brith were extremely kind and friendly to them and it was a real "success". Unfortunately, I was in Sandringham and was not able to see them, but I heard "les échos" which were very pleasant. Benkendorff was present "au spectacle" and he told me that everything was remarkably all right and successful, thank Heaven !

But now, my dear Mishkin, I must have lunch with Georgie and May, who are already living in Frogmore.

I hope that you are feeling better and eating more. My thoughts are always with you my darling Misha. God bless you ! My tenderest kisses to you and Baby and I wish the best of everything.

With my warmest love.

Your Mummy.