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19, Giltspur Street, Gower Street, London
Oct. 27, 1845.

Monsieur le Ministre,

It is a very long time since I had the honor of writing to you, and I fear you will think me negligent and forgetful. We have had some very serious discussions amongst ourselves in England, in which I have become fast forward as one of the leaders of the party which wishes to promote activity in archaeological and historical researches, and which has caused me much trouble and given me much occupation. It has been mixed up with religious and even almost with political questions, and has actually agitated the whole country, as you will probably have observed by the English newspapers. Fortunately the press has been almost unanimous on our side, and we have now beaten our opponent, although the war has been going on steadily ever since the end of last December, and it was beginning at the time you last did us the honor to visit our shores. It has compelled me to put off a long intended visit to Paris; and has hindered me from finishing the Anglo-Norman period of my Biographie Literaire, which however I hope to be able to bring with me to Paris next month. I have also through these

himself been hindered from writing my projected "History of Society in England during the Middle Ages," which has been long advertised, and was to have been published last spring. This work, with your permission, I intend to dedicate to you, as the head of the historical school for which I feel the greatest respect and admiration.

I take the liberty of mentioning one or two documents relating to our archaeological disputes, which I thought you might perhaps be assumed to see. It began in personal jealousy of me, in some persons who dislike to see any progress in science which is not made by themselves, and it has been taken up very violently again by the Puseyites and by the Jesuits, who are at this moment very active in England, and who would wish to put a stop to all historical research, that might bring forth documents inimicable to their own party. They make rather a mistake of me, because I have published so many documents relating to the social condition of the Middle Ages and the vices of the ~~system~~ medieval church system, and I have been made the butt of much violence about in the Catholic publications, and have been compelled

now and then to retaliate a little. I send inclosed the last number of the "Foreign Quarterly Review," one of the best of our Quarterlies, in which I have written an article on the "History of Comic and Satirical Literature in the Middle Ages," which is intended as a covert attack on the Jesuitical party here. It was rather loosely written, but I shall be very proud if it should afford you a moment's amusement.

I propose to be in Paris about the end of November, when I hope to be permitted to have the pleasure of again paying my personal respects to you.

I have the honor to remain, Monsieur le Ministre, with the most sincere respect and esteem,

Your very faithful servant,

Thomas Wright

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Monsieur le Ministre des Affaires Etrangères