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Dear Monsieur Guizot

It is impossible not to associate you with the changes that occurred in Eng^d during the two last centuries. And thus any trifle connected with the establishment of our civil & religious liberties suggests you & seems to belong to you.

I send you a sermon preached by a pious & learned man, my great-grandfather, on the opening of the dissenting chapel in which I used when a child to worship. You will see in it

that ardent attachment
to liberty of conscience
& that profound gratitude
to the House of Hanover
which characterized the
dissenters - the genuine
whigs - of that period,
when the dread of Popery
& the Stuarts was still a
living sentiment.
I think some part of it
towards the end - will
please you. The tolerant
& christian spirit are
worthy of an admirer
of Locke. We are sadly
gone back in that respect -
as well as in simplicity

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& purity of language.
I am going to Norwich
with my eldest daughter &
visited nearly all my family
to be present at the celebration
of the Centenary of the opening
of the Chapel. The
present congregation have
made a great point of
assembling as many of
Dr. Taylor's descendants as
possible. It shall be there
to the number of about
thirty. If my going were to
be taken as a confession
of faith, I could hardly
with a good conscience
I cannot pretend to be a
very jealous Unitarian.
But my father, I think, was my
venerable great grandfather,

at least you will see none
of the modern dogmatism
which appears to me so un-
becoming in those who ap-
peal from the dogmatism
of others. However I go out
of reverence for him & for
his worthy ascendants my
dear father, & my Brother.

You may suppose that I
am tolerably well, or I
should not undertake such
a journey. My Bro John & I
stop a day or two in our
way at Cambridge, with
our poor friend Whewell,
who is in great sorrow
for the loss of his wife.

My husband is as well
as usual. We have had
a dreadful alarm about

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off our darling little ³
Maurice but he is now
quite well & robust. He
is with his mother at
Brighton.

The peace is a great
relief. It cannot undo
the immense mischief
done, but there is at
least some stop to the
progress of calamity.

What is to come next?

You may imagine that
I am not a little disap-
pointed at the figure made
by my young friend Leo
Thom, of whose under-
standing I had a very
good opinion. He seems

Sunk in history

I hope you have good
accounts of the dear
femme & her husband
& children. My kindest
love to Pauline. All good
wishes to her husband
& children & to Guillaume

Always, dear Sir & friend
your faithfully attached
J. Austin

Weybridge
4 May
1856