

tival those who are vainly longing to be with  
you at this interesting time, your grieving friends  
at Cassel! Any little relation from the success  
of the Festival would give a great pleasure and  
relief to

Your most affectionate friend  
Marianne Spohr      Max. Spohr.

Will you be so kind to send the inclosed little  
letter to the post? — Mr. Barker and his daughter  
— the violin player — did sometimes write to my hus-  
band since our meeting at Norwich; but his time  
is always so fully occupied by his various affairs  
and dutys, that till now he was detained of answe-  
ring them. It was interesting to us, to learn by  
your letter, that you paid a visit last year to  
this worthy family, and I can imagine, that  
they have been extremely happy by such a proof  
of your friendship.

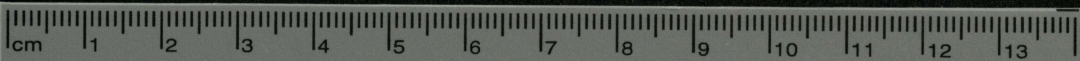
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My dearest friend!

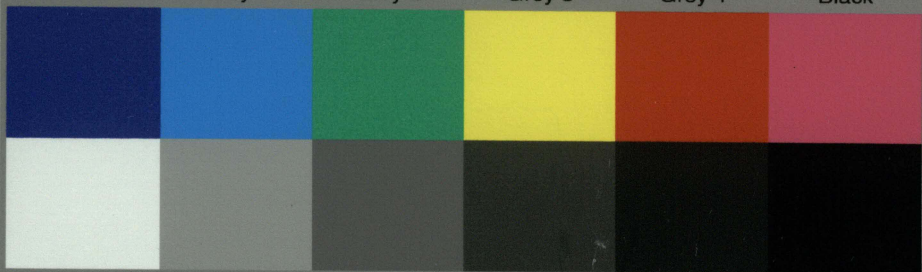
I have seldom sat down to write with a more hea-  
vy heart, nor had to discharge a more unselesome du-  
ty, than now is come upon me: I should tell you  
what we feel about the destruction of our delightful  
plan to come again to the glorious Festival at Norwich,  
but I am not able to express in a foreign language  
the meanest part of all I think and could say over  
this sad event. I need not detail to you the circum-  
stances of it, how our prince did refuse one request  
after the other for Spohr's coming to England, —  
all this you will have heard certainly by your dear  
father. But knowing, that you are sympathizing  
in our sorrow, I cannot help addressing you these  
few words. Mr. Taylor who writes very often to my  
husband, is greatly annoyed and disappointed by  
the conduct of our prince; he would scarcely belie-  
ve, that he should chosen thus "to insult" the mem-  
bers of the royal family of England. His last let-  
ter drew tears of mine eyes; it contained a lively  
description of several rehearsals of Spohr's Oratorio,  
and spoke most warmly of the enthusiasm and  
ardour which the whole band and the singers  
had shown, and how deeply they complained  
Spohr's staying away from the Festival. And I  
can assure you, that I grieve more for my dear  
husband than for myself; he wished most ardently



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to lead the first performance of "the Fall of Baby-  
lon", and was hoping for this pleasure since al-  
most three years. When he composed that music, he  
had in view the means and arrangements of your Eng-  
lish Festivals, with which he became acquainted at his  
last visit there, and he thinks to have adapted it so  
well as possible to them. He has finished this great  
work almost two years ago, and you can think, it was  
a sacrifice not to publish it so long a time accord-  
ing his contract with the Norwich Committee, but wil-  
lingly he consented to all, hoping to be rewarded  
by the pleasure of hearing there an accomplished  
and glorious performance. But alas! his hope is un-  
rushed, his dreams of a happy fortnight in Eng-  
land are gone! And it was not only his own Pro-  
fitoria of which he promised himself so great pleasure,  
o no, he knows no greater enjoyment than that hear-  
ing and admiring the immortal works of the an-  
cient masters as Handel and others, which nowhere  
are performed in a more worthy manner than in  
England. Spohr has begged Mr Taylor, to present  
to your dear father the best regards and warmest  
thanks for his kind invitation, and to tell him,  
how very happy we would have been, to enjoy a  
second time the honour of being as a guest in  
his charming and hospitable house, and how earnest-  
ly we mourn to be prevented of this privilege.  
Mad. de Malsburg is not less afflicted than we; for she

was earnestly reckoning to accompany us again on  
that delightful tour. She did spend some summer  
months in an agreeable country life, and is now  
somewhat better in health than formerly. It are  
now two weeks we returned home after a long  
absence, having spent almost two months at Gails-  
bao, Dresde and other fine places, where we fully  
enjoyed the pleasures of nature, art, and friendship.  
It is the only time of the year - June and July  
in which Spohr is allowed to set out without a  
special permission of the prince, and he never  
fails availing himself of this advantage. This  
journey and the long uncertainty respecting our  
going to England were the chief reasons of my  
long delaying the answer to your dear and char-  
ming letter. Pray excuse kindly my silence, and  
do not attribute it to a want of affection or  
friendship; but believe me sincere in the assur-  
ance, that my feelings for you will never alter,  
if even sometimes circumstances should give me  
the appearance of a bad and neglectful correspon-  
dent. - Adieu, dear Mary, adieu! if we are no mo-  
re to meet in England, I will yet cherish the ho-  
pe of welcoming you once in Germany in our  
own home. Pray repeat our sincerest thanks  
and compliments to your honoured father, and  
remember kindly during the delights of the Ses.



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