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Maybridge
31. Aug 5

I carried your letter to Richmond & gave it to his James Taylor
I am with you
Dear Mr. Quincy

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You must have been
astonished at my long
absence - at least I flatter
myself so - though I am quite
sure it has not weighed on
me as it has on you.
Maybridge has been a perfect
Babylon of visitors, coming
from all parts, and at all, or nearly
all, times foreigners, my whole
existence has been in
expectation of Cicero, Mr. P.
Paine, who leaves us tomorrow
has been here above a fortnight.
The whole Amisson
family were here several
days - Baron de Hapthausen
another German, twice;
a fourth - not to mention

English friends & relations;
in constant suspense. I do
not complain of this - far
from it, though I wish these
visits did not come as
unaper. but that is the fate
of people who live in the
country. The long winter ~~will~~
~~will~~ find me quiet
& solitary enough - though not
at all more so than I like.
But of one guest has brought
us his contribution of new
ideas. He is Haythornthwaite
specially, one of the most remarkable
& interesting men I have
met with, & whose knowledge
of Russia & the East is of
think unequalled in extent
& depth. He is the nobleman
of wealth & Whittellian race
under whose protection the young
Paul has been travelling. He is
now looking at our England with

his practiced & acute
after having taken a
at hand. I think he
will carry home some
notions. He is so
upright a man, that
the truth, I think he
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received, of my little
to describe some Rec
You will find yourself
(anonymously) & will
pardon an allusion
dear & venerable. He
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Hartshorn etc.
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meeting men I know
whose knowledge
of the East is
called in English
the nobleman
of Italian race
protection the young
travelled. He is
our England with

his practised & acute eyes²
after having taken a glimpse
at Dante. I think M. P. Kline
will carry home some useful
notions. He is so good &
upright a man, that if he said
the truth, I think he would
act up to it. My last conversation
had been a kind
of perpetual lecture on poli-
tics, political economy &c.
I send by him to Mrs. Lewis
a copy, I have just
received, of my little attempt
to describe some Russians
You will find yourself guided
(anonymously) & with I hope
pardon an allusion to your
dear & venerable Mother.
I could not come so near her
memory, & not disturb my
heart, at least in a few words,
of some little of my feelings
about her. Be to Mrs. de M...

tenon - One cause of ^{my} ~~the~~
delay in writing has been
that I was myself waiting
for an answer from Mr.
Benson. I have received it;
& it is to the effect, that it
is against the rules of the
review (as I suspected)
to publish a critique of ~~any~~
incomplete work, & that we
must wait till the whole
is published before any thing
can be done. Will you, dear
Sir, be so good as to communi-
cate this to Mr. De la Noaille.
At the same time let me
repeat my misgivings as to
my ability to do it justice.
I find on talking with Mr.
St. Vilaine, that his view of
his character is even more
favourable than that given by
Mr. de Noailles, & I also find,
to my own shame & regret,

2) that I cannot
myself of ~~the~~
prejudices ap-
plied long ago
~~can~~ feel I shall
sufficiently ac-
all the points
to defend. So
conscience, I
as thorough
character. My
of him is
I need not
gratitude I
any hints
me about
person. I wish
and I feel that
of my own
prop are to
write. Right
always believed
Pray don't

3
2) that I cannot divest
myself of sentiments &
prejudices against her, im-
bibed long ago, & which I
~~can~~ feel I ~~cannot~~ am not
sufficiently acquainted with
all the points of the subject
to defend. To satisfy my own
conscience, I must go into
a thorough study of her cha-
racter. My husband's opinion
of her is much like my own.
I need not say with what
gratitude I should receive
any hints you would give
me about this of the ordin-
ary person. I wish to be just, sin-
cere & I feel that the very doubt
of my own justice would of-
fend me so that I could not
write. Right or wrong, I have
always believed myself right.
Pray don't laugh at my pedantry.

I speak as home the other
with the Duke of Orleans
& found him ~~the~~ admirable at
all points, even beyond my
expectation. I think I never
came near a more perfectly
balanced mind - one in
which every sentiment had
so exactly its just measure.
One people are firmly persuaded
that her son will reign;
why, they can hardly tell,
but so it is. Somebody had
told her that the English people
felt a malignant joy at
the misfortunes & degradation
of France. He asked
me if this was true. I
may guess my reply. He
is it that invents such calum-
nies? I take upon me to say,
nothing can be more false.

I hope, dear Sir,
off no such guess.
I am sorry to see
amount of the
^{in France} at work as others
have received in
at all encouraging
pletely desponding.
I do, did I not
some new world
from this chaos.
How are my de-
to your admirable
to-day papers in
not think of you
in which I do
see you. But for
am fixed at May
go to Paris - as
it will be in the
very early spring.
If you were the
humble by to inter-
Colonel - George
writing a book of his

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... Orleans
... admirable at
... beyond my
... I know
... more perfectly
... one in
... had
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... the highest people
... joy at
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... asked
... there. In
... reply. The
... such calm
... me to say,
... more false.

I hope, dear Sir, you carried
off no such impression.
I am sorry to say Mr. Armitage's
account of the state of things
in France is as others which I
"have received in letters, is not
at all encouraging. He is con-
stantly desponding. He should
I do, did I not believe that
some new world will emerge
from this chaos.
How are my dear, dear girls?
& your admirable William?
Today papers in which I do
not think of you at all, & none
in which I do not long to
see you. But for this year I
am fixed at my bridge. If I
go to Paris - as I want to do
it will be in the winter or
very early spring.
If you were there now I
should be to introduce to you
Col. ~~Stanton~~ George Keppel, who is
writing a book of history of the

Whigs & wants to explore
Guelben & to talk with those
who can instruct him.
Perhaps he may have the
advantage of seeing you here
after. I need not tell you that
he is a. Albemarle's son - his
wife is Lady Trotter's daughter.
I shall give him a letter
to Mr. Mignet.

Mr. P. Milaine has sent some
little sketches of his - to a
paper called L'Ordre. If you
see it, you will perhaps recog-
nize some traits.

We are all well here. Baby
being the most progressive
person of the whole, demands
the first mention. He is grown
immensely & is full of joy &
vigour. Janet & her parents
are in great force; & we elders
very contented & tranquil under our
rust trees. People have been so
kind to me about my pension
that the value of it seems doubtful.
God bless you dear Sir & friend &
preserve all dear to you S. A.