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17/ Wed[nesday]

Dear Mondieu Guizots

You will not be
surprised at my sending
you a young lady's
letter to read. Though
you know what to think
of the fall air one
breathes under [illegible]
you will see certain
confirmations here.
The letter contains qual-
ities and talents in
English ears worthy of
Mr Wheaton's daughter.
Poor thing. I pour Mr Wheaton

My husband has expressed to me for some days an earnest desire to speak to you, but as I foresee that his eagerness will prevent him, I must.

We are afraid the Kossuth demonstration & banquet will make a very fashionable impression in England – even among our best friends. They do not understand the state of parties & opinions here, while enfin people who are not only violent but opposed. Do not think that we wish any thing done to suppress it. However it is given & whose honour it is given are despicable – I presume to think the motives that prompt this demonstration are not less so.

All I wish is, that we should be able to keep your honoured & beloved name out of the affair; that nobody

should be able to find
fine that you ~~were~~
disposed a demonstration
merely because if was
hostile to England, &
encouraged the anarchists
who endanger her
government. I well know,
also, how little that gov-
ernment deserves at
your hands - but the
people of England - it
is of their opinion I
think. You know how I
count for you the honour
& respect of the whole world
& I think a few words

17 août

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of generous &
consistent protest would
win the back hearts in
England to you -
Do not understand
M. de Montalembert's
hatred of demagogues.
~~Believe~~ He has an
example in exploiting
fanaticism in favour
of the most frantic
démagogie the world
ever saw.

Pray forgive me for
being faithful & offer -

S. Austin -

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I shall see Libby all
tomorrow morning.

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17 bis

New York, 18th. Dec. 1849

My Dear Miss Austin,

I have intended to write you for some time past, as Papa's occupations and various déplacements have left him but little leisure for letter writing since his return to this country, and we are most anxious not to lose sight of our European friends nor to be forgotten by them. We have indeed so many reasons to regret having left Europe, that our thoughts turn with more pleasure to what we have left behind than to any thing around us.

Although Papa's reception in this city was both kind and flattering, I doubt whether after so long a residence abroad he can ever again feel entirely at home here.

He is at present at Cambridge, where he is to deliver a course of lectures on International Law; as these do not commence till March, he will be at liberty to go to Washington during the Session.

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My sister will probably accompany him; in the meantime we are spending some weeks here at the house of a distant relation I cannot say that we are much pleased with society here. The women here are seldom well educated; they leave school at the age of sixteen, and from that time their reading is confined to indifferent novels and worse poetry, and all rational conversation seems to be considered a bore. As young persons give the tone to society, you may readily imagine from what I have just said what it is. As to the equality, which in theory is the basis of every thing in this country, we are every day astonished to find how little it is practised in reality. You will hardly credit that a man whose whole life is spent in acquiring money, who has no leisure for reading or intellectual improvement and cannot even speak good English, is called a gentleman — while a Professor of the French language and literature is not considered

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Our position is most painful; we are exposed to a thousand impertinent questions with regard to our feelings on leaving Europe and parting with all our early friends, and are constantly compelled to listen to the most absurd assertions without venturing to contradict them. I cannot conceive any worse lot than that which deprives one of the privilege of ever expressing freely what one thinks, and of ever increasing admiration of every thing about you, not because it is good, but because it is American.

Mamma is in Rhode Island with her father, and although she had the happiness of finding him in the perfect enjoyment of his health and mental faculties at the age of 87, she is by no means reconciled to her return to this country.

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We look forward with great anxiety to the arrival of the British steamers, for nothing gives us so much pleasure as the receipt of letters from Europe. Mrs. Clermont has written to us and I hope will continue to do so, as we value his friendship and remembrance of us most highly. I trust, my Dear Mrs Austin, you will think of us sometimes when you have a leisure hour, for a letter from you would always give us the greatest pleasure.
My sister desires to be very cordially remembered to you. With our best wishes for your health and happiness during the coming year, believe me, yours very sincerely,

Abby Wheaton.

We were very much shocked at hearing of the death of M. Besson; he was an old and valued friend of my father's.

Mrs Austin
Reading
Middlesex