

JULY 10, 1844

THOMAS WHALEY TO MOTHER
AND SISTER

July 10, 1844 Paris,
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THOMAS WHALEY TO HIS SISTER, HARRIET

THESE INSTRUCTIONS FOR READING APPEAR ACROSS THE TOP OF THE FIRST PAGE AS FOLLOWS:

THIS LETTER IS INTERLINED - COMMENCE WHERE THE CROSSES ARE ON THIS
PAGE AND READ ALL THE WAY THROUGH EVERY OTHER LINE AND ALL ON PAGE 4
AND THEN COMMENCE AGAIN TO READ.

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DEAR SISTER,

PAGE ONE ENDS WITH : "IMAGINE ALL THAT AND YOU WILL,"
PAGE TWO BEGINS : "HAVE AN IMPERFECT IDEA OF HAVRE"
" THREE " : "WE WERE FORTUNATE ENOUGH TO GET PAST ONE"
" FOUR " : "I WANTED TO BUY SOMETHING"

GO BACK TO PAGE ONE :READ FROM TOP THEN INTERLINE AFTER "DEAR SISTER"
PAGE TWO :INTERLINES : "SAVE ENOUGH AND THAT HE MIGHT NOT BE"
PAGE THREE:INTERLINES: "LET US KNOW THE RESULT".
PAGE FOUR :ENDS WITH : "YOU AND SARAH CAN MAKE UP THE REST"

GO BACK TO PAGE ONE: READ ACROSS THE LEFT HAND MARGIN : "YOU MUST BUY SOME PAPER LIKE THIS TO WRITE ON", AND FINISH WITH :
"BY THE FIRST PACKET OR ON THE STEAMER AND BY THESE LETTERS TOO AS IT WILL COST THE SAME."

JULY 10, 1844
PARIS

DEAR SISTER,

IN MY LAST TO MOTHER WHICH MUST HAVE BEEN RECEIVED BY THIS TIME YOU HEARD OF MY SAFE ARRIVAL AT HAVRE NO DOUBT YOU FEEL ANXIOUS TO HEAR FROM ME AGAIN. I KNOW I OUGHT TO HAVE WRITTEN BEFORE NOW. I INTENDED TO AND WISHED TO BUT THE FACT IS THIS ! IT HAS BEEN IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME TO FIX MY ATTENTION TO ANYTHING AND YET I HAVE NOT BEEN UNWELL. I KNOW NOT WHAT TO ATTRIBUTE THIS DULLNESS. IT MAY BE THE EFFECT OF THE SEA OR THE CONTINUAL CHANGE OF SCENES. YOU ARE NOT THE ONLY ONE HARRIED WHO I HAVE NEGLECTED, THERE ARE MY FRIENDS ANSON AND CHARLEY. WHAT MUST THEY THINK OF MY CONDUCT. SURELY THEY HAVE REASON TO ACCUSE ME OF INGRATITUDE AND I MUST BEAR IT. OFTEN I HAVE SEATED MYSELF TO WRITE, WOULD WRITE A FEW LINES AND THEN JUMP UP AND DECLARE IT IMPOSSIBLE TO WRITE MORE. THEN AGAIN THERE ARE MR. CORNWALL AND BUSHNELL TO WHOM I PROMISED TO WRITE. I HAVE HAD THE WILL TO WRITE AND HAVE FREQUENTLY TRIED. WHAT MORE COULD I DO? THEY MUST TAKE THE WILL FOR THE DEED. I COMMENCED LETTERS AT SEA A LONG TIME BEFORE WE REACHED PORT TO THEM AND INTENDED (HAVE) MAILED THEM UPON REACHING HAVRE. BUT WHEN I FELT SO UNLIKE WRITING I WAS OBLIGED TO STOP. IT WAS WITH THE GREATEST DIFFICULTY I WROTE HOME. THE COMPOSING OF THAT LETTER COST ME SOME FEW HEADACHES AND MANY HOURS OF HARD LABOR. AND WHAT WAS IT? A WERE SCRAWL DISCREDITABLE TO ME. MY FEAR IS THIS WILL NOT BE MUCH BETTER AND NOT ONE HALF AS INTERESTING IF I DO NOT CHANGE THE SUBJECT AND SPEAK OF SOMETHING AMUSING. ABOUT A WEEK AGO, I TOOK A DOSE OF SALTS. I DID NOT TAKE IT BECAUSE I THOUGHT I WANTED IT. SINCE THEN I FEEL BETTER AND MORE LIKE WRITING. I HAVE WRITTEN DOWN TO HERE IN TWENTY MINUTES WHICH IS PRETTY FAIR FOR ME. I BELIEVE I WILL TAKE ANOTHER DOSE OF SALTS AND THEN I MAY BE QUITE WELL AND BE ABLE TO WRITE TO YOU AND MY FRIENDS OFTENER. WE ARRIVED AT HAVRE, JUNE SIX AT 12 O'CLOCK. I NEVER SAW MORE BUSTLE AND CONFUSION, THAN I DID IN ENTERING HAVRE.. I IMAGINE THIRTY OR FORTY SHIPS WITH SAILS SET PROPELLED BY A GENTLE WIND ENTERING ONE AFTER ANOTHER A CANAL LEADING TO THE BASINS OR DOCKS OF A CITY ON THE SEA BUT WHOSE PORT IS INLAND ON EITHER SIDE OF THE CANAL HIGH HOUSE 4, 5 AND 6 STORIES HIGH VERY NARROW SOME BUILT OF WOOD AND MUD, SOME OF STONE OF LIGHT COLOUR, SOME COVERED WITH BLUE SLATE AND SOME OF PLASTER WITH PEAKED ROOFS OF RED TILES EACH STORY HANGOVER THE OTHER ONE FOOT OR MORE. AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE CANAL A SMALL NEAT WHITE LIGHTHOUSE AND FURTHER ALONG THE KEY ON THE LEFT AN OLD FORT SMALL HIGH AND OF DARK COLOUR. THE KEY OF THE CANAL UPON WHICH ARE THE FORT AND LIGHTHOUSE AND EXTENDING FOR MORE THAN A HALF A MILE TWENTY FEET HIGH OF NICELY CUT STONE. IMAGINE ALL THAT AND YOU WILL HAVE AN IMPERFECT IDEA OF HAVRE AND KNOW SOMETHING OF WHAT MUST HAVE BEEN MY FEELINGS. THIS IS A DANGEROUS PORT TO ENTER AND ESPECIALLY WHEN THERE ARE SO MANY AT ONE TIME. THE PORT IS OPEN ONLY TWO HOURS DURING THE DAY AT HIGH TIDE AT A CERTAIN TIME THE GATES OF THE BASINS ARE SHUT AND ALL VESSELS WITHOUT IN THE CANAL AT LOW TIDE ARE LEFT STICKING IN THE MUD. THE WIND HAVING BEEN TO THE WEST WARD FOR NEARLY TWO MONTHS, PERHAPS THERE NEVER ENTERED SO MANY VESSEL AT ONE TIME AS ON THAT DAY. THERE WERE THOUSANDS LOOKING ON, THE QUAYS AND THE FORT WERE CROWDED. EVERY WINDOW WAS THROWN OPEN SO EGAR WERE ALL TO LOOK AT THIS BEAUTIFUL SIGHT. UPON THE LIGHT HOUSE WERE BUT TWO PERSONS A LADY AND A GENTLEMAN THE LADY DRESSED IN WHITE, STRAW COLOURED SILK HAT, WHITE VEIL AND A LONG CRIMSON SCARF, THE GENTLEMAN WITH A FINE LARGE BEARD AND MUSTACHE. OCCASIONALLY THEY WAVED THEIR HANDKERCHIEFS. I STOOD ALL THE WHILE UPON THE POOP IN COMPANY WITH THE CAPTAINS WIFE AND TWO OF THE LADY PASSENGERS, WE COULD SEE ALL, SUCH CRACKING CLASHING SWASHING AND BREAKING I NEVER HEARD BEFORE, SOME SHIPS WOULD RUN AGAINST AND STOVE IN HER BULWARKS, SOME WOULD GET ENTANGLED IN THE RIGGING OF ANOTHER, ROPES WOULD PART AS YARN, TAKE CARE HEADS. SOME CARRY WAY A BOOM, SOME A

YARD SOME A BOWSPRIT AND OTHERS WOULD CATCH THEIR ANCHOR OVER THE RAIL OF ANOTHER AND TEAR IT AWAY. NONE COULD EXPECT TO PASS UNINGURED I SAW HER COMING AND KNEW THAT SOME THING MUST BREAK. I FEARED THE IRON CHAINS WHICH HOLDS THE BOWSPRIT-IF THAT BROKE I KNEW THERE MIGHT BE SOME DANGER OF ITS WINDING AROUND SOME OF OUR NECKS. THE SHIP STILL CAME DRIVING ON AGAINST US I SAW THAT IT MUST BREAK SOON AND THAT WE MUST GUARD OURSELVES THE BEST 'YE COULD. I CALLED THE LADIES TO COME BEHIND THE MAST WE HUDDLED TOGETHER AS CLOSE AS WE COULD PRESENTLY WE HEARD CARRA ARRAC GRUNGLE, THE CHAIN BROKE AS LARGE AS MY ARM WIZZES A PAST OUR HEADS, THIS WAS NOT ALL, OUR JIB BOOM FELL AND SEVERAL ROPES BROKE NEAR US. I MUST SAY I WAS A LITTLE AFRAID BUT I HAD ENOUGH TO DO TO TAKE CARE OF THE LADIES THEY LEANED UPON ME FOR SUPPORT AND I THOUGHT ONE OF THEM WOULD FAINT, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER THIS I GOT DOWN ON DECK AND INTO THE CABIN. I RETURNED AND REMAINED THERE AND WOULD NOT HAVE LEFT HAD I KNOWN DEATH TO BE MY LOT, SO MUCH DID I WISH TO BEHOLD ALL. THE SIGHT WAS IMPOSING AND IS WELL IMPRESSED UPON MY MEMORY. TO LEAVE NEW YORK AND AFTER SPENDING FIFTY DAYS AT SEA ARRIVE AT A CITY WHERE THE STYLE OF BUILDING IS SO DIFFERENT AND AT SUCH A TIME I WAS STRUCK WITH WONDER. I THOUGHT I WAS ENTERING A DUTCH CITY FOR SO I SUPPOSED A DUTCH CITY TO LOOK. VESSELS FROM ALL NATIONS WERE ENTERING AND COMMANDS WERE GIVEN IN MANY TONGUES. IT WAS A BABEL. ONE COULD NOT UNDERSTAND ANOTHER. A SMALL VESSEL WAS RUN INTO BY A SHIP AND SUNK. LONG BEFORE WE LANDED WE WERE BOARDED BY A HOST OF RASCALS WHO WERE MORE ANOYING THAN THE HACKMEN OF NEW YORK AT THE LANDING OF THE STEAM-BOATS. THEY CAME TO ENGAGE US TO COME TO THEIR HOTEL. AND THEN THERE WERE THE TAILORS, SHOEMAKERS, WASHERWOMEN, SCARDING HOUSE MASTERS AND A HOST OF OTHER PESTS WHO SEEK TO TAKE IN STRANGERS. WE WERE FORTUNATE ENOUGH TO GET PAST ONE. CUSTOM HOUSE OFFICERS CAME ABOARD. ALL THE TRUNKS AND LUGGAGE WITH THE EXCEPTION OF MY TRUNK WERE PLACED ON DECK READY TO BE TAKEN TO THE CUSTOM HOUSE TO BE EXAMINED AND THE OWNERS GO WITH THEM. MONSIEUR AND I WERE NOT THERE WHEN THEY WENT OR I SHOULD HAVE SEEN THAT MINE HAD GONE. BUT WE GOT CLEAR OF ONE THING, WE WERE NOT EXAMINED NOR WERE OUR PASSPORTS. THE NEXT DAY WHEN THEY CAME TO EXAMINE THE SHIP I HAD MY TRUNK EXAMINED AND TAKEN TO THE HOUSE WHERE THE CAPTAIN BOARDED. MY VELISE WAS EXAMINED AT THE C.H. I GAVE A FRANC AND A HALF FOR EXAMINING IT I ALSO TOOK THAT TO THE CAPTAINS. I WAS 4 DAYS AND 3 NIGHTS AT HAVRE. I SLEPT ON BOARD OF THE SHIP AND TOOK SOMETHING AT A RESTAURANT. THEY CHARGED \$1.371/2 PER DAY AT A HOUSE. I COULD NOT GET A DINNER AT AN EATING HOUSE UNDER 3 OR 4 SHILLINGS. I TOOK BUT TWO DINNERS AND TWO BREAKFASTS AT AN EATING HOUSE WHEN I WAS THERE IN THE AFTERNOON SOME CAKE WHICH WAS VERY DEAR, FOR A PENNY I GOT THE VALUE OF A GINGERBREAD IT WOULD TAKE ABOUT A DOZEN OF THESE TO SATISFY MY APPETITE I THOUGHT OF THE CAKE YOU USED TO MAKE. I NEVER WISHED FOR CAKE MORE THAN THEN. I WOULD HAVE BEEN GLAD TO HAVE GOTTEN THE COMMONEST KIND OF NEW YORK CAKE. THEY ASKED THREE CENTS FOR A SMALL FANCY CAKE AND A CENT FOR A TEA ELSCUIT, AND WHAT I BOUGHT I DID NOT LIKE IT WAS SO DIFFERENT. I WALKED THE CITY OVER TO FIND SOMETHING DIFFERENT, AT LAST I SAW SOME I BOUGHT, THEY CALL IT GINGERBREAD BUT INSTEAD OF BEING MADE OF MCCLASSES IT IS MADE OF HONEY, IT WAS SOFT AND TOUGH LIKE JUJUBE PASTE. HOWEVER I LIKED IT MUCH BETTER THAN ANY I HAD YET TASTED SO I BOUGHT A C----- (TORN) AS THE WOMAN WHO SOLD IT KEPT HER STORE SOME WAY OFF. WE RELISHED OUR DINNER VERY -----(TORN) WE HAD BEEFSTEAK, BOILED GREEN PEAS WITH SUGAR FRESH POTATOES BREAD AND BUTTER ----(TORN) RADISHES AND A BOTTLE OF CIDER. THEN FOR DESERT STRAWBERRIES WITH SUGAR THEY WERE THE SIZE OF A PENNY I CUT THEM IN TWO TO EAT THEM. THEY HAVE NOT AS FINE A FLAVOUR AS OURS, BUT THERE IS A SMALL KIND WHICH RESEMBLE OURS IN TASTE SIZE AND LOOK. THIS DINNER COST US 3/9 EACH AND THEN TWO CENTS EACH TO THE GARCON. IT IS CUSTOMARY TO GIVE THEM SOMETHING THEY ARE NOT PAID AS OURS BUT DEPEND UPON THE LIBERALITY OF THE PUBLIC FOR THEIR SUPPORT. I DON'T KNOW THAT THIS DINNER WAS OUT OF THE WAY BUT THEN YOU MUST REMEMBER WE HAD NOT MUCH OF A KIND. I HAD DETERMINED TO GO TO PARIS TO SEE THE EXPOSITION I EXCHANGED TRUNKS WITH MONSIEUR AS MINE WAS LARGER AND HE HAD SOME THINGS WHICH HE COULD NOT GET INTO HIS. IN LOCKING MY TRUNK THE DRILL PIN CAME OUT I MANAGED TO UNLOCK IT AND THE HASP BROKE (YOU REMEMBER

THIS WAS BROKE) I LEFT THE SHIP FOR THE FIRST TIME AND BOUGHT A LOCK AND A HASP, IT COST 25 CENTS I COULD HAVE GOT THE SAME FOR 15 OR 18 CENTS IN NEW YORK. THE DIFFICULTY WAS TO GET IT ON. I TRIED BUT IT WAS TOO SMALL AND THEN IT WANTED TO BE RIVETED. FINALLY MONSIEUR SAID HE WOULD TIE A ROAF AROUND IT AND TAKE IT AS IT WAS. I GAVE THE STEWARD ONLY 5/ FOR THE TROUBLE HE HAD OF ME. MONSIEUR \$1.00 I HOWEVER GAVE HIM AFTERWARDS 13/CT MORE AS HE MADE UP MY BED AND BLACKED MY BOOTS ONCE AFTER WE WERE ARRIVED. THEY SOLD STRAWBERRIES AT HAVRE 14 CENTS A POUND, CHERRIES 3 CENTS. I BOUGHT A MAP OF HAVRE 10 CENTS TO ASSIST ME IN LOOKING AT THINGS. I SAW MOST EVERYTHING I WILL TELL YOU IN MY NEXT WHICH I HOPE TO SEND THE FIRST OF AUG. I LIKE HAVRE VERY WELL. MONSIEUR LEFT JUNE 3 TH IN THE AFTERNOON FOR HOME BY THE WAY OF CAEN, WHEN HE WAS ON BOARD I WANTED TO BUY HIM SOMETHING I SAW SOME CHERRIES BOUGHT SOME, WHILE THERE MRS. COCHRAN'S ELDEST DAUGHTER CAME AND TOOK ME BY THE HAND BUT I WAS SO ENGAGED I TOOK NO NOTICE OF THE CHILD. I RAN TO THE WHARF AND HAD JUST TIME TO THROW THE CHERRIES ON BOARD AND BID MONSIEUR ADIEU. I WATCHED TILL HE WAS OUT OF SIGHT I WAS SORRY TO HAVE HIM PART FROM ME. WHEN I WAS ON THE BOAT WITH HIM I WAS A GOOD MIND TO GO TO CAEN WITH HIM THAT IS A PRETTY LARGE CITY OF ABOUT 75,000. THEN HE WAS OUT OF SIGHT I THOUGHT OF LITTLE HELEN. I KNEW HER FATHER HAD ARRIVED FROM PARIS THAT MORNING SO I WENT TO THE HOTEL WHERE MRS COCHRAN HAD PUT UP AND THEY TOLD ME THAT THEY HAD JUST PARTED AND THAT MR. C. HAD LEFT ME HIS CARD. I RAN TO THE STEAMBOAT WENT ON BOARD AND FOUND THEM. THEY WERE VERY GLAD TO SEE ME. I TOLD THEM THAT MONSIEUR WAS JUST OFF AND THAT I WAS SORRY THAT THEY WERE GOING SO SOON AS I SHOULD FEEL A LITTLE LONESOME. I KNEW THEY WERE GOING THAT DAY. I SHOULD HAVE BEEN PLEASED TO HAVE ACCOMPANIED THEM BUT I KNEW I WOULD HAVE TO PUT UP AT A HOTEL IN ROUEN WHICH WOULD COST ME ABOUT DOUBLE IF I WENT ALONE. I INTENDED TO HAVE LEFT THE SAME DAY AS MONSIEUR WOULD BUT FOR THIS REASON. THE LITTLE GIRL WHO IS VERY FOND OF ME COULD NOT ACCOUNT WHY I WAS SOLD TOWARD HER IN THE STREET. I EXPLAINED IT TO HER I WAS SORRY TO GIVE HER PAIN FOR I LOVE HER VERY MUCH. ON BOARD SHIP SHE MADE MANY AN HOUR PLEASANT WHICH MUST OTHERWISE HAVE BEEN WEARY. SHE IS A BEAUTIFUL CHILD NOT AT ALL FORWARD. YOU MAY THINK IT STRANGE THAT AFTER SPOKEN NOT VERY FAVORABLY OF MR. COCHRAN IN MY LAST I SHOULD CONTINUE TO VISIT HER. WHILE AT HAVRE I WAS TO SEE HER THREE TIMES OR AT LEAST AT HER HOUSE I DID NOT GO TO SEE HER I WENT TO SEE MRS. STOCK, MRS. SMITH AND THE LITTLE GIRLS WHO I HAVE NO REASON TO DISLIKE AND I BELIEVE THEY LIKE ME VERY WELL FOR THEY ALWAYS ASK ME TO COME AGAIN. ON BOARD SHIP I SAW THINGS IN MRS. C. I DID NOT LIKE NOT TOWARD ME BUT OTHERS WE ALWAYS GOT ALONG VERY WELL ONLY SHE APPEARED TO THINK HERSELF TOO GOOD FOR OUR COMPANY AND CARRIED HER HEAD TOO HIGH. WHEN I HAVE BEEN AT THE HOUSE I TOOK NO MORE NOTICE OF HER THAN CIVILITY REQUIRED. I HAVE BEEN THERE FREQUENTLY SINCE I HAVE BEEN AT PARIS. SHE IS DIFFERENT NOW. I LIKE HER VERY WELL. SHE SPOKE VERY KINDLY TO ME TWICE, SAYS SHE, MR. WHALEY YOU ARE AWAY FROM HOME NOW, AMONG STRANGERS AND I KNOW WHAT YOUNG MEN SUFFER SOMETIMES. (SHE RELATED AN INCIDENT) WHEN SO SITUATED IF YOU ARE TAKEN SICK DO LET ME KNOW OF IT AND I WILL WILLINGLY AFFORD YOU ALL THE ASSISTANCE IN MY POWER. MRS. SMITH WHO IS A MOTHERLY WOMAN OF 45 JOINED IN WITH MRS. C. I THANKED THEM BOTH FOR THEIR KIND OFFER. I TOLD THEM I HOPED I MIGHT NEVER BE UNDER THE NECESSITY OF CALLING UPON THEM BUT THAT IF I WAS, SINCE THEY DESIRED IT AND HAD SO KINDLY OFFERED I WOULD. AT ANOTHER TIME SHE ASKED ME IF I WAS VERY WELL I TOLD HER PRETTY WELL. THEN SHE ASKED IF I HAD TAKEN ANY MEDICINE SINCE I ARRIVED? WHY MRS. C. YOU ARE LIKE A MOTHER, AND YOU RECALL MY MOTHER'S WORD "BE SURE AND TAKE SOME MEDICINE WHEN YOU ARRIVE" SHE THEN TOLD ME WHAT TO TAKE AND THAT IF I WOULD ALLOW HER SHE WOULD FIX IT FOR ME. BUT I WOULD NOT PUT HER TO THE TROUBLE AS I KNEW VERY WELL. I THANKED HER VERY MUCH FOR THE INTEREST SHE TOOK IN ME. I MUST LIKE SUCH A WOMAN NO MATTER WHAT I MAY FORMERLY THOUGHT OF HER. I SEE THEM 2 OR 3 TIMES A WEEK AND HAVE HAD SEVERAL GOOD DINNERS AND TEAS THERE. THEY URGE ME SO MUCH I CANNOT REFUSE, THEY LIVE IN GOOD STYLE AS THOUGH THEY HAD SUFFICIENT TO DO WITH. THE DAY

BEFORE I LEFT HAVRE I WENT 3 MILES FOR THE EXPRESS PURPOSE OF SEARCHING FOR THE GRAVE OF HENRY HORTON YOU REMEMBER HE DIED THERE ABOUT 3 YEARS AGO. I WENT THROUGH ONE CEMETARY READ EVERY TOMBSTONE AND THEN TO ANOTHER UPON A HILL NEAR THE LIGHTHOUSE ON THE SEA COAST. I READ ALL THE TOMBSTONES THERE I SAW THERE WERE SOME IT(?) POLES NUMBERED SO I GOT THE REGISTER FROM THE KEEPER I LOOKED THROUGH IT, AT LAST FOUND HIS NAME, HE WAS BURIED UNDER THE POLE NO. 238 I FOUND THE PLACE AFTER LOOKING FOR MORE THAN AN HOUR AND JUST AS I WAS ABOUT TO GO AWAY. HE LAYS NEXT TO OR NEAR TO THE RUSSIAN EMBASSADORE OR MINISTER TO FRANCE I BELIEVE I HAVE --- (KEPT) THE NOTES I TOOK AT THE TIME, A PLACE IS SECURED FOR 8 YEARS FROM THE TIME OF HIS ----- AND AT OF THAT TIME THE GROUND WILL BE SOLD AND ON THE REMAINS WILL BE REMOVED TO MAKE ----- ANOTHER, IF HIS FRIENDS BUY THE LAND BEFORE THIS TIME EXPIRES THEY WILL NOT BE MOVED. --- EITHER 90 FC OR 90 DOLLARS BUT I HAVE FORGOTTEN MY NOTES.
DEAR SISTER,

I LEFT HAVRE THE 5TH OF JUNE, SUNDAY BY STEAMBOAT. I ARRIVED AT ROUEN AT 9 1/2. THAT EVENING WAS MUCH PLEASED WITH ROUEN STAYED 3 1/2 DAYS AND 4 NIGHTS THERE I SAW ALL I BELIEVE. THE CATHEDRAL IS WONDERFUL. IT IS 450 FEET LONG AND 100 WIDE AND --- TOWERS THAT OF ST. ROMAIN WHICH IS THOUGHT TO BE THE REMAINS OF A CHURCH BUILT BY ST. MELLON (A.D. 260-311) I WAS UP IN THIS TOWER TO THE HEIGHT OF 200 FT. VIEW OF THE CITY GRAND. I WAS UP THE GRAND TOWER AND UP THE PYRAMID OF CAST IRON TO THE HEIGHT OF NEARLY 400 FT OR AS HIGH AS ONE CAN GO AT PRESENT, WHEN FINISHED IT WILL BE 465-87 FT, ENGLISH, HIGH AND WILL COST NEARLY FC 2,000,000 AND WILL WEIGH 1,200,000 LBS., IT IS BEAUTIFUL, THE INTERIOR OF THE CHURCH AT THE CENTER OF THE TRANSEPT IS BETWEEN 175 AND 180 ST. HIGH HERE HANGS A LARGE LANTERN. THE TRANSEPT THE ISLE WHICH CROSSES THE CHURCH IS ABOUT 180 FT LONG AND 30 WIDE THUS + THE CHURCH HAS 130 WINDOWS OF BEAUTIFUL GLASS, STAINED, REPRESENTING SCRIPTURAL SCENES, SAINTS ETC. OH THEY ARE BEAUTIFUL, HOW VERY MUCH I WOULD LIKE YOU TO SEE ALL I HAVE SEEN. YOU MUST HOPE TO COME. THERE ARE FIFTY DIFFERENT THINGS I MIGHT MENTION THAT ARE WORTH NOTICE AT ROUEN. BUT TIME AND SPACE WILL NOT PERMIT. THE SEINE IS A MAGNIFICENT RIVER I SPEAK ONLY OF THE SCENERY. NOTHING GRATIFIED ME MORE, THE COUNTRY ALONG ITS BANKS IS LIKE A LARGE GARDEN AND SMALL VILLAGES ARE SCATTERED AS FAR AS THE EYE CAN REACH. THE RIVER IS NARROW AND WENDING NOT VERY DEEP. I CAME BY RAILROAD TO PARIS. THE ROAD IS A FINE ONE. THERE IS A PICKET FENCE MADE OF LATHE ALL THE WAY ON EITHER SIDE. IT WAS A BEAUTIFUL DAY, THE SUN SHONE BRIGHT. I WENT IN THE OPEN CARS. IT WAS CHEAPER AND I HAD A BETTER OPPORTUNITY TO SEE THE COUNTRY. WE STARTED AT HALF PAST ONE AND REACHED PARIS THAT GREAT CITY THE RESORT OF WEALTH AND FASHION AT 7-1/2, DISTANCE BY WATER FROM HAVRE TO ROUEN 100 MILES. FROM ROUEN TO PARIS BY WATER 220 MILES BY RAILROAD 136 KILOMETERS. FOR OTHER NEWS READ THE LETTERS ENCLOSED OVER ONCE ATTENTIVELY AND PUT THEM IN THE PENNY POST. I CAME TO PARIS ON PURPOSE TO SEE THE EXPOSITION WHICH I HAD HEARD SO MUCH PRAISED. I WENT THERE SEVERAL TIMES BUT WAS DISAPPOINTED IT IS ABOUT THE SAME AS OUR FAIR ONLY 4 TIMES LARGER. THE THINGS ARE RICH AND SHOWY. THERE ARE VERY FEW NEW INVENTIONS. THE OBJECT IS MORE TO SHOW RICHNESS, OURS FOR NOVELTIES I WOULD NOT HAVE COME TO PARIS IF I-9+6 HAD NOT EXPECTED TO HAVE SEEN MORE THAN I HAVE. I AM ANXIOUSLY WAIT A LETTER FROM HOME I SUPPOSE WILL BE HERE BY THE 1ST OF AUG. BE SURE TO WRITE BY THE 2ND PACKET AFTER RECEIVING THIS. I DRINK VERY LITTLE WATER ALL WINE, MILK, COFFEE TEA ETC. & THE WINE IS VERY LIGHT. I HAVE DRANK TWO BOTTLES AT A TIME AND THEN A LITTLE WHILE AFTER A BOTTLE OF BEER ON TOP OF IT. TO OBTAIN WELL WATER THEY ARE OBLIGED TO GO VERY DEEP AND THEN IT IS NOT AS GOOD AS THE WATER OF THE SEINE WHICH IS ALL THE WATER THAT IS DRUNK OR USED FOR COOKING. THE CLERK IS ALLOWED HIS BOTTLE OF WINE A DAY AND THE SERVANT HER TWO BOTTLES A WEEK. DON'T FORGET TO TELL EDDY AND PATTI THAT I AM VERY SORRY IN THAT LETTER WAS MISCARRIED.

I STATED THAT I WOULD SOON BE SHORT OF FUNDS BY THE FIRST OF AUGUST IF THERE IS NOT ONE ON THE WAY FOR ME WHAT SHALL I DO? BY THE MIDDLE OF AUG. I SHALL BE PENNILESS YOU MUST REMEMBER THAT I HAD PUT A BOTTLE AND THAT I HAD BUT A LITTLE AND THAT I HAD TO BUY CLOTHES PAY TRAVELING EXPENSES - I AM VERY CAREFUL. I SPEND BUT A FRANC A DAY FOR MY BELLY. JUST DON'T TELL ANYONE OF THIS. I LIVE PRETTY POOR ON A FRANC A DAY I AM IN THE APARTMENT WITH MR. DESNEUFBOURGS, HE HAS THREE VERY NICE ROOMS AND A LITTLE KITCHEN HE HIRES THEM FOR 360 FCS AND THEY ARE NICELY FURNISHED, HE BOUGHT ME A COT PROVIDED ME WITH BEDDING. HE IS VERY GOOD TO ME A REAL FRIEND AND WHEN WE ARE TOGETHER HE WILL NOT ALLOW ME TO PAY EVER. I AM SORRY TO BE AN EXPENSE TO HIM BUT IT IS HIS PLEASURE. SOMETIMES HE GIVES ME A FIRST RATE DINNER WHICH COST FROM 6S TO A DOLLAR A PIECE AND THEN HE FREQUENTLY TAKES ME TO A CAFE AND SPENDS 50 CENTS, I AM SORRY TO SEE HIM SPEND SO MUCH. I TELL HIM HE WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO GO IN BUSINESS HE SAYS HE NEVER EXPECTS TO COMMENCE BUSINESS BY WHAT HE SAVES, HE SAYS IT WOULD TAKE HIM TEN YEARS TO SAVE UP ENOUGH AND THAT HE MIGHT NOT BE HERE FOR THIS REASON HE WILL SPEND AS HE GOES. I SEE HIM VERY LITTLE HE LEAVES AT 7 IN THE MORNING AND RETURNS AT 10 IN THE EVENING. EVERY OTHER SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY ~~AT 5~~ HE IS FREE WE SPEND THAT TIME TOGETHER. I HAVE NEARLY A QUART OF MILK WHICH COST 2 SOUS AND TWO ROLLS OF BREAD WHICH COST 2 SOUS BROUGHT TO ME EVERY MORNING. I DID NOT USE MY CHOCOLATE ON BOARD OF SHIP, WITH THIS I USED TO MAKE CHOCOLATE ALL OF MILK AND BOIL ME A COUPLE OF EGGS IN IT. I THEN SET MY TABLE AND AT 11 OR 22 I TAKE BREAKFAST THIS IS THE HOUR IN FRANCE AND 6 FOR DINNER. MY BREAKFAST HAS CONSISTED OF BREAD AND BUTTER, CHOCOLATE MADE OF MILK AND SUGAR, A COUPLE OF EGGS, CHEESE OR SAUSAGE, AS ALL MY CHOCOLATE IS GONE AND I AM GOING SOON I WILL NOT BUY ANY MORE. THEY ASK 30 CENTS A POUND FOR CHOCOLATE AND 48 CENTS FOR THE BEST COFFEE. I MAKE MY BREAKFAST NOW OF BOILED MILK, SOMETIMES NOT BOILED ~~ED~~ BREAD AND BUTTER SOMETIMES TOAST 4 BOILED EGGS, SOMETIMES I MAKE AN OMELET OF THEM TO THIS BREAKFAST I SOMETIMES ADD 2 CENTS WORTH OF CHERRIES OR CURRANTS. IN THE AFTERNOON I EAT SOME BREAD AND BUTTER ALSO SOME CHERRIES. I MIGHT GET A PRETTY GOOD DINNER FOR 1FC WHICH EQUALS 18 1/2 CENTS BUT IT IS ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE RIVER, FOR 1FC I CAN HAVE A BOWL OF SOUP 2 PLATES OF MEAT, 1/2 BOTTLE OF WINE PLenty OF BREAD AND A DESERT. HOWEVER NOW AND THEN I TREAT MYSELF TO ONE OF THESE DINNERS. BUT I HAVE NO REASON TO COMPLAIN THERE ARE VERY FEW DAYS THAT PASS BUT I HAVE A GOOD DINNER. I AM INVITED OUT SOMEWHERE OR OTHER. AND THERE IS MR. DESNEUFBOURGS UNCLE, WHO WOULD LIKE ME TO COME AND TAKE DINNER WITH HIM EVERY DAY BUT THEN I MUST SPEND THE EVENING. HE HAS TWO DAUGHTERS WHO ARE LEARNING ENGLISH AND SPEAK PRETTY WELL, IT IS FOR THIS SELFISH REASON HE WANTS ME TO COME TO SPEAK ENGLISH WITH THEM. I SAY SELFISH BECAUSE I KNOW HE WOULD NOT WISH ME TO COME. WALLET TOLD ME WHAT HE WAS. EVERYTHING IS VERY DEAR HERE. CHEESE 20 CENTS POUND, BREAD 4 CENTS POUND, SAUSAGE 32 CENTS POUND, BOILED HAM 48 CENTS POUND, BEEFSTEAK 30 CENTS POUND, SUGAR 20 CENTS POUND, RAISINS 20 CENTS POUND - BUT EGGS ARE --CTS A PIECE AND MILK 3 CENTS QUART, CHERRIES 3 CENTS POUND, CURRANTS 3 CENTS POUND ON AN AVERAGE SINCE I HAVE BEEN HERE IT HAS COST ME 15 CENTS A DAY; IF I TOOK MY MEALS AT AN EATING HOUSE IT WOULD COST ME 37 1/2 CT PER DAY. I EAT A GOOD DEAL. WHEN I COME FROM WALLET'S I INTEND TO BUY SOMETHING SO I CAN COOK BOIL AND ROAST. WASHINGTON IS PRETTY REASONABLE HERE, CLOTHES I FIND DEAR. MR. DESNEUFBOURGS EXPECTS TO BE HEAD CLERK TODAY, HE WILL THEN RECEIVE \$600 WHICH IS A VERY HIGH SALARY. I WILL COST ME 3 FCS TO GO TO MALLETS, 1/3 TO COME BACK AND \$12 OR \$16 FOR BOARD WHICH MAKES \$18 OR \$22 DOLLARS AND BESIDE THERE ARE OTHER EXPENSES I KNOW NOT OF. I INTEND STAYING THERE 6 WEEKS OR TWO MONTHS HE WILL LIKELY RETURN WITH ME. I CAME WITHOUT A PASSPORT FROM HAVRE TO PARIS. I WAS LIABLE TO BE STOPPED AND THROWN INTO PRISON TILL I COULD PROVE WHO I WAS. I LIVE IN THE RUE DE FOUR ST. GERMAIN NO. 1. IT COST ME ONLY \$2.25 TO COME FROM HAVRE TO PARIS BUT THEN MY TRUNKS COST ME \$2 AND BESIDE THIS I SPENT \$5 I LIVED VERY ECONOMICALLY I ASSURE YOU YET

GENTLEMANLY . I ARRIVED HERE JUNE 13 AT 8 IN THE EVENING. I FIRST WENT TO DROUARD DESNEUFBOURGS , GAVE THEM A LETTER WHICH I HAD FROM MR. MALLET THEY WERE PLEASED TO SEE ME AND ASKED ME MANY QUESTIONS, HE SENT A CLERK WITH ME TO MR. DESNEUFBOURGS STORE, HE WAS VERY GLAD TO SEE ME INDEED AND WONDERED WHERE I CAME FROM FOR WE HAD MADE SO LONG A PASSAGE THAT HE THOUGHT THAT MALLET WOULD NOT COME BEFORE AUGUST. HE TOOK ME TO A GRAND COFFEE HOUSE AND WE SPENT THE EVENING THERE. I HOPE YOU HAVE NOT PAID PARSONS HIS RENT, DON'T PAY HIM AT ALL. HAS MR. PALMER BEEN TO SEE YOU YET GIVE MY RESPECTS TO HIM. I BELIEVE THIS GENTLEMAN MIGHT BE OF GREAT SERVICE TO US AND WILLING TO ASSIST US. YOU MUST TRY TO GET IN HIS GOOD GRACES HE LOOKS LIKE A CLEVER MAN. I HOPE THE LAW SUIT IN COURT IS COMING ON WELL VAN NAMEE MUST DRIVE IT AHEAD BUT YOU AND HARSELL URGE HIM ON. NOW IS THE TIME FOR YOU TO SEE TO IT, YOU HAVE NOT MUCH TO ATTEND TO, HAVE IT SETTLED AT ONCE, BE DETERMINED DON'T HAVE IT BOTHERING YOU ALWAYS, GO ABOUT IT WITH A COOL HEAD. LET US KNOW THE RESULT. IT IS TIME SOMETHING WAS DONE. SUPPOSE ANYTHING SHOULD HAPPEN IT WOULD BE LOST TO US. YOU SHOULD THINK OF THIS. WRITE TO ME FULL PARTICULARS ALWAYS BE ACTING, BUT DO NOTHING WITHOUT HARSELL. HOW DOES HE SEEM AND WHAT DOES HE THINK ? LET ME KNOW ALL, I AM NOT THERE TO INQUIRE. BE PARTICULAR TO SET DOWN ALL YOU RECEIVE AND SPEND KEEP A BOOK WITH HARSELL, LET HIM SET DOWN ALL HE PAYS YOU. HOW DO YOU LIKE VAN NAMEE, IS HE ACTIVE? REMEMBER LONG LAW SUITS ARE ALWAYS EXPENSIVE. GIVE MY RESPECTS TO MR. HARSELL. MR. DESNEUFBOURGS RELATIONS ARE VERY CLEVER PEOPLE. I LIKE THEM MUCH AND THEY TELL ME THEY LIKE ME. BOTH HIS SISTERS ARE PRETTY AND AMIABLE. THE YOUNGEST IS 17 WE LAUGH AND TALK A GOOD DEAL TOGETHER. SHE HAS PROMISED TO RETURN WITH ME TO AMERICA. HAS MISS LAWRENCE BEEN TO SEE YOU YET? IF SO TELL ME HOW YOU LIKE HER. I SUPPOSE NOT VERY WELL. BUT YOU MUST SEE HER AGAIN . PERHAPS SHE IMPROVES UPON ACQUAINTANCE. MR. DESNEUFBOURG WISHES TO BE REMEMBERED TO ALL OF YOU. THE CEMETERY WHERE HENRY HORTON LIES IS FOR STRANGERS ONLY. A STRANGER DYING IN HURRIE THERE. IF HE HAS NO FRIEND THEY GIVE HIM A PLACE FOR EIGHT YEARS. IF DURING THAT TIME HIS FRIENDS COME THEY CAN BUY THE GROUND FOR TWENTY FIVE YEARS OR FOREVER. I HAVE FORGOTTEN THE PRICE BUT I KNOW AT THE TIME IT DID NOT STRIKE ME AS BEING MUCH. IT WAS A GREAT SATISFACTION TO ME TO FIND HIS GRAVE, THIS WAS ONE OF MY OBJECTS OF SEARCH UPON REACHING HAVRE. THERE IS BUT A BLACK COLE 4 1/2 FT HIGH AND 1 1/2 IN. SQUARE TO THE NO. 238 PAINTED UPON IT IN WHITE TO A NOTE WHERE HE LAY. I FELT AT THE TIME HAD I THE MEAN I WOULD HAVE PURCHASED THE GROUND AND HAD A STONE BEARED TO HIS MEMORY. THE DAYS OF MY BOYHOOD WERE FORCIBLY RECALLED TO ME AND IT SEEMED BUT ONLY YESTERDAY WE WERE AT SCHOOL TOGETHER ENJOYING OURSELVES AS WE WERE WENT TO DO AN ----- A FOREIGN LAND I WAS AT HIS GRAVE. THOUGH I WAS NOT PARTICULARLY FOND OF HIM AT SCHOOL I COULD HARDLY REFRAIN FROM SHEDDING A TEAR. THE CHANGE WAS GREAT. I COULD HARDLY REALIZE IT. YESTERDAY AND TODAY, OUT OF 4 OF MY SCHOOLMATES AT COLCHESTER FROM NEW YORK TWO HAVE ALREADY DIED, THIS FOREBODES MORE THAN I AM WILLING TO TELL. I GAVE THE KEEPER'S SON WHO HAD ASSISTED ME TO FIND THE NUMBER A FEW SOUS. IN THE REGISTER WAS WRITTEN THIS, "NO. 238 , AUG 27, 1841 HENRY HORTON, LETASONE (AGED 20) AMERICAN". WHICH SIGNIFIES , NO. 238 , PLACE OF BURIAL, AUG. 27, 1841 DAY HE WAS INTERBED, NAME ETASONE , I SUPPOSE IS INTENDED FOR ETATS UNIS. THE FRENCH FOR U.S., AGE AND NATION. THERE IS A VERY FINE MONUMENT IN THE CENTRE ERECTED TO THE MEMORY OF STUYVESANT A YOUNG MAN WHO CAME TO HAVRE TO COMPLETE HIS EDUCATION. I DO HOPE THAT JOHN AND HENRY ARE MAKING OUT VERY WELL. I SEND MY BEST LOVE AND WISHES TO BOTH OF THEM. REMEMBER ME TO GOOD MRS. UNDERHILL AND TO SUSAN AND SARAH, I MUST BRING THEM SOME LITTLE PRESENT FROM FRANCE. HARRIET YOU MUST GET MOTHER TO LET YOU HAVE SOME MONEY SEND IT TO ME AND WHEN I RETURN I WILL BUY SOMETHING PRETTY, YOU WILL TELL ME WHAT. MOTHER MUST LET YOU HAVE A PARTY FOR MY BIRTHDAY. I SHALL BE 21 A MAN YOU WILL HAVE NO YOUNG BROTHER THEN AND SOON YOU WILL BE A WOMAN. HOW TIME PASSES. YES HAVE A PARTY, A NICE ONE.

TRADE SWARTS OUT, AND I WILL GIVE \$5 OUT OF MY MONEY MOTHER WILL GIVE AS MUCH MORE AND PERHAPS JOHN AND HENRY WILL GIVE SOMETHING. NOW DON'T FORGET PARTIES COMMENCE IN OCT. AND IT MAY BE THE MEANS OF INTRODUCING YOU TO A FEW, YOU WILL INVITE HARRIS TO GO WITH YOU OR PERHAPS YOU HAVE A BEAU. DON'T BE AFRAID TO ASK. I INVITE TO MY PARTY OR YOUR PARTY IF YOU PLEASE, FOR ME, HARRIS SUTTON, BUSHNELL, ROBERTS, MR CORNWALL, MR. TAYLOR, MISS BUSHNELL AND MISS LAWRENCE AND HER BROTHER JOHN. THESE ARE MY FRIENDS. PERHAPS JOHN AND HENRY HAVE SOME TO INVITE AND MOTHER ONE OR TWO. YOU AND SARAH CAN MAKE UP THE REST. YOU MUST BUY SOME PAPER LIKE THIS (LIKE THIN TRACING PAPER) TO WRITE ON. NEVER WRITE ON THICK PAPER. LETTERS HERE ARE CHARGED BY WEIGHT ONLY, IT TAKES 4 SHEETS LIKE THIS TO MAKE ONE OF OUR LETTER PAPER. SO YOU SEE I CAN SEND FOUR LETTERS IN ONE BUNDLE FOR THE SAME PRICE AS ONE LETTER. I HAVE TOLD ALL TO WHOM I HAVE WRITTEN TO SEND THEIR LETTERS TO YOU AND TO WRITE ON VERY THIN PAPER. YOU WILL ENCLOSE THEM IN YOURS AS THIS IS DONE, WHEN YOU WRITE. YOU WILL TELL THEM WHEN YOU ARE GOING TO WRITE, THAT THEY MAY KNOW WHEN TO BRING THEM. YOU WILL PUT THESE LETTERS IN SUB POST OFFICE AS SOON AS YOU RECEIVE THEM. I WILL TELL THEM YOU WILL WRITE BY THE SECOND PACKET THAT SAILS AFTER YOU RECEIVE YOUR LETTER THEY WILL BE SURE THEN TO HAVE THEM THERE. IF THERE IS ANYTHING PRESSING YOU CAN WRITE BY THE FIRST PACKET OR ON THE STEAMER AND BY THESE LETTERS TO AS IT WILL COST THE SAME.

ADDRESSED TO: ~MRS. THOMAS WHALEY,
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This letter is intended to
commence where the last one
this page and end at the
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and then commence again to read
Dear Sister

HHHHH In my last to Mother which must have
been received by this time you heard of my
safe arrival at home no doubt you feel anxious
to hear from me again. I know I ought to have
written before now. I intended to and wished to
but the fact is this it has been impossible for me
to fix my attention to anything and yet I have
not been unwell. I know not to what to attribute
this laziness. It may be the effect of the sea or
the continual changing scenes. You are not the
only one Harriet who is neglected, there are
my friends Anson & Cherey. What must they
think of my conduct. Surely they have reason
to accuse me of ingratitude and I must
bear it. Often have I seated myself to write,
would write a few lines then jump up and
declare it impossible to write more. Then
again there are Mr Cornwall and Bushnell to
whom I promised to write. I have had the
will to write and have frequently tried.
What more could I do? They must take the
will for the deed. I commenced letters at sea
a long time before we reached port to them
and intended to mail them upon reaching
home. But when I felt as much like writing I was
obliged to stop. It was with the greatest
difficulty I wrote some. The supposing of
that letter cost me some few headaches and
many hours of sad labor. And what was
it? A mere scrawl discreditable to me.

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Imagine all that and you will have ^(page 2) an imperfect idea of what must have been my feelings. This is a dangerous part to enter and especially when there are so many at one time. The port is open only two hours during the day at high tide at a certain time the gates of the basins ~~are~~ ^{are} shut and all vessels within in the canal, at low tide are left sticking in the mud. The wind having been to the westward for nearly two months, perhaps there never entered so many vessels at one time as on that day. There were thousands looking on, the ~~quais~~ ^{quais} and the port were crowded. Every window was thrown open so that were all to look at this beautiful sight. Upon the light house were but two persons a lady and a gentleman the lady dressed in white, straw coloured silk hat, white veil and a long green scarf, the gentleman with a fine large beard and mustache. Occasionally they waved their handkerchiefs. I stood all the while upon the poop in company with the captain's wife and two of the lady's daughters, we could see all such cracking, clashing, clanging and breaking I never heard before, stone steps would run against and strike in her bulwarks, some would get entangled in the rigging of

another, ropes would part as yarn, take care
of heads. ^{some way} some a boom, some a yard
some a ~~boom~~ ^{boom} & thus would catch their
anchor over the rail of another and tear it
away. You would expect to pass unharmed
a vessel ran her ~~boom~~ ^{boom} over our stern
I saw her coming and knew that some must
break. I feared the iron chains which hold
the ~~boom~~ ^{boom} — if that broke I knew there
might be some danger of its winding around
some of our masts. The ship still came
driving on against us I saw that it must
break soon and that we must and that
we must guard ourselves the best we could.
I called the ladies to come behind the mast we
huddled together as close as we could presently
we heard a ~~boom~~ ^{boom} as a struggle, the chain
broke as large as my arm and wiggled up at
our heads, this was not all, our fit boom
fell and several ropes broke harness. I
must say I was a little afraid but I
had enough to do to take care of the ladies
they leaned upon me for support and I
thought one of them would faint, as soon as
possible after this I got down on deck and
into the cabin. I returned and remained there
and would not have left had I known death
to be my lot, as much as I did wish to behold
all. The sight was imposing and is well
impressed upon my memory. To leave
New York and after spending fifty days
at sea arrive at a city where the style of

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building is so different and at such a time
I was struck with wonder. I thought I
was entering a Dutch city for so I supposed
a Dutch city to look. I could hear all nations
were entering and commands were given in
as many ~~languages~~ ^{languages}. It was said. One could not
understand another. A small vessel was run
into by a ship and sunk. Long before we
landed we were harassed by a host of
~~pirates~~ ^{pirates} who were more annoying than the
hackmen of New York at the landing of the
steamboats. They came to our gate like to come
to their hotel. And then there were tailors,
shoemakers, washermen, boarding house
masters and a host of other pests who seek
to take in strangers. We were fortunate
enough to get ~~the~~ ⁽¹⁸³⁾ position. Custom house officers
came aboard. All the trunks and luggage with the
exception of my trunk were placed on deck
ready to be taken to the Custom House to be
examined and the owners go with them. However
and I were not there when they went or I should
have seen that ~~mine~~ ^{mine} and gone. But we got clear
of one thing, we were not examined nor were
our passports. The next day when they came
to examine the ship I had my trunk ^{examined}
and taken to the house where the Captain boarded.
My valise was examined at the C.H. I gave a franc
and a half for examining it. I also took that
to the Captain. It was 4 days + 3 nights at Havre.
I slept on board of the ship and took something
at a restaurant. I lay down 12 1/2 an day at a
house. I could not get a dinner at one eating
house under 3 or 4 shillings. I took but two

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dinner and breakfast at an eating house when
I was tired and then in the afternoon some cake
which was very cheap for a penny I got the value
of a ginger nut it would take about a dozen of these
to satisfy my appetite I thought of the cake you used
to make. I never needed for more than then.

I would have been glad to have gotten the
commonest kind of New York cake. They asked three
cents for a small fancy cake and a cent for a trifle cut
and what I bought I did not like it was so different.
I walked the city over to find something different, at
last I saw some I bought. They call it gingerbread
but instead ~~of~~ being made of molasses it
is made of honey, it was soft and tough like
juggabe paste. However I liked it much better
than any I had yet tasted. So I bought a
C^o as the woman who sold it kept her store
some way off. We relished our dinner very

we had beef steak, boiled green peas with sugar,
fresh potatoes bread and butter radishes and a
bottle of cider. Then for desert strawberries with
sugar they were the size of a penny I cut them
in two to eat them. They have not as fine a
flavour as ours but there is a small kind which
resemble ours in taste size and look. This dinner
cost us 3/9 each and then 3 cents each to the garcon.
It is customary to give them something they are not
paid as ours but depend upon the liberality of
the public for their support. I don't know that this
dinner was out of the way but then you must
remember we had not much of a kind. Since
I had determined to go to Paris to see the exposition
I exchanged trunks with Tom since as mine was
larger and he had some things which he
could not get in his. In locking my trunk
the drill pin came out I managed to unlock

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it and the large broken ^{you} ~~you~~ ^{men} (in this was broke)
I left the ship for the first time and bought
a lock and a hasp, it cost 25c I could have
got the same for 15 or 18¢ in New York. The
difficulty was to get it on. I tried but it was
too small and then it wanted to be re-
wired. Finally Monsieur said he would tie a
rope around it and take it as it was.
I gave the steward only 5/ for the trouble
he had of me. Monsieur 81.00 I however gave
him afterwards 18/4 at more as he made up
my bed and blacked my boots once after we
were arrived. They sold strawberries at Havre
14c a pound, cherries 8¢. I bought a map of
Havre 10¢ to assist me in looking at things.
I saw most every thing I will tell you in
my next which I hope to send the 1st of
Aug. I like Havre very well. Monsieur
left June 8th in the afternoon for home by
the way of Caen when he was on board
(24) I wanted to buy something I saw some
cherries I bought some while - when Cochrane's
eldest daughter came and took me by the hand
but I was so engaged I took no notice of the
child. I ran to the ^{wharf} ~~wharf~~ and had just time
to throw the cherries on board and bid Monsieur
adieu I watched till he was out of sight. I was
sorry to have him part from me. When I was
on the boat with him I was a good mind
to go to Caen with him - that is a pretty
large city of about 75,000. Then he was out
of sight I thought of little Helen. I knew

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her father had arrived from Paris that morning
so I went to the hotel where Mrs Cochran had
put up and they told me that they had just
parted and that Mr C. had left me his card.
I ran to the steamboat went on board and
found them. They were very glad to see me.
I told them that Monsieur was just off and that
I was sorry that they were going so soon
as I should feel a little lonesome. I knew
they were going that day. I should have been
pleased to have accompanied them but I knew I
would have to put up at a Hotel in Rouen
which would cost me about double if I went
alone. I intended to have left the same day
as Monsieur and would but for this reason.
The little ^{girl} who is very fond of me could not
account why I was cold toward her in
the street. I explained it to her I was sorry
to give her pain for I love her very much.
On board of ship she made many and how
pleasant which must otherwise have been
weary. She is a beautiful child not at all
forward. You may think it strange that after
spoken not very favorably of Mr Cochran
in my last I should continue to visit her. While
at Havre I was to see her 3 times or at least
at her house I did not go to see her I went
to see Mrs Stock, Mrs Smith and the little
girls who I have had no reason to dislike and
I believe they like me very well for they
always ask me to come again. On boardship
I saw things in Mrs C. I did not like not toward
me but others. We always got along very well
only she appeared to think ~~me~~ self to good
for our company and carried her head

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too high. When I have been at the house
I took no more notice of her than civility
required. I have seen there frequently
since I have been at Paris. She is
different now, I like her very well. She
spoke very kindly to me twice, says she,
Mr Whaley you are away from home
now among strangers and I know
what young men suffer sometimes
(she related an anecdote) when so situated.
If you are taken sick do let me know of it
and I will willingly afford you all the
assistance in my power. Mrs Smith
who is a motherly woman of 45 joined
in with Mrs C. & thanked them - Both
for their kind offer. I told them I hoped I
might never be under the necessity of
calling upon them but that if I was, since
they desired it and had so kindly offered I
would. At another time she asked me if
I was very well I told her pretty well. Then
she asked if I had taken any medicine
since I arrived? Why Mrs C. you are like
a mother, and you recall my mother's word
"Be sure & take some medicine when you
arrive" she then told me what to take and
that if I would allow her she would fix it for
me. But I would not put her to the trouble
as I knew very well. I thanked her very
much for the interest she took in me. I must
like such a woman no matter what I
may formerly thought of her. I see them
2 or 3 times a week and have had several

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good dinner and teas there. They urge me so much I can not refuse. They live in good style as though they had sufficient to do with. ^(see pg 17 at the) The day before I left Havre I went 3 miles for the express purpose of searching for the grave of Henry Horton you remember he died there about 3 years ago. I went through one cemetery read every tombstone and then to another upon a hill near the light-house on the sea coast. I read all the tombstones there I saw there were some il poles (?) numbered so I got the ^{register} ~~register~~ from the keeper I looked through it, at last found his name, he was buried under the pole no 238 I found the place after looking for more than an hour and just as I was about to go away. He says next to or near to the Russian Embassadore or minister to France I believe I have ~~left~~ ^{the} notes I took at the time, a place is secured for him for 8 years from the time of his ~~funeral~~ and if that time the ground will be sold ~~and~~ the remains will be removed to make ~~another~~ ^{room} another, if his friends buy the land before this time expires they will not be moved. It is either 40 fr. or 90 dollars but I have forgotten my notes.

(Pg 1 from top and then interline after Dear Sister)

I left Havre the 9th of June, Sunday by steamboat. I arrived at Rouen at 9 1/2 that evening, was much pleased with Rouen stayed 3 1/2 days and 4 nights there I saw all I believe. The Cathedral is wonderful. It is 450 ft long and

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100 wide and — towers, that of St Romain
which is the most ancient part the foundation
of which is thought to be the remains of a
church built by St Melion (A.D. 260-311)
I was up this tower to the height of 200 ft.
view of the city grand. I was up the grand
tower and up the pyramid of east tower
to the height of nearly 400 ft. or as high
as one can go at present, when finished
it will be $465 \frac{87}{100}$ ft, in height, high and
will cost nearly £2,000,000 and will
weigh 1,200,000 lbs, it is beautiful, the
interior of the church at the center of the
transept is between 175 and 180 ft. high
here hangs a large lantern. The transept,
the aisle which crosses the church is about
180 ft long and 30 wide thus + the church
has 130 windows of beautiful glass,
stained, representing scriptural scenes,
saints etc. Oh they are beautiful how
very much I would like you to see
all I have seen. You must hope to come.
There are fifty important things I might
mention that are worth notice at Rouen
but time and space will not permit.
The Seine is a magnificent river I speak
only of the scenery. Nothing gratified
me more, the country along its banks
is like a large garden and small villages
are scattered as far as the eye can reach.
The river is narrow and winding ^{not}
very deep. I came by railroad to Paris.

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The road is a fine one. There is a picket fence made of hoths all the way on either side. It was a beautiful day, the sun shone bright. I went in the open cars. It was cheaper and I had a better opportunity to see the country. We started at half past one and reached Paris that great city the resort of wealth and fashion at 7½, distance by water from Havre to Rouen 100 miles. From Rouen to Paris by water 220 miles by Rail Road 136 kilometers. For other news read the letters enclosed over once attentively and put them in the penny post. I came to Paris on purpose to see the exposition which I had heard so much praised. I went there several times but was disappointed it is about the same as our fair only 4 times larger. The things are rich and showy. There are very few new inventions. Its object is more to show richness, ours for novel. I would not have come to Paris if I did had not expected to have seen more than I have. I anxiously wait a letter from home I suppose will be here by the 12th of Aug. be sure to write by the 2nd packet after receiving this. I drink very little water all wine, milk, coffee, tea etc. & the wine is very light. I have drunk two bottles at a time and then a little while after a bottle of beer on top of it. To obtain well water they are obliged to go very deep and then it is not as good as the water of the Seine which is all the water that is drunk or used for cooking. The clerk is allowed his bottle of wine a day and the servant has two bottles a week. don't forget to send my petition at the time I stated in my last letter and to do all I told you to do. I should be very sorry if that letter was miscarried. I stated

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that I would soon be short of funds by the first of August if there is not one on the way for me what shall I do? By the middle of Aug. I shall be penniless you must remember that I had but a little and that I had to buy cloth pay travelling expenses & I am very careful. I spend but a franc a day for my belly. Just don't tell any one of this. I live pretty poor on a franc a day I am in the apartment with Mr Desmarchais, he has three very nice rooms and a little kitchen. He hires them for 360 fr. they are nicely furnished, he bought me a cot provided me with bedding. He is very good to me a real friend and when we are together he will not allow us to pay ever. I am sorry to be an expense to him but it is his pleasure. Sometimes he gives me a first rate dinner which cost from 6 fr to a dollar a piece and then he frequently takes me to a Caffe and spend 50 fr I am sorry to see him spend so much. I tell him he will never be able to go in business he says that he never expects to commence business by what he saves, he says it would take him ten years to save up enough (Pg 2 interview) and that he might not be here for this reason he will spend as he goes. I see him very little he leaves at 7 in the morning and returns at 10 in the evening. Every other Sunday & Wednesday at 5 he is free we spend that time together. I have nearly a quart of milk which cost 2 sous and 2 rolls of bread which cost 2 sous brought home every morning. I did not use my Chocolate on board of ship, with this I used to make chocolate all of milk and boil

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 me a couple of eggs in it. I then set my table
 and at 11 or 12 I take breakfast this is the hour in
 France and 6 for dinner. My breakfast has
 consisted of bread & butter, chocolate made of
 milk ^{and} sugar, a couple of eggs, cheese or
 sausage. As all my chocolate is gone and I
 am going soon I will not buy any more.
 They ask 30 c a pound for chocolate and 48 c
 for the best coffee. I make my breakfast now
 of boiled milk, sometimes not boiled, bread and
 butter sometimes toast & boiled eggs, sometimes
 I make an omelet of them to this breakfast I
 sometimes add 2 c worth of cherries or currants. In
 the afternoon I eat some bread and butter and
 some cherries. I might get a pretty good
 dinner for 1 fr which equals 18 3/4 cts but it is
 on the other side of the river, for 1 fr I can here
 a bowl of soup 12 ^{parts} fruits of meat, 1/2 bottle of wine
 plenty of bread and a desert. However now and then
 I treat myself to one of these dinners. But I have
 no reason to complain there are very few days
 that pass but I have a good dinner. I am
 invited out somewhere or other, and there is Mr
 Desneufprieux: who would like me to come
 to take dinner with him every day but then I
 must spend the evening. He has two daughters
 who are learning English and speak pretty
 well, it is for this selfish reason he wants me
 to come to speak English with them. I say
 selfish because I know he would not wish
 me to come. He has told me what he was, Every
 thing is very dear here. Cheese 20 c pound,
 Bread 4 c pound, sausage 32 c pound, boiled

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484 pound, beefsteak 302 pound, sugar 208 pound
Raisins 20 lb. pound — But eggs are — 12 pence
and milk 34 quart, Cheese 32 pound, currents 34
pound on an average since I have been here
it has cost me 152 a day; if I took my meals
at an eating house it would cost me 37½ ct.
per day. I eat a good deal. When I come from
Mallet's I intend to buy something so I can cook
boil and roast. Washing is pretty reasonable
here, clothes I find dear. Mr. Desreunbourg
expects to be head clerk today, he will then
receive \$600 which is a very high salary.
I will cost me \$3 to go to Mallets, \$5 to come
back and \$12 or \$16 for board which makes
\$18 or \$22 dollars and besides there are other
expenses I know not of. I intend staying
there 6 weeks or two months. He will likely
return with me. I came without a Pass Port
from France to Paris. I was liable to be
stoped and thrown into prison till I
could prove who I was. I live in the Rue
de Four St. Germain No 1. It cost me only
\$2.25 to come from New York but then
my trunk cost me \$2 and beside this I spent
\$5. I lived very economically I assure
you yet gentlemanly. I arrived here June
13 at 8 in the evening. I first went to
Mr. Drouard Desreunbourg, gave them a
letter which I had from Mr. Mallet, they
were pleased to see me and asked me
many questions, he sent a clerk with me
to Mr. Desreunbourg's store, he was very glad to
see me indeed and wondered where I came

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from for we had made so long a passage
that he thought that Mallot would not come
before August. He took me to a grand coffee
house and we spent the evening there. I
hope you have not paid Parsons his
rent, don't pay him all. Has Mr Palmer
been to see you yet give my respects to
him. I believe this gentleman might be of
great service to us and willing to assist
us. You must try to get in his good graces
he looks like a clever man. I hope the law
suit in court is coming on well Van Name
must drive it ahead but you and Harrell
urge him on. Now is the time for you to see
to it. You have not much to attend to, have it
settled at once, be determined don't have it
bothering you always, go about it with a
cool head. Let us know the ^{13. interfere} result. At this
time something was done. Suppose anything
should happen, it would be lost to us. You
should think of this. Write to me full particulars
always be acting but do nothing without Harrell.
How does he sum up what does he think? Let
me know all, I am not here to inquire. Be
particular to sit down all you receive and spend
keep a book with Harrell, let him sit down
all he pays you. How do you like Van Name,
is he active? Remember long law suits are always
expensive. Give my respects to Mr Harrell. Mr.
Desney's house relations are very clever people. I
like them much and they tell me they like me.
Both his sisters are pretty and amiable. The youngest
is 17 and laugh and talk a good deal together.
She has promised to return with me to America.

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Has Miss Lawrence been to see you yet? If
so tell me how you like her. I suppose not
very well. But I am sure she is a good person. Perhaps
she improves upon acquaintance. Mr. Desmoul-
bourg wishes to be remembered to all of you. The
Cemetery ^(see pg. 10 at *) where Henry Horton lies for strangers only.
A stranger dying is buried there. If he has no
friend they give him a place for 8 years. If
during that time his friends come they can
buy the ground for twenty five years or forever.
I have forgotten the price but I know at the
time it did not strike me as being much. It
was a great satisfaction to me to find his
grave, this was one of my objects. I search
upon reaching there. There is but a black
pole $4\frac{1}{2}$ ft. high and $1\frac{1}{2}$ in square the No 238
painted upon it in white to note where he lies.
I felt at the time had I the means I would have
purchased the ground and had a stone raised
to his memory. The days of my boyhood were
forcibly recalled to me and it seemed but
only yesterday we were at school together enjoying
ourselves as we were wont to do in a
foreign land I was at this grave. Though I
was not particularly fond of him at school
I could hardly ~~repress~~ ^{repress} from shedding a tear.
I could hardly realize it yesterday and today.
Out of 4 of my school mates at Colchester from
New York two were already dead. This forbade
more than I was willing to tell. I gave the keeper
some who had assisted me to find the number
a few sous. In the register was written this
"No 238 Aug 27 1841 Henry Horton Class of 1841"

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so American." which signifies No 238 place of
burial, Aug. 27, 1841 say he was injured, name,
Charles I suppose is intended for Charles
the French for the age and nation. Here is a
very fine monument in the memory of Dayneant
a young man who came to France to complete
his education. I do hope that John & Henry
are making out very well. I send my best love
and wishes to both of them. Remember me to
good Mrs Underhill & to Susan & Sarah. I must
bring them some little present from France. Harriet
you must get Father to let you have some money
send it to me and when I return I will buy
some thing pretty, you will tell me what. Father
must let you have a party for my birthday.
I shall be 21 a man you will have no young
brother then and soon you will be a woman.
How time passes. You have a party, a nice one,
trade ^{ducks} swarts out, and I will give \$5 out of my
money Mother will give as much more and
perhaps John and Henry will give something.
Now don't forget. Balthus ^{perhaps} commence in Oct.
and it may be the means of introducing you
to a few, you will invite Harriet to — you
go with you or perhaps you have a beau. Don't
be afraid to ask. I invite to my party to my
party or your party if you please, for me
Charles, Sutton, Bushnell, Roberts, Mr Cornwall,
Mr Taylor, Miss Bushnell & Miss Lawrence and
her brother John. These are my friends. Perhaps
John & Henry have some to invite and Mother
one or two. You & Sarah can make up the rest.
(^{is across left hand margin}) You must buy some paper
like this (like thin tracing paper) to write on. Never write on

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thick paper. Letters here are charged by weight only, it takes 4 sheets like this to make one of our letter paper. So you see I can send four letters in one bundle for the same price as one letter. I have told all to whom I have written to send their letters to you and to write on very thin paper. You will enclose them in yours as this is done, when you write. You will tell them when you are going to write that they may know when to bring them. You will put these letters in sub post office as soon as you receive them. I will tell them you will write by the second packet that sails after you receive your letter they will be sure then to have them here. If there is anything pressing you can write by the first packet or on the steamer and by these letters too as it will cost the same.

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