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London 1st Nov^r
1840

Dear Sir

I need not vindicate myself
from the charge of neglect of Duquenois
which was far too kind & too flattering
for me ever to forget it. You can hardly
think me so senseless as not to be eager
to write to you - And indeed I did write -
but my husband persuaded me that it
was but womanish vanity to take in earnest
words of mere courtesy, & ^{womanish} importunance
to intrude on your attention, so I burned
my letter & resigned myself to silence.
Then came events which made me indeed feel
how - ill it would become me to break in
on your thoughts & your time even for a
moment, & though those events, even to
my remote & indistinct view of them,
filled me with anxiety for you & gave
me an increased longing to say at any
rate how earnestly & devoutly I prayed for

for all our sakes, to preserve & strengthen
you, & give you externally & internally
the power to avert the horrible calamity
of war - how I hoped & trusted in you -
yet I had not the presumption to say so.

If you ask why then I have now? I am
afraid I can hardly ~~give~~ give a better reason
than that I myself can ~~hardly~~ ^{scarcely} endure
not to utter one word of respectful sympathy
to one whose kindness I shall never forget.

It seems a monstrous egotism to particularize
that among the qualities to be remembered
of Monsieur Guizot - but after all, old
me regende; & though I am neither so selfish
nor so much a woman as to reckon this
among your merits, it is not a crime, an
even a folly, to be grateful.

Accordingly the tears were in my eyes when
I heard you were gone & that very likely
I might never see you again. But when
I think for what you are gone, & for what
you are capable, I am content to miss
you here. I know nothing understand nothing

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is wrong.
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the road
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of freedom
my child
of superstition
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of the causes on the authors of this dreadful
misdeed - but no prejudice of country will now
make me regard those who have been running
out with less than execration. However else
is wrong, it is my faith that you are right.
How satisfactory to find that my countrymen
are not moved in their attachment to you
by all these ~~little~~ mutterings of the temperance
& I hope, come what may, you, dear Sir,
will retain some kind thoughts of England
& continue many hearts that did ever
pay true homage to your virtues. But that,
you know. You were good enough to ask me
to write you. I have no very

you know. You were good enough to ask me
to tell you how we fared. I have no very
brilliant report to make. I thought the effect
of the waters great & satisfactory, but on
the road home my husband seemed to lose
ground again, & is now ill in bed. I have
not the slightest hope of tranquillity, or
of freedom from grinding anxiety & toil, but
my child is happy & safe. I have about
of superstitious hope that I have born the
brunt of fate for her. If so, I am content.
Cachabad afforded me among other things
some new & interesting acquaintances.

among them Count Woronzow who is worthy
to be not a Russian. Michel Chevalier
& finally Mme de Talleyrand & her sisters,
- remarkable women in their way.

If we were sitting over my fireplace
I should have a great deal to tell you
about Germany - Austria - Bavaria, Prussia
in all which states I picked up a good deal
of information. On the whole, Germany
seems to be in a sound & satisfactory
state - advancing, but not restlessly - thriving
& acquiring political knowledge & wisdom
by observation & reflection, which will, in
due time, bear fruit. So at least it seems
to me. May God preserve them from war.
May all blessings attend your exertions
in the behalf of all causes. I know
that of all the wishes I could form for you,
this is the one you would most thank
me for. For what success, what glory is
like this? It is ~~truly~~ such as you are worthy
to enjoy, & with it the approbation of all good
spirits on earth & in heaven.

I remain dear & honored Sir.

Your faithful & respectful friend & servant
Franklin