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Balthus Crescent
Dec 16. 1849

My dear friend

Though it is now a considerable time since
I received your letter from Val Ruchon,
you will not doubt that my thoughts have
often been with you, & that I have habitually
your proceedings with much interest. Let me
humbly congratulate you on the success
which you have found both at home & in
Paris. I know you had many friends, &
the testimony of your friends would not be
wanting - But I was hardly prepared for
the almost universal homage of esteem &
admiration which has greeted you - I wish
to state however - Many whom disappointed
ambition, or private prejudice, regarded
your power, has taken you in comparative
secrecy, & your modesty is now crowded
into the *Journal des Affaires Étrangères*. It has
been very interesting to read the letters of your

excellent daughter, ^{which John, Charlotte Colman}
have had several. All seem as honourable to you as
little painful as the unhappy circumstances of
these two years can admit. You, like myself, have
the irrefragable blessing of good children.

Of your public prospects, I mean not your own,
but those of France, I regret that the young ladies
think it cheaply; nor did you hold out to me
a more encouraging language when you were
Cot. But that was in August; on the aspect
now to us rather more tranquil now. Your political
views, to which we attach some, perhaps too great,
importance, are gradually improving; & there is a large
majority for ordering law in the Legislature. Still
I see the peculiar difficulties of the future; &
perhaps there is no experience in history which
affords much analogy to the present state of France.
The case of Richard Cromwell is at least the
nearest. But there is enough to justify a general
comparison, though the most important circumstances
of his situation & those of his parallel will be found
to disagree. I have no information about Rome except
through our newspapers; some of which appear to be
the correspondents at Paris. But it is plainly a great

importance that no precise
established system of
not look to their personal
interests of a well. Indeed
That at least it appears
Ever very glad to hear that
amity with many of your
But I do not see how France
present contempt. I
ministries, or through your
only holding an important
testament; yet the matter
cannot be left long as it
to you about that you
you might better expect
But you know that I
in the least of justice of
that the daily papers in
Ministers appear to be
Whether we shall succeed
with the European courts,
in holding all our
Lord Paterson has just
Napier, Austin, Price
I suppose, with others; &
else, to all the boom of

G. W. Colman
 the young ladies
 themselves have
 children—
 and you say
 the young ladies
 will not be
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 as in the aspect
 of your father
 perhaps too great,
 as there is a large
 estate... Still
 in fact, &
 history what
 states of India.
 It is the
 entirely a general
 of circumstances
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 about done except
 that appear to be
 it is plainly a great

measures that do violence which can better be
 established between parties, who, (as far as they do
 not look to their personal advantages) look to the
 interests of a well-ordered & permanent constitution.
 What at least it appears to us at a distance, I have
 been very glad to see that you are in terms of personal
 amity with many of your distinguished opponents—
 (Baird) do not see how hard it is to get out of her
 present embarrassment. Endeavour to obtain
 ministries, or transient governments, can, I should think,
 only prolong an unquiet & revolutionary state of public
 sentiment; yet the miserable constitution of 1801
 cannot be left long as it is. But I am not to talk
 to you about what you have to expect to do—
 you might better expect news about ourselves—
 For you know that I am not at any time much
 in the heart of public affairs, nor much heard
 than the daily papers make me. Some of our
 ministers appear to be running a little race,
 whether we shall succeed or not in cheating
 all the European courts from us, or the other
 in bedewing all our colonies disappointed.
 Lord Pakenham has put us on ill terms with
 Prussia, Austria, Spain & Naples— all a good way
 I suppose, both others: & Mr Grey has estimated, & is
 also, to hit the boom of the Cape at a million

because I would visit them by looking over our wrists
whether. It is true that we have the utmost difficulty
in disposing of the criminal population, to say no more,
alas! as to deserve to be called a population:

Nevertheless, there is a weak humanity abroad, which
objects to all punishment, if it is punishment at all -
& not content with taking away a capital pecuniary
penalty for murder & treason, against the expense of all
mankind, avails at punishing all remaining criminals
as little painful as possible. Transportation, as it
takes the criminal out of sight, is more favoured
by these people; but the claims naturally result
against the society of felons; & most of them are now
flourishing enough to dispense with their labour.

It is in the whole a hard problem; with which
little which we have to deal. You have heard little
about Ireland of late; it has had some misfortune
& all the estates which have been offered, except
in a few favoured situations: & I should be much
surprised if it were otherwise. I do not know of
any real or article on Ireland in the
Quarterly Review, plainly by Cooper; or otherwise,
& perhaps too much so; but points out a great
number of the real causes of the suffering which
afflicts, & of the better ways in which
which disagree that unfortunate island.

Recd
27/11

will be like to hear something more
 immediately relating to your friends. We
 took a short tour to the head of Lake,
 looked right westward over the Atlantic
 Coast all that never visited before; & an
 interesting part of our excursion it really is. The
 people do not look so Celtic, as half way
 between Wales & Brittany, they might be
 expected to appear. Since Sept 10 we have
 been at Clifton till the beginning of this
 month, when we returned for the winter in
 our usual quarters. The autumn has been
 in general beautiful & at present we have
 December weather. I should perhaps have
 remained longer in my quiet Clifton home,
 among the few books I had brought with me,
 if my brother's absence in London during November
 had not induced both his wife & myself
 to desire to return. They see both very well,
 & I am disappointed by John to have his
 kindest love to both the domestics, & to
 your excellent friend Mr the Chateaux. Do
 not forget to our regards to Julia & Mary,
 & when possible I shall always leave with

Johnston.

Presumably you are in their usual force -
I was three days at Bexford in December
& thought I had done remarkably well
of Mrs Weston I have as yet heard nothing -
The Colman ladies are well - I once have
been lady C. whose ladies shake the top,
she is content; but she became thoroughly
depressed - Miss Buchanan drinks tea with
us last night - we have been out very
little since our arrival, having lost
last week, the head wife of my father
in law, but as affectionate & attached to
my children, as if she had been their own
grandmother. Her chamber was very fine,
& her death, at 76, only the lamented
for her friends sake, is that of the poor.
I have heard nothing lately of the Bowles.
The two ladies, Doris & Elizabeth, have
been taken away by death since you left England.
Mrs Manet is returned in perfect health;
& Miss Berry, in her 80th year, is as
young as usual. Prayers from all here,

her love to Holland &
is quite recovered.

I am looking forward
with great interest
to hear of you. I should
modern history in your
hand is a surprise to
me. Pray give my love
to your father & mother.

My dear friend
yours
Henry

has come to Holland of late - his R. Highness
is quite recovered.

I am looking forward to your new work,
which will attract great attention. You
have already a position from the chair of
modern history in your university - that
does not surprise me -

May give my respects to Mr. de Brouwer
who you see here - and believe me

My dear friend

Yours with much attachment

Henry Hallam

at home -
in December
daily with
nothing -
I see have
the top,
I shall
tea with
very
last
of my father
attached to
his own
- was very fine,
the command
of the poor.
of the Bourgeois,
blackstaff, how
and you help England.
of health;
4 years, is my
I have seen,