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Boulogne 7^e June
1843

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Dear Monsieur Guizot,

I reproach myself bitterly with
having allowed a day to ~~elapse~~ pass
over my head on French ground,
without writing to tell you how much
we were obliged to you for your kind
intervention, & how pleased if successful.
At the end of our eighth day of unequal
travelling, it was no small comfort
to be allowed to proceed quietly. I owe
you the reverse of thanks but
lost a son. Indeed, I am sorry to say,
the greater part of our baggage is
still in Berlin, waiting till we have
a firm foot in Paris. That will not
be till late in the Autumn, I imagine.
You will be the least affected if I
tell you who is the important person
and that has constantly prevented my
writing to you - my little granddaughter.

I am the most foolish of grandmothers,
& am never so happy as when all
my schemes are disconcerted, & all my
things thrown into confusion, by this little
creature. I have not yet finished the letter
of some letters which I have sent lately
to the Athenaeum, in the humble hope of
clearing away a few national prejudices.
I cannot - that is to say I will not write
a book about Germany, because I could
not ignore all the great social questions
which that country supports in such clear-
ness. I do not know of any other country
where the subject is, in all countries,
open, & in all, to my mind, far more
interesting than any other - the condition
habits & character of the people. More
I know do I find all my sympathies
going over to those upon whom the burden
of life rests so heavily - & not only in
spite of their ignorance & their faults, but
because of them. The absence of real action
sympathy between the ^{different} classes of society in
England must come to an end. What
that end will be - good or bad - the
wise can turn & often hearts only know.

I find the
from my
held out,
than all, the
the unhappy
to know &
race, & people
who are so
owned.

the most
but who are
its fatigue &
persuasion
can give
fulfillment
sorrow shed
I could have
a life of
was the
dedication
calamity to
his Robt. P.
I am sure
can men
interest in
the difficult
in spirit &

I find the same cordial welcome
from my Maritime friends - and
held out, shouts from the boats, &
then all, the confidence with which the
the embracing came instantly to decline
to my & pity. They are a fine energetic
race, & appear doubly so, after my long
who are somewhat sleepy, I suppose
moved. As to the life you lead, I
the most lively competition of all is
but it is a thousand times worse
its fatigues. But I have perhaps
persuasion that there is nothing which
can give so much value to life
fulfillment of great duties - the
sions obedience to a high vocation
I could hardly regret it for you, if
a life of mental contention did not
worn the body; & if I did not regret
dedication from your strength as a
calamity to the world. It seems to me
his Post? But his position is much
I am sure you sympathize with him
can be so placed not feel the
interest in each other? I am sure
the difficulty of governing will give
the extent of intensity. However it be

Radicalism
Authority is gone, & Reason, which should
replace it, alas, alas! how feeble is it! ^{to rationality}
Can you explain the sort of epiphany, which
must require ~~of rationality~~? He did not seem
about to cease to talk of religion. The general
is like a boyon - which seems. I am just
come from the reading & hearing a great deal
about the various theories of Slavonic
rationality, which are making themselves
heard in the Russian Empire, after centuries
of dead silence. A new journal published
at Leipzig, Viertelejahrsschrift and und für
Wissenschaft - contains a curious insight
into the conflicting Leipzig & Slavonic nations
~~the greatest light, which has been thrown upon the matter?~~
~~to what does all the trouble?~~
improvement, or to new discords, wars &
consequently barbarism? I rather hope the
former. This is extremely interesting.
Name is perhaps the only country
so perfectly incorporated as to have no
presentation of the kind to go through.
You say the most flattering thing to me
that could be invented, dear Sir, when you
attach the smallest value to the profound
& respectful attachment I have for you.
I rely upon its sincerity, which is

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something in this world of ours.
I make even a dog ~~as~~ valuable. I suppose
you never wrote to me from the time my
husband talked of living in Paris,
in order that you might not be forced
by your politeness to your kindness to say
what you have said. I should never
have asked you to recollect us. But
since you ~~must~~ have been ~~with~~ ^{near}
I may tell you how glad, how grateful,
how proud, I am - how I long to see you.
I am well, dear Sir. you need not
thank me for any wishes & prayers
I offer up for your welfare, since
that is only a mode of praying
for the good of mankind.

With the most affectionate respect

Yours S. Austin.

Mr. Austin begs me to say every thing that
is respectful to him. He is delighted to be
in his beloved home.