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Your well wishes are about every
home, home are, see & all
with. Even those - you know there
are some who are not extremely attached
to the Orleans dynasty, and among
your warm friends & admirers.
You will be still more pleased
to hear that the Stonemans of Germany
seem to be more kindly & well
disposed to France, & if some absurd
persons in that country would cease
to talk of but forward opinions
claims to superiority & predominance
which keep the old wound from
healing, I think they would soon be
entirely healed. So the Germans
justice they are singularly over-
sensitive - a merit & a fault
you, dear Sir, if you have any self-
regard, ought to estimate highly.
Since you paper it to so remark,
ably a degree, in a country where
it is not common. I find the
better sort of Germans are most ready
to acknowledge the various great
qualities of the French - only they
naturally don't like to be treated
as inferiors - nor to be told that you
~~will~~ have an eye to their propensities.

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satisfactory conclusion
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are eagerly looking
around of France
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(All premen) & of the
more one sees the
ill assorted marriage
understand how deep
aufgeklärt, intelligent
must be with some
views - how intolerant
treat with ignominy
a base a tyrant &
seems Bishop Arnold
other hand, the worst
the pretensions of the
intolerant. Now is

It is very difficult to come at any
satisfactory conclusion as to the state
of the public mind in the Rhineland
provinces; the reports are so conflicting
that the Prussian Govt is popular,
I think nobody can affirm, how
extensive, how deep the unpopularity
is, is another question. You know how
loud a few malecontents, how quite
a mass of contents are. But I think
there is more discontent than formerly
& in saying this, I am not the
least afraid that you will think they
are eagerly invoking the liberating
armies of Rome. The real truth is
the more one knows of Prussians
(all Prussians) & of Rheinlanders, the
more one sees that it is an
ill-ported marriage. I can easily
understand how disgusting to an
anglophile, intelligent Prussian
must be such scenes as that at
Köln - how intolerable to have to
heat with ignominy & seeming respect
as base a trick & hypocrisy as it
seems. Bishop Doncker is - On the
other hand, the contempt, the contempt
the prepotence of the Prussians is
intolerable. Now is not this a bad

meanings? It is difficult to see what
the Rhinelanders really want - or
mean. Certainly not to become French
Belgian - would suit them better.
But from their speeches, &c., it seems
as if they would like the protection
of Prussia, & then to govern themselves.
The scheme which is now speaking
to every body - the business for which
every body thinks himself fit.
I need not tell you that the French
affair is not (as ^{the people call it}) the cause
of the great religious stir in Germany.
The occasion for a certain outbreak
- perhaps - what I hear about the
dentist-catholic movement. Under
me think that you were quite right
to disprove it, as I remember
you did, in two or three slight
words. I found then was more in
it. My ~~German~~ friends here who are
capable of a serious judgment
are utterly dissatisfied with the sort
of civility displayed by the converts
& the absence of all signs of an
earnest religious movement con-
trasted of any kind. Something
more serious is the protestant movement

^{Respect} identified with
certain pastor
This began long
ago in my school
who were not
properly treated.
Now the thing
to do is to
in both. The
every one seems
satisfaction is
will not. inter-
dependence in pro-
cess. We are
then 4 to 500
present at the
which took place
at Wittenberg
representative
I am afraid
very expensive
Religion; you
what they bear
binding on the
- a mere recog-
nition of 2nd
in creed. The

here, & strange stories of their
great allies. Jesuits are just now
the favorite bites & bones.
Sometimes I think my husband is
right - she says, there is only her
Guizot who has the power of
seeing realities - other men
live among phantoms.

The weather is so wintering that
we do not feel disposed to move
on to Carlsbad. We are in quiet
comfortable quarters & amongst
the kindest friends - books &
works of art, good music &
the prettiest scenes abound on
every side. As you walk home from
the most charming Opera (at
nine o'clock!) you are greeted
with the song of the nightingales
& the odours of Spring. What
can you wish for more? you may
reverently ask. Ah indeed if one
had not the misfortune to love
one's children & one's irreplaceable
friends, I can hardly tell what.
Life is easy & tranquil.

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right - she says, there is only Mr
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seeing realities - other men
live among phantoms.

The weather is so wintering that
we do not feel disposed to move
on to Colobed. We are in quiet
comfortable quarters & amongst
the kindest friends - books &
works of art, good music &
the prettiest scenes about on
every side. You walk home from
the most charming opera (at
mine inlook!) you are greeted
with the song of the nightingale
& the odours of spring. What
can you wish for more? you may
reasonably ask. Ah indeed if one
had not the misfortune to love
one's children & one's irreplaceable
friends, I can hardly tell what.
Life is easy & happy.

I cannot send you all this stuff
down here, without some business
first as to its usefulness to
meet such an eye as yours &
secondly because I fear I am
under some misapprehension
as to the mode of conveyance
Was I mistaken? Well I could
not be - in thinking that you
told me to send my letters
to the French Legation here - & that
Harriet repeatedly said that
our correspondence was to
pass through the Bureau?

The enclosed note has however
to puzzle me, that I cannot
be satisfied without asking if
I am wrong.

When I wrote the other day
to Harriet I sent a little note
as civil as I could make it,
to M. de Barante; expressing

~~What these cases~~
saying that in consequence
of your permission, I ventured
to trouble him with that paper
& that I should be extremely
obliged to him to inform
me whether there was any
particular day for sending.
I thought it right to do this
that I might not appear to take
an unauthorized liberty.
I added, what I certainly had
no right to do "that if M.
de Barante had
any recent news of your
health I should esteem myself
extremely obliged to him if
he would send me word how
you were." This was perhaps
impudent - yet I think it
hardly deserved to make a
stroke. My servant returned

bringing this
without a cover
an address. I was
so far from
~~being~~ that
though use of
But perhaps I
throughout, & if
will be to him
me to. Still for
from dear Har
have wished the
by M. de Barante
in accordance
known. I was
- one a minister
women of great
me when the
both called out
"Ah voilà l'insol
C'est comme cela
Bonne nuit. How
said this in heart

only 'French' into 'English'! I
suppose all strong people are so.
never have been. I am quite
prepared to see the further time
I shall learn something - not from
you dear Sir but from my
kind & beloved correspondents
I shall send nothing more to
the French Legation.

24th May - No news - and I
cannot quit Dresden without
leaving this to be forwarded.
I have seen the Queen who received
me very affectionately. While I was
with her the King came in & put
out his hand in a very hearty
manner. We talked about what
we even I was satisfied with what
they said. I am satisfied that no
event (except perhaps the death
of the K. of Rome) could cause
such a sensation throughout Europe
as your retirement. I state this only
as a fact - not as a motive -
for I can more about your health
than the alarm of Europe. But

25th / Since I saw
Prince John
Pillnitz. I was
on a previous occasion
what I thought
of the D. of
Prussia kind
good sense
whatever he
I was pursuing
in his favour
a vast effort
his own. The
really interested
would oppose
a chance &
Germany &
thing to be
might so
present that
you heard we
complete any
more & as I
& they seem
say what I
all perhaps he
than from and
can exceed he

...right! I
stone people are so
... I am quite
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Since I saw the thing & Queen
Prince John sent for me to
Pleasant. I was with. very that on
occasion presented itself of saying
what I thought about the chance
of the D. de Roudeau. He spoke
of him kindly but with great
good sense. Whereupon I said
whatever his qualities might be
I was persuaded any attempt
in his person would end only in
a vast effusion of blood. Probably
his own the first & that no one
really interested in the young man
would oppose him to the terrible
a chance & that for all of us
Germany & England the only
thing to pray for was that they
might go on quietly in their
present track. All this of the
present with an appearance of
complete acquiescence. to say the
more & as I am perfectly neutral
& they seem inclined to think I
say what I believe to be true
he perhaps heard it more patiently
than from another. At least nothing
can exceed his cordial, affectionate

manners. And these people are so
extremely good simple & amiable
that I defy you, if you were here
not to feel attracted & attached to
them. Why they tolerate me so long as
I cannot guess unless it is that
they see I value their views &
are not sorry to hear perfectly
frank opinions.

Saxony strikes one, as it always
does, but more more than ever,
as the type of tranquil successful
industry. As I rode along looking
at all the fruits of labour & all
the peaceful labourers, I almost
curled in my heart the men
who would turn these green &
fertile fields into heaves of car-
peting - or to speak more like a
Christian I prayed God to protect
the husbandmen & his work. ~~the~~
How wonderfully is every trace of
the ravages of war effaced from
this country so often exposed to them.
I will not write any more. Pray
forgive my writing so much.
Love to all. Farewell most beloved
reverend grandmothers. Farewell
dear children. God bless you all
prayer with all his heart
yours P. Austin