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19<sup>th</sup> Feb  
1841

Dear American Guizot

The benefits you  
have conferred on the  
sorrowing wife & mother  
is so great, that it seems  
almost unhesitant to  
say anything about this  
unspicable. please you  
have given me. And you  
must think you for  
yourself, as well as for her.  
How often have I  
lamented as you do: how  
often declaimed with  
your female infatuation  
that fatal ignorance  
of each other, which

I send you a most interesting book. If you have  
already a copy you can give this to my lady  
I shall be glad to see it

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1

to be nations suspicious  
of each other of exaspera-  
tion & prejudice! But alas  
we cannot wait - the  
stream of knowledge  
is not to be held back on the  
ground of our regrets,  
nor can we so passionately  
oppose our labours, its  
growth. Do not laugh  
at my 'ous' - I mean  
it is a contradiction, it  
is the best evidence  
of the statement & the  
reason who would form  
a very ridiculous deal  
of him, but the numbers

2  
creature that cherishes  
a kindly feeling to his  
'foreign' brother - that  
tries to allay an evil  
passion, or to clear away  
his noxious prejudice,  
God be praised we have  
some such brethren & fellow  
workers, & in time shall  
have many more. The  
periodicals that I refer to  
will in time find its  
level - at present its  
authority is wholly fac-  
titious, exaggerated & false.  
But it is daily betraying  
its malignity & its  
wreath. As a proof  
look at our Lives - the

of the tremendous ma-  
nitude of the kind in  
existence. But what  
is going on, what kind  
of pestilence has it  
come to this suspicious  
and, to calumniate  
the, about the population.  
I do not have an over-  
view of population to know  
the vital question  
to think - an igno-  
rant, uneducated, un-  
fathomable population  
of what has become  
great - absolutely nothing  
is convinced - he  
is deterred from acting  
has changed nothing.

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I cannot tell you  
with what solemnity I  
think of the wretched wife  
& mother. He was so  
so passionately devoted  
to them. I remember once  
standing with her at the  
end of the pier when  
her husband & this young  
son, then a child, went  
off to Dover with dispatch  
in a freightful sea - just  
at sunset in a steam-  
boat carrying. I think by her  
to watch the little boat  
as long as we could see  
a trace of it on the

dark & stormy waters,  
your face is before me  
and he turned  
and said to me  
"c'est tout ce que j'ai vu  
monde". I was so alarmed  
I had taken that event  
home & shared with the  
others all night - the  
other pilots' wives whom  
I ought to go to be only  
said, "but c'est ce que  
on se plainc une raison  
de se voyons à se  
conscience."  
And now all the blacken  
givings are verified.

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Shame! - how these  
dark shadows rest for  
years on the soul. The  
was the only woman  
I saw possessed by these  
terrors. But dear Sir,  
what am I doing? Writing  
as if you had nothing  
to do but to read every  
woman's letter.

Well - what I want  
to say is, that the best  
to ask me if I have  
any friend at Paris  
who would solicit for  
a pension for her. She is  
very ill & quite forlorn.

do not think with her  
sabbatical temper she  
can live long.  
can it be? & can you  
have one minute from  
your time to devote  
it? He would think it  
a homage to the virtues  
of 'Monticem Cator', as he  
always called him, with  
a sort of veneration  
I borrowed in here.  
I used to show that  
curios with such pride  
to all my English friends.  
The pretty neat cottage  
& the decorations & medals  
under a glass case - carefully  
looked by the wife.