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West, Holesey Surrey  
11 Feb. 55

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from cher Amie. I have been long  
wishing to write to you, but deffer'd  
doing so for a reason that you will  
guess, when I say that the tone of your  
letter encourages me to write with  
equal freedom. Let me begin by  
getting rid of myself. I am, as you  
see, alive, contrary to all expectation,  
and, tho' I have frequent & serious  
alarms, I recover from them rapidly,  
and am, <sup>now</sup> as well, I believe, in mind, &  
apparently in body as I have been  
for two years. I thank God for so  
great a mercy, which is enhanced  
by the affectionate attentions of my  
family, & the kind recollection of my  
friends. So much for myself.

I spent the summer at Alverbank, &  
as it is not one whole day's distance  
from Val Richer, I often thought of  
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pressing you to run over to us for a week, but on recollecting the inconveniences which a visit to England might create chez nous & chez vous, I suppressed my desire, tho' it was, & is, very strong, of seeing you once more.

Your judgement has not failed you. I have given up the Quarterly. I had several reasons. First I felt that my state of health precluded periodical exertions. Secondly I remembered my Horace & Gibbon - "Solus seorsum = ternus", and the Archbishop of Granada. These two causes induced me, <sup>18 months ago</sup> to prepare Murray for my early secessions, but it was precipitated by the change of politics which the Publisher, more I think than <sup>even</sup> the new editor, resolved on adopting, and especially as to the Russian war which I thought not only unnecessary, but absolutely unjust in principle, a grand mistake in policy - likely

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or, what was more probable, to leave  
the unhappy Turk more exhausted  
& feeble than he was before. These were  
my views - They were Lockhart's also.  
and in the short interval in which he  
was in London he told me that he fore=  
saw this change of policy, <sup>in the regions</sup> - that Mr. Lay=  
ard, the hibernian traveller, had be witch=  
ed Murray, that they and himself was  
looking to the Quarterly as a step lad=  
der for his own ambition & that the Qu=  
editor had not the power, if he had  
he wish, to resist this same pressure. I  
soon saw the truth of this view of the case  
and hastened to write down. My last  
article was in N<sup>o</sup> 100 on the New Reform  
Bill, which consistency to my own opini=  
one

ous, & my alarm as such a stride towards the abrogation of the monarchy forced me to write, which I should not have otherwise been induced to do after the difficulty which I had found as to one or two articles in the preceding No 87 which I remember you noticed in your last letter - those difficulties & the article on the Eastern question determined me to withdraw at once & wholly, & I only gave the Reform article as the epilogue to my political Essays on that subject.

This is a long story but it serves to answer two or three topics & enquiries in your letter. I don't believe that Mr Shevin is as yet a "Doctor" at least he was not so last year. I think he is still only A.M. Master of Arts - So his title is Mr. & his address "The Reverend Mr." all my family would <sup>if they were</sup> send their kindest regards as Mr. Leaken does. The Burrows are all at Kensington. Love yours  
Whitakers

P.S. I have only room to  
say a very few words to your  
enquiry about our new Ministry  
try - I live so entirely en retrait, that  
I am by no means au courant of affairs  
but I do not believe the Palmerston Ministry will  
through the Sepia. Palmerston's personal influence  
over-rated. In fact it exists only with the Radicals &  
changes & the various parties he has served here & abroad  
an object of hope - not confidence with all the advocates of  
I had paucity of speaking talents, in the name of common  
comparative importance there, which unless he be  
proved since my time his talent in that way hard by  
Moreover he is neither Whig nor Tory - but what I find  
any-thingarian & tho' that latitudinarian charac-  
acter was a temporary purpose it won't do so long  
The first great difficulty will be the  
committee. It seems to me incompatible  
existence of a Ministry, but it has been  
voled by our immense majority: how  
is it to be either managed or got  
rid of - I do not see the way  
out of this scrape.