

London Sep. 18th 1848.

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Little did I think when we were united a little less than twenty years ago that we should be separated by a distance of four thousand miles and that I should be in a City of two millions of inhabitants without one solitary acquaintance among them - but so it is. I reached here yesterday in the cars from Liverpool in pretty good health and of good spirits as I could expect, separated as I am from all I know and love. I attended church this morning and heard the best exposition of the Lord's prayer I have ever heard from the Rev. Mr. Clarke of the Free-penance Church. The Episcopal or Church of England was more concerned - but I would not encourage that disposition in England and English men to make every thing subservient to their prejudices and their power. This is clearly discernable by the most casual observer in all classes from fortune to Dukes. And I consider be reprobated in supporting that any one stupid Countryman as more
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to encourage the pride, arrogance, prejudice, self-
sufficiency and supercilious bigotry of England,
than every other cause combined. The people of all the
nations of continental Europe either despise or fear
them. While an American on his arrival in England
opens his eyes to gaze and his mouth to gape at every
thing English, and make more noise over a beef steak
of inferior quality - or a spoiled grouse or partridge
than they would over the best dinner in America,
and feel more gratified at a nod of a magistrate
from the lowest government official here than
they do of the highest evidence of confidence on
the part of their own government. But with all
their faults the English are a wonderful people, as
this City of London fully attests. In this little Island and
upon the Thames, rest so large as the Alabama, think
of a City of two millions of inhabitants, every part of
which is greatly superior equal to the best portions
of Philadelphia or New York and some greatly
superior. Here you see the concentrated efforts of
the work and the wisdom of ages - all thrown into

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out and labor can accomplish. You see in various
parts of the City monuments, and statues to their Edward
and their Henrys to Elizabeth and William the Third
and even the ~~Statues~~ are not forgotten. In front of
the Hotel (Morley) where I am now writing stand
the monument of Nelson, and a splendid equestrian
statue of the Duke of Wellington. In a future letter
I will give you some idea of the various monuments I
have seen. It is a dull season here. Parliament is
not in session and the Royal family is in Scotland.
In the paper there is nothing of striking passing to an
American. None is the same every where. Not so with
women. The females are by no means equal to those
in the United States. Of course I only speak of those
I have seen at church and on the streets. They are
entirely destitute of that winning mildness and
attractive manner and degree of person and
gait and carriage which we recognize in our
own Country women. They are large in their person,
weak body coarse features, and their complexion
which I have heard so much commended is not the

the delicate tent of the rose but I think the proper effect
of beer and ale. Drinking weak liquors is almost a part
of the common law of England, and I think one of its
greatest curses. Still I wish yourself and all the children
could see it and see it with me. But regret is of no
avail. My predecessor and Secretary of Legation have
both left England, and I shall proceed to St. Petersburg
alone. Which way I shall go I have not determined. Mr &
Mrs Bancroft called to see me yesterday. They are the only
Americans I have seen except one occasional merchant.
I have ordered some articles of winter clothing and shall
remain here until after the arrival of the next steamer
which is expected at Liverpool tomorrow, and shall get
the intelligence in five hours, when I hope to have the
happiness to hear from you and my dear children. In the
mean time I shall keep my letter open as there will be an
opportunity to send it until the 23. (next) Saturday.
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steamer which reached Liverpool yesterday, and
which I pray God may bring me one week later
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my tailor, I have been visiting such things as are of

4 interest here. St. Pauls church, West Minister Abbey
the new parliament and the tower. The latter is the
place which excited most interest appeared as it is
with the glory the tragedy and the infamy of England.
In one apartment you have the long list of kings
and bloody murders called the King of England
running back to the earliest period of the
monarchy depicted in the course of the period
in which they lived, down to the time of Elizabeth.
They are all on horseback or legs of life, and she is
represented in the deep and on the charger she rode
on two memorable triumphal occasions, the last
of which was when she received the troops in
person the particulars of which you will find
by referring to the history of that period. Here
too you see the spot and the block on which
Margaret, Anne Boleyn, Lady Jane Grey
the earl of Leicester and others were beheaded
and the very axe used in their execution.
Here are all the instruments of torture used in

those barbarous times for the purpose of punishing
 state offenses, and extorting confessions of guilt.
 I visited many of the cells in which the most celebrated
 offenders were confined, and the room in which the
 infant children of Edward were murdered by the orders
 of their monster Richard. One entire room is allotted
 for the Coronation Jewels, and is called the Jewel room.
 They are greatly valued by our American kings, and are said
 to have cost three millions of pounds of which the crown
 and jewels cost one million. These are public property and
 are only used by the Queen on public occasions. All the
 nobility are absent and the time is unfortunate in not enabling
 me to see the public personages. For after all I take but little
 interest in marble and mortar and brass and wood, or
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 of life is with men. The Irish rebellion is all humbug, and
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 in its success. Matters in France too are likely to continue
 as supposed they would - much bloodshed and the establish-
 :ment of the monarchy. I shall go to Paris on Monday
 I think. I shall keep this account open until Friday evening.

Thursday. The mail brought over by the Steamer has
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 disappointment and is doubtless owing to some
 concealment at New York. You had better hereafter
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 U. S. Dispatch Agent New York, paying the
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