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Dear Monsieur Guizot,

I reproach myself bitterly with having allowed a day to elapse [illegible] without writing to tell you how much we were obliged to you for your kind intervention, & how fully it succeeded. At the end of our eight days of unpleasant travelling, it was no small comfort to be allowed to proceed quietly. I owe you the revenue of Rome but not a sou. Indeed, I am sorry to say, the greater part of our luggage is still in Berlin, waiting till we have a fixed post in Paris. That will not be till late in the Autumn, I suppose. You won't be the least afflicted if I tell you who is the important person who [illegible] has constantly presented my writing to you — my little granddaughter.

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I am the most forlorn of grandmothers
& am never so happy as when all
my schemes are discarded, & all
things thrown into confusion by this little
creature. I have not yet finished the last
of some letters which I have sent lately
to the Athenæum, in the humble hope of
clearing away some national prejudices.
I cannot — shall try to say little but write
a book about Germany, because I could
not ignore the great social question
which that country suggests in such a
manner as not to offend many readers.
But the subject is, altogether,
open, & is all, to my mind, far more
interesting than any other — the condition
habits & character of the people. More
even do I find to admire in sympathies
going over to those upon whom the bitter
fate rests so heavily — not only on
their ignorance & their faults, but
because of them. The absence of real active
sympathy between the classes of society in
England must come to an end. What
the end will be — good or bad — the
wise can tutor & soften hearts may bring

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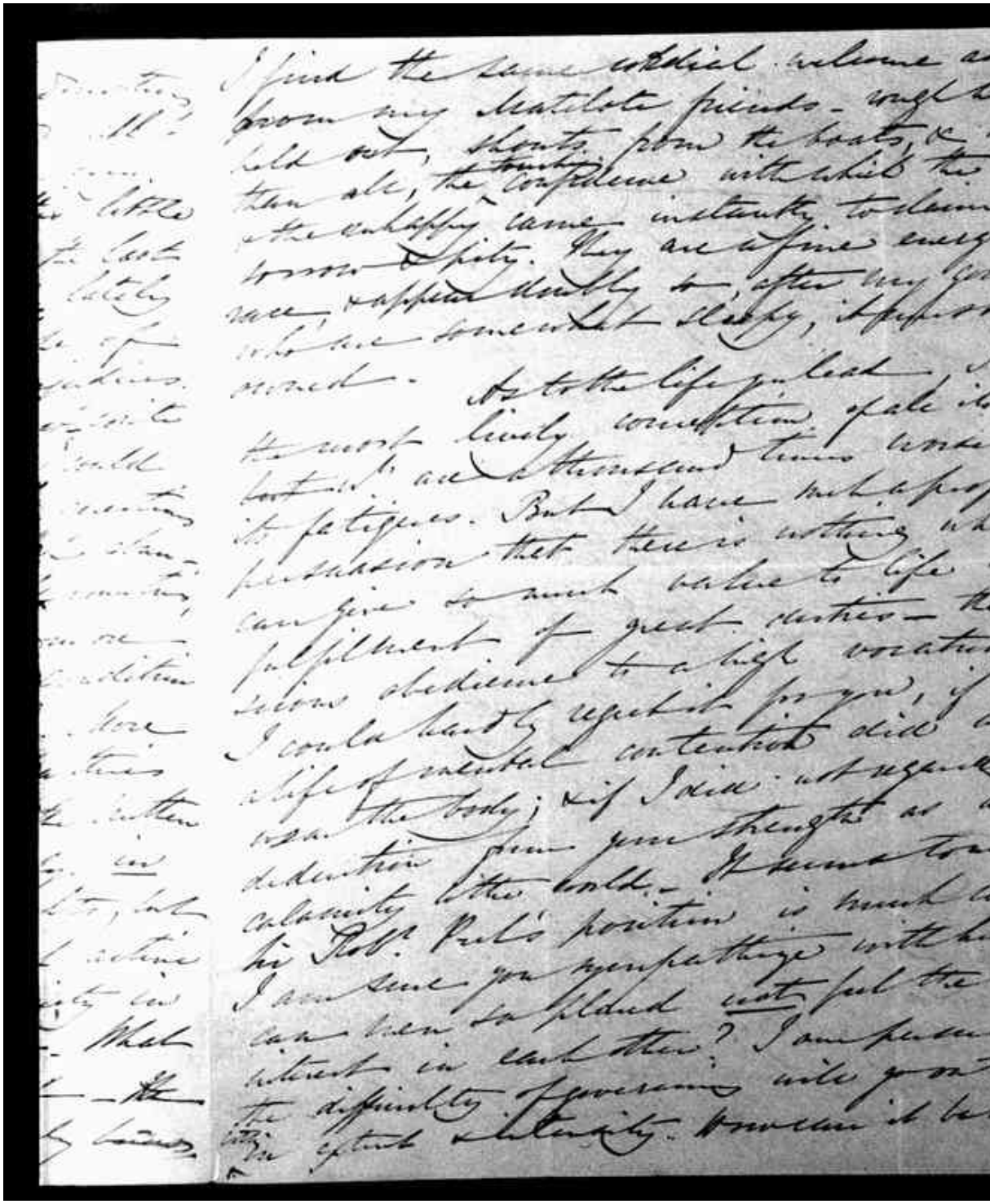

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Rationality is gone, & Reason, which should replace it, alas, alas! how feebly it fulfils! Can you explain the sort of apology I take most respectfully? Rationality? Rationality? I should feel ashamed to talk of religion. The general is Celtic & Papist - that's certain. I am just come from reading & hearing a great deal about the various branches of Slavonic nationality, which are rubbing themselves back in the Austrian Empire, after certain years of dead silence. A new journal published at Leipzig, 'Zeitschrift' and 'für Slavische Literatur' gives the names of eight or ten authors who are labouring at Slavonic letters & whose works are to be the text. Is this improvement? or to new discords, wars & conquests by barbarians? I rather lean to the former. Very extremely interesting. Rome is perhaps the only country in Europe where it is possible to live in perfect tranquillity & to be incorporated so as to have no fermentation of the kind to go through.

Forgive the most flattering thing I can think to be invented, dear Sir, when you attach the smallest value to the profound & respectful attachment I have for you. I am grateful to you for its sincerity, which is

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Something in this world of ours
makes me a dog in a manger. I assure
you I even wrote to you for the time my
husband talked of living in Paris,
in order that you might not be forced
by your politeness to say
what you have said. I should never
have asked you to neglect us. But
since your own heart, your own
I envy to tell you how glad, how grateful,
how proud, I am — how I long to see you.

Farewell, dear Sir. You need not
thank me for any trouble I give you.
I offer up for your welfare, since
that is only a mode of prayer
for the good of mankind.

It is the most affectionate respect

Doris Lamb.

Mr. Lamb begs me to say every thing that
is respectful to you. He is delighted to be
in his beloved Rome.

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