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Heybridge Dec^r 7th

Dear Monsieur Guizot

Though I have not yet obtained all the information I desire, I send you now the result of my application to Lady Suff Gordon. She says she will enquire of Lady Theresa Lewis if she knows anything of letters from Horace Walpole to Miss Berry. She adds, "I never saw any, and my belief is that all his letters were destroyed by her." Miss Berry died on the 21st of Nov. 1852. in the 90th year of her age, having survived her sister (who was 88^y) only a few months. Lady Theresa Lewis is writing a short Biography of her, and making extracts from her Journal.

and letters. I cannot remember in
what year Lady Charlotte Lindsay died,
it was several years before her friends.
she was much younger than they were.
I have no knowledge of any papers of
hers or her father's, and I doubt her
having had any, for I think the
excellent letter of hers, published by
Lord Brougham in his life of Lord
North, was called for by his application
to her for some letters ^{of her father's} ~~of her father's~~
father's. I will ask my sister-in-law,
^{Mrs Lindsay} who was also Lady Charlotte's sister-
in-law, all particulars, and will write
again. ^{vol. 2} Mrs Lindsay, sister of Sir Wm
Guth Gordon, married a brother of
Lady C North's husband - both
sons of the Earl of Beaconsfield.

"I knew the Miss Berrys well from
1812 to the year of their death, and
been often rather sorry that I did
not have advice, and joint

a little sketch of their
first I heard of Miss B
In a second note, Lady
to refer you to an article
des Annales, Dec.
"Lettres de Horace Walpole
Osgood." - There are
details, dear Monsieur
but I shall get more
learn ~~the~~ what became
papers, if she had any
says the person most like
Lord Brougham, and, ^{him}
you to write to Lord B
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for by his application
of papers of
my sister-in-law
[Charlotte's sister-
lives, and will write
sister of Sir Wm
is a brother of
band - both
of Balcarres]
to Henry's will from
their death, and
sorry that I did
advise, and just

a little sketch of their friends, ^{which I wrote} when
first I heard of Miss Henry's death.
In a second note, Lady Gordon begs me
to refer you to an article in the Review
des Annales, Dec. 1852, called,
"Lettres de Horace Walpole ~~to~~ Lady
Oxford" - These are very meagre
details, dear Monsieur Guizot
but I shall get more. I cannot
learn ~~the~~ what became of Lady Charlotte
papers, if she had any. Alexander
says the person most likely to know, is
Lord Brougham, and that he advises
you to write to ^{him} Lord Brougham. The
letter to which Lady Gordon refers is in
Lord Brougham's "Statesman of the Reign
of George the 3^d," and was said by Hand
to be worth all the rest of the book, it
is indeed charming. [The thing which
appears to me most to distinguish
Miss Henry and her sister, is that they
succeeded in creating a genuine salon
in London]

on the French pattern, and I believe
as agreeable as most Reunions of the
kind. This died with them. Miss
Berry's first Ball was at the Court
of poor Maria Antoinette. She knew
France thoroughly, and was strongly
attached to it. I find it impossible to
give you any facts or details ~~con-~~
illustrative of Lord Lansdowne's relation
to literary men. His ennobling
were almost always as secret as well-
turned. I do not know of one that could
with propriety be mentioned, for the
respectful & jealous attention with which
he has treated all persons of merit in
Art, Science, or Literature, it is ^{his} matter
which does not admit of a doubt, nor
require a proof. Not only he invited
all such persons ^{who introduced to him} to his house, and treated
them with distinction, but he went
in search of them, especially if they
were foreigners, to whom he may be
said to have done the honours of
England. If ~~to~~ any particular

instance of his truly
Art and Letters should
wish send it to you, but
to select ~~one~~ from ~~so long~~
a course. His acts of
to those in want are in
not a quarter of them
I forgot to mention to you
we were living at Richmond
accounts for your note.
I had a letter yesterday
of Trinity, he speaks of
of this "political wisdom"
Book. [To-day I had a
youngest brother, and
with the curious coincidence
his views about Rome
although he has not seen
He formerly lived in Rome
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99 ^{and} ~~testimony~~ of his truly liberal love of
Art and Letters should occur to me, I
will send it to you, but it is difficult
to select one from ^{so long a list} ~~so long a list~~ of consistent
a course. His acts of delicate munificence
to those in want are innumerable;
not a quarter of them will ever be known.
I forgot to mention to you, that in 1840
we were living at Richmond, which
accounts for your not seeing Mr. Austin.
I had a letter yesterday from the Master
of Trinity, he speaks with great admiration
of the "political wisdom" contained in your
Book. [To-day I had a visit from my
youngest brother, and I was struck
with the curious coincidence ^{between}
his views about Rome with yours,
although he has not seen your Book.
He formerly lived in Rome long enough
thoroughly to understand it, and he
maintains that it is in every way
disqualified from being the political
or social Capital of a large country.
I cannot give you all the reasons. The

assigned for this opinion, but I am quite
sure you would admit the justice of them.
He is convinced that by any such attempt
the Rome which is, and ought to be, the
School, Museum, and ^{while} Study of Europe,
would be destroyed, and the life & activity
of a Capital could never be imparted
to it. Rome, as a free City, the Pope
with lay Ministers, and the dependent
Cities with good Municipal Institutions
such is his theory. You see it is not
far from your own. [I dare hardly
talk to you about America. You know
on how many subjects Mr. Austin
and you agreed, but on that, his opinion
differed widely from yours, he had
long watched the gradual growth of
grand lawlessness & brutality in
that country, & he frequently pre-
dicted some outrageous manifes-
tation of depraved political im-
punity. His predictions are fulfilled.
I forgot to mention that the "Amiable"
Captain Wilkes of the Daily News
must be brother in ~~captivity~~ of ~~the~~

of Jeffrey's second wife
find Lady Charlotte Lindesay
end of the 2nd volume of her
"Statesman". I must refer
a little bit of scandal
innocent & amusing
not write. Lady Bishop
Hugh Elliot, formerly Mr.
Dearden, has been looking
for his papers. There is a
large packet of letters from
George (afterwards Trevelyan)
and — in short the
all on the fire. You remember
indignation at her death.
Wilson (who have been
dictated) & will undoubt-
edly like this little detail.
I am afraid Hugh (who
was not insensible to
of S. Hamilton).

Now Adieu dearest
I have resolved to go
Tuesday to see if I can
do anything for my
Tell Mr. Mathew when you
that I am very
with warm regard. He

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Principal Institution.
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a political mis-
tions are falsified
that the "Amiable"
in Daily News
master of it.

Ld Jeffrey's second wife. You will⁴
find Lady Charlotte Lindsay's letter at the
end of the 2nd volume of Lord Abingham's
"Statesman". I must regale you with
a little bit of scandal which my
innocent amanuensis shall
not write. Lady Bishop, daughter of
Hugh Elliot, formerly Minister at
Berlin, has been looking over her
father's papers. Then she found a
large packet of letters from Mrs. J.
George (afterwards French) to her father
and — in short she threw them
all on the fire. You remember my
indignation at her calumnies on
Wilson (w. have been amply contra-
dicted) & will understand how
I relish this little discovery.
I am afraid Hugh (ex. gratia Elliot)
was not insensible to the charms
of Ld. Hamilton.

Now Adieu dearest Sir.
I have resolved to go to London on
Tuesday to see if I can get any help
in alleviation for my arm & head.
Tell Mr. Sturt when you see him
that I & de Russy spoke of him
with warm regard. We think he

ought to visit his patient
at Meybridge & allow de Mussy
to do the honours of medical
surgical London to him. He beg-
ged me to say he should be very
happy to receive him at his house.

I don't know how to lament
enough not being able to write
letters to my dear girls. I have
1000 things to say. - Esperons -
But it is so painful! They do
not wish it. Guillaume has
not sent me the notes about
Dante. H. M. Secretary for War
will be sure to come to see me
to ask me for them.

Mais adieu dear friends. I can
conclude with good news. We
have had a second brightening from
my dear daughter. He is better
the spotting of blood has quite
ceased. C'est là la chose importante
says de Mussy. He is cheerful
the longing for home. God be praised
you, dear friends, will all say Amen

Your ever affectionate
Shurton.