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THOMAS TO RACHEL

[redacted]

fiancée

Je suis
Heureux de mes heures
Heureux avec mon fils
Heureux dans mes montagnes
Heureux [illegible] amour

Je suis
La prêtresse
L'objet de ma tendresse
Le trésor de la foi
Il est le moins volage
Des bergers du village
Il m'aime sans partage
Il m'aimera que moi

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Comme ma tendre mère
Et mieux encore
Marie
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

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[illegible]
Dans le [illegible] embrasse
[illegible]

Oui, Monseigneur.

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Oui monseigneur je suis jolie
J'ai seize ans de grands yeux bleus
On doit m'aimer à la folie.
Oh je suis un ange des cieux
J'aimerais votre doux langage
Ce doux langage est si flatteur
Mon beau Seigneur
Mais je trouve au village
Le vrai bonheur
Oui Monseigneur
Mais je trouve au village
Le vrai bonheur
Oui, Monseigneur.

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Oui monseigneur j'ai plus de grâces
Que les beautés de vos palais
Oui tous les coeurs suivront mes traces
Oui ne me trompera jamais
J'aimerais votre doux langage &c

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Oui monseigneur dans la vallée
J'irai le soir cueillir des fleurs
J'irai sous la voûte etoilée
Effacer leurs riches couleurs.
J'aimerais votre doux langage &c.

August 25th, 1844. Dictated by Olide Antoinette Arsène Mallet.

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Mr Thomas Mulock
Care of Mr Ashton
Ashton
Ireland

Paid
Havre

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[illegible]

Paris November 19, 1844 Dear Mother, Your letter by the Packet of the 16th October was but 21 days coming to Havre. I received it the 10th of this month a day or so after I mailed one to you containing one for Harris Anson and the Misses Devereux. I hope you will receive them. I have but little time to write in as I wish to finish a letter commenced to Mr Porter and to write one or two others. I have only till the 22 ond which is but a short time as I wish to occupy every moment I can to my Italian So if this letter is not as long as you would wish it do not blame me. I promise to write again soon. — Your letter gave me great pleasure. The news that it contains is most favourable. I was glad that you approve of my plan of traveling. Every line I read in relation to it gave me additional pleasure, when I came to where you say, "I will not promise to give you all you speak of unless I can see my way quite clear" I could have jumped for joy. This contains your consent and promise of assistance to the fullest extent of your power. How very kind you are. You have my grateful thanks for your intentions though I do not receive a penny of assistance from you. ~~I ask you to consider all well and not let what I have said persuade you at all nor to be influenced by any one~~ I wish you to consider everything

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before you decide unbiassed by the opinions of others. You may take what advice you please but do not let that influence you in forming your decision. You have but one thing to think of that is whether you will have the money to spare, $96 to be sent by the steamer of the middle of December and $110 to be sent by the steamer of the middle of May. Your decision depends upon your rents. You tell me you have received them up to the first of August. The November quarter is due. I trust you have received ~~them~~ it. If you have ~~received the February rents~~ you could send me the $96 and if you receive the May + February rents you could send the $110 — but suppose you did not receive the ~~rents~~ rents so as to send these sums at the times I have mentioned, and you were sure of receiving them, you would have to borrow the money to send me of Mr Parsell as it would not do to disappoint me. My plans are made and I depend upon receiving the monies at the times stated, if I do not receive them I will hardly know what to do so you will be very particular to send at the times mentioned in my last letter by the Steamer of the middle of ~~February~~ December and the middle of May. I will receive and present the bill for acceptance sent in ~~Feby~~ Dec the 5th day of ~~Mar~~ January in two months thereafter I would receive the money and commence travelling

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immediately. Mr Drouard would receive the bill payable to my order sent in May the 5th of June and present it immediately for payment & I would upon arriving at Paris after having travelled on the Continent receive the $110 the 5th of August and proceed in a day or two thereafter to commence my travels in Great Britain. The times I have chosen for remitting the monies could not be better chosen just after receiving the rents you would gain nothing by waiting and defering to send a month or even two months, but be disappointing me and subjecting me to a loss as I would be obliged to get the bills discounted, on the one I would lose $6.00 on the other $6.87½ total of loss $12.87½. So do be particular and send by the steamer of the middle of Dec & May. I hope that John & Henry are speculating and making money with the money I told you to lend them. I hope that they have doubled the amount so as to send you some or to pay some thing of what they owe you that you may be better able to assist me if in case you do not have enough to spare from your rents, but I am in hopes you will have enough ahead without calling upon them it is better that they should have some capital. I was thinking the other day that it would be well if you lent them the money in the Savings Bank. It produces you only 5% if they had it they

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might be making 25 or 50 % of it. I believe that you have $300 there now. This would be a nice little capital for them. But perhaps you think they would not be able to pay you at the very moment you wanted it in case you had to pay the Interest. They might and they might not anyhow, you might lend them $100 of it to buy old metal and not to be employed in their business. They would be making money there would be no risk if they got it insured at every time and you could have the money at any time within a week or ten days. In such a business as this I do not see where would be the risk if you lent them the $300 or as much of it as they wanted. If your only objection is because you would be losing 5% they would willingly pay you that for the use of the money and thank you in the bargain. Just think of this. The money in the bank is gaining you only a trifle if they had it, it would be of great assistance to them. You have only to consider if it would be safe to lend it to them. as I believe that this is the day that the steamer leaves New York. I hope you have received my petition ~~and~~ got my money from Chancery and sent it or a part of it if you lent some to John or Henry, today. You may have had great difficulty in getting it and perhaps not even this to get it at all owing to the impossibility of having the petition drawn up in conformity to the statute law of the

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State of N. Y. If so you have despatched me a letter containing this sad news which upon receiving will cause as you may suppose, the tears to trickle down my cheeks as I must then abandon my favorite project of making the tour of Europe. Your sympathies will be some consolation for me and perhaps you will tell me that you think you will be able to raise the money for me and send it by the next steamer. This would dissipate all my sorrow. I hope however you have done as I requested (for I supposed every emergency) and enclosed me a bill for ~~5000~~ 600 francs that (I may say Mrs Mallet + I would be so sorry to disappoint him) and have some little to live on till you will be able to send me more. If you have not been able to do this I shall be in a sore fix. I have but $15 as now. I can make this last me till the 6th of January. but impossibly longer than this and perhaps not as long as I must in a few days commence to keep a fire. I begin to feel the want of it. I will do without as long as I can as fuel is confoundedly dear. Wood is 55 cts the hundred pounds! and hard coal 65 cts the 100 lbs!! Charcoal 35 cts a bushel!!! You will often think of me sitting over a few embers just enough to keep the blood in circulation while you are roasting yourselves by the side of a large fire. But I won't mind this I am willing to put up with a deal of inconvenience and even uncomfortable if I can but gratify

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my curiosity. My new room is a very nice little one upon the first story. I like it full as well as my last and I pay but 12 francs a month It is in the Rue Magarine. 38. I live as economically and comfortably as I can I take both breakfast and dinner in my room. I am become accustomed to the French manner so that I do without tea or supper. I have meat 3 or 4 times a week (which I buy ready cooked) and pretty much everything else excepting vegetables tea & coffee. I shall be glad when my stove is up I want to commence to roast cook and fry. I intend having pancakes and coffee the cold mornings this winter. I won't bake my cakes on a shovel I'll go without first. I believe that I can make my little monies last till the 6th of Jan if I am very careful but then I ought to buy a new pair of pants I have but the one pair for week days and sundays, my summer ones are too thin. Perhaps I can borrow some of Mr Durard to buy them together with a new vest and woolen stockings. I find that my cotton ones are too thin. But I did not wish to borrow money. I would prefer asking Leopold only I know he has no money since I lent him some the other day and he told me at the time that he had not a cent. I told you in my last letter that my overcoat was made up first rate. It is made no smaller I had it lined all through with new cotton in the

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sleeves too as far as the elbows. I intend to make it last all winter, to serve for traveling and to wear on board of ship coming home. I think that I shall get my money's worth out of the old thing. I also told you about the frock coat I had made out of your cloak in my last letter. It is a pretty good one and will serve me with the best one I had when I left home, till I have done traveling but I shall want to get a new one in England before I return. I wear the coat I had turned most of the time under my overcoat. I have torn up the old frockcoat (pg. 2) and saved the skirts of it to ~~get~~ replace the facings in my best coat when they are taken out to make new under sleeves (?). I have receive four letters from you and this is my eighth to you I hope that you have received them all as they are more or less important (Red ink) ~~How long~~ you have been expecting Henry I think that you mentioned his coming home in your first letter. I hope that he is come and that you are comfortably situated for the winter by this time. Be make as much show and live as nice as possible. There is always something to hinder you from living genteely, all along you have had sch bills to pay last year you were unfortunate in receiving your rents, this year I

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am traveling I dont know what will hinder you next year. I hope nothing. I calculate to find some employment when I return where I can earn $200 or $300 You will have no expense then. We will live first rate have nice furniture brussels carpets and and a fine table. I will give something towards it. We must try to marry Tat off handsomely no matter what it costs. She can repay us in a few coins if her shot. By the by while we are marrying her off you may ketch a beau perhaps Mr Palmer There is more chance of your getting him since Aunt Priscilla does not like him. I think he has some little fancy for you. Do treat the gent well and invite him to sup with you now and then. You may ketch him in time. He is a pretty fine fellow and I believe he has money but I will ascertain this when I return. In the meantime you must be courting him. Put on fine caps and wear some of Tats golden tresses. You are not bad looking when you are rigged up. I should be pleased to receive kind letters from Mr Palmer. I thank him for his best respects you will please return him mine. I am going to write to him in a few days. I am surprised that Aunt Priscilla does not like him. He is a talented man and such a one I would like to have for a second daddy though he may have
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they contain so much about my own private affairs. but when I have an answer a decided one concerning my travelings as I requested you in my last, I hope that they will be more amusing, but you must read the letters of my correspondents it is for this reason I leave them open for your perusal knowing that I have very little room in your letters than what I write about business and domestic affairs. Tat calls me selfish (this is a pretty hard word) because I forgot to mention her dress, I must retort this upon her for having no better reason. In reality I think that I mentioned if I did not I must as you say have forgotten it I am certain however that I spoke of it in the next letter so I could not have been so very selfish. I think that I have more reason to be displeased with her than she with me as when she writes she speaks of very little else than of this dress. No doubt the child wants it very much so you had better buy her one as I see no possibility of sending one and when I return I can bring her another. Mrs Smith returning to America presented an opportunity but I was not in Paris when she left. I could have given it to her before I went to Mr Ballet's had known that she had determined upon going. I am glad to have your consent to learn to dance but I cannot commence to learn yet a while I have no money for it. I am getting along pretty well in my studies. I have recited 11

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lessons. I will continue them as long as I remain in Paris even if you should write me that I can not travel. I find that since I have commenced taking Italian lessons I speak and understand French much better. I can hold conversation with any one for hours together. I went to hear a lecture the other day and though I stood at distance from the Speaker I could understand almost every word that he spoke. How glad I will be when I begin to be able to speak a little Italian. I will then improve more rapidly. My teacher is paid to the 15th January. (Pg. 5) When I commenced this letter I thought to have had time to write you ~~the~~ only but half of the sheet you will excuse the irregularity. I never knew time fly with me as it does now. Days pass as hours Sunday comes so soon that it seems to me there is no other day. I am glad I keep a Journal that accounts for every hour. It will not be interesting to read the record of each day is the same I keep it only for my own satisfaction to assist me in recalling the past. The weather is very unpleasant Will you believe me? I have seen the sun but twice during the last six weeks! One day was very pleasant I took advantage of it and went to St Denis distant 7 miles to visit the Tomb of the Kings. This is something to boast of. I have seen

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the ~~kings~~ tombs of most of the kings of France and I don't know but most all of them. I need not say that they are magnificent beyond description. Upon each is ~~that~~ a ~~statue~~ of the king to whom it is erected, represented reposing in his court dress or coat of mail and by his side are his royal consort. The church, in which they are deposited, is one of the richest of France and the most beautiful I have yet seen though not so large. The weather has been ~~moderate~~ and now is miserable. It has prevented me from making many little excursions in the environs of Paris. I have not yet been to Versailles and St Cloud to see the royal chateau and grand fountain. I am waiting for the next pleasant Sunday to go. I passed through the former place in coming from Londonge. They tell me that the weather is always unpleasant at Paris at this season of the year and that it will continue so for these three months to come! Clouds continually with an occasional sprinkling of rain for variety's sake. You see my prospect. Tell if I had money I would clear out from this place to morrow to go to Marseilles to spend the winter it would cost but $10 to go there. The weather is much finer in the south of France. You must know that the climate varies as it does in the U. S. The present weather of Paris is what we call "trying weather" I believe that if you had it in N. Y. for six weeks that one half of the people would die.

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(would die)

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Thank God I have not been sick and am very careful not to be. I wear an extra pair of pants besides my drawers and go out only when compelled to. I know that I must not get sick as I should want your kindness and attention. It is this that makes me regardful. The weather is not so cold as it is damp. I will have a stove up in a few days when I shall be able to stick out the winter. Not withstanding all this I like Paris better and better every day. There is so much to be seen that I don't know that I will ever see all its gardens, palaces, towers, prisons, churches, libraries, museums &c. &c. But I would not be willing to pass my life at Paris the streets and walks are so winding and narrow that when two persons meet one of them must leave the walk to let the other pass! I like Paris only when I am in its monuments or upon its promenades. They excite the wonder of the stranger and the admiration of the traveler. After I have seen Paris give me New York for my residence. I will endeavour to make the best use of my time this winter. French will be my principal study. I must read over with attention the History and Geography of Europe and particularly of those countries in which I am likely to travel. I think something of entering on a few days, if I can do so without expense, a School where I may

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(Amy)

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Study the grammar of the French language. this is very essential. what signifies learning a language if one can not speak and write it with elegance? The time I have left from my Studies I must spend in recreation. I must see all that is curious or worthy of note in Paris before I leave it. My time is growing Short & it behoves me to economize it. If I leave here in March I shall soon commence to count the weeks to my departure. I must limit my correspondence. I am slow at composition consequently a great portion of my time is occupied in letter writing. I will write each of my friends a letter and those who return me answer I will choose for my correspondents. None can then be offended with me as I will have greater reason to blame them for not having been more complaisant. I always was fond of letter writing and have composed considerable, it seems therefore strange that I have not more dispatch But I have got a thick head. It is pretty hard to beat the devil out of an idea into it and much harder to keep it there. There is no doubt that my sickness three years ago has been of great detriment to me. I am very forgetful and occupy three hours in learning a lesson which when I was at school I would have learned in an hour!

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(an hour!)

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I will not let even so great a difficulty as this discourage, though I have been on the point several times of tearing my books to pieces and renouncing Italian and every thing else in the shape of literature, I will continue to persever and perhaps in a short I will regain my faculties and things will become much easier. As You need not be concerned about the company I keep. You know that I am not fond of dissipation and besides, the misery I witness of most young men caused by the the life of debauchery they lead, ~~with~~ deters me from it. But pleasure moderate social and rational I will enjoy, I only wish that my purse would allow it to the fullest extent of my desire, I like going to theatres I like going to balls, I like the society of women and I like to sip my wine or brandy punch, but I like nothing to excess. I have no ~~other~~ acquaintances at Paris than the Dessaffourgs family connexions. I may be to blame for this, I was always very careful in forming intimacies and in the choice of my friends. Perhaps rather too much so. It is an advantage to me in Paris where strangers may so easily be led astray, robbed and even murdered without its ever being discovered. Who ~~is then to~~ will miss or enquire after him? Though Mr D's friends are very accommodating and kind yet I would like to be acquainted with some persons

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who were differently situated whom I might visit at any time, They labour hard all the week, sunday is their only day of recreation, they invite me to come ~~pas~~ to see them often but I rarely go any other day than Sunday for fear of interrupting them - (in red) I will leave this space for Grandfather Turn over. (pg. 4 red) Mr D is worth about $12,000. People in Paris work like the devil till they have made their fortune. When he has $20,000 he will retire to the country. He is an active little and so is his wife a woman. In two or three years they will have made it. He is 27 and she I should judge to be 25. Mr D will very likely go to Point-à-Pitre some time in Dec. He desires me to remember him to you all. Monsieur Mallet is not yet come to Paris I have given him up till the 9th of Dec when his money will be due. I have not heard from him since I left his house. I wrote him a letter some time which he has not answered as I thought he would if he did not come the 1st of November as he partly promised me I will be glad to see him and to hear from his family. I thought that you would have been to housekeeping so as to have celebrated my birthday. You might have had a nice little party upon the occasion which would have introduced Harriet into society. It has saved me five dollars which I would rather prefered to have been spent in that way. This, I must keep

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to buy presents for you and Sat. You will want some little remembrance of Italy, France &c. I will not forget to buy Sat the fancy note paper and fancy sachets she writes about but she must not call me selfish. Will you not be preventing Henry from attending to his business by keeping him home? It would be better not to persuade him to spend the winter with you it may be the means of his separating himself from John altogether. What is the matter Hanck is it because you have some pretty girl in N Y that you wish to leave Washington? My advice to you is to remain with John if it be possible. I think it will be to the advantage of you both. "Rolling Stones gather no moss" was a subject I once had given to me for a composition. You have been trunk maker, harness maker and lockmaker. What now do you intend to make? If you are decided to leave John I advise you, since Mother writes me that times are getting to be better, to enter as clerk in some Store. You must spend your evening with Mr Parker in studying Book keeping and learning to write a good hand (a better one than I write you I am spoiling mine writing so much of this small hand) ~~and~~ so that you may enter a counting room the first opportunity that offers. Being merchant is not the surest but generally is the quickest way to fortune. You have my advice and may consider upon it. So it is true, Brother, it will be much more pleasanter for you to have Henry home but then you must not desire

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this if it is to be of a disadvantage to him. Your letter contains an abundence of good advice oftentimes repeated. You do this no doubt better to impress it upon my memory and in case if I read ~~it~~ your letter over but once I may read it several times. This is not a bad plan, one which I would adopt to you, only that it would be ~~too~~ fatiguing as I write so much. I promise to lend an attentive ear to your counsel and that it shall be of benefit to me. As I enjoy myself and feel as happy as a lord upon fourteen shillings a week I am pretty comfortable. I think of you everytime I make my repast and the difference between yours and mine, the one taken warm and in company, the other cold and solitary. But I don't let this trouble me I am contented on all this. I am independent, I get up and go to bed when it pleases me, I go out and come in when ~~it~~ it pleases me and eat and drink when it pleases me. I can arrange my ~~repast~~ table in two minutes and clear it away almost as soon. I don't wish you to think that I live poor for I do not, I have a little bit of almost everything that is good from a madeira nut to a prune, from a pot pie to a baked pair with pieces of bread butter cheese &c in to the day pain. As I sometimes wish that I could see you and know what you are about. I have made to day 3 spiritual trips across the atlantic. Last night I was with you.

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(with you)

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Henry had just returned home, you all looked well, but you seemed to have some trouble I know not about what. There was a paper in the concern. Perhaps it was my petition and you had missed sending the money by the steamer! — I am glad that you have pleasant weather. I can speak only of the northern portion of France the pleasantest months of this year have been June, July and August. — It is true I wrote considerable concerning myself, I have the right to this privelege, but then my letters are very long. This one contains no less than 8 or 9 pages of ordinary writting. — I would read a letter from John and Henry with much pleasure. Now, that he is home he must write to me. He on one side and I at on the other. My letters to you are equally to them it would only be repeating what I write to you. You speak very tenderly in some parts of your and express how happy you will be if I return home improved. I will endeavour not to disappoint you but then you must not expect anything very wonderful on account of my many weakness. What have you done to offend my friend Lawson? he neither comes to enquire about me nor has yet answered my letter. I wrote concerning Mrs Cochrane in my last letter. I was misinformed when I told you that her husband was the inventor of the excavator It was a Mr Otis of Philadelphia who is now dead. — Mr D's uncle lives so far

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that I have been to see him but twice since I came from Bonnes. I must go however soon I want to see his girls one is 13 the other 15. They are very talkative and amusing. Poh! see you are offended because Mr Palmer did not invite grandfather to his office. This was no place to invite him to, he might have invited him to his hotel but perhaps he forgot it. You should not be offended for so trifling a thing as this — since you mention the roast veal, pie and hot bread he ate I conclude that you must have begrudged it to him! — You say that you would like to see Capt Chase I wonder then that you have not. Enquire for him at Nesmith and Walsh in south Street, search in Directory. If you see him present him & his lady my best respects and tell him I will write to him soon. He is a very clever fellow much more so than you may suppose merely by looking at him. — To be sure I want to hear every thing about our law affairs. So they have at last really commenced foreclosing the mortgage. I am not sorry for it. This will make you begin to move and do something. I know there is very little danger of the lot being sold as you can raise the $1375 very easily at 6%. You speak of you instructing Whiting what to do this is your great error what do you know? Have you not given Mr Carsell the Power of Attorney to see to your business? Why do you then wish to usurp that power? Just make your claim and every thing else to his management if you would have things properly attended to. I don't want you to give any

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instructions about anything because you know no more than myself and I know nothing of law matters. Let Harrell see that you are ignorant and let him know that you depend upon him as a friend, to manage your business. Untill you do this, mark my word for it, nothing will be done. I don't care how many Whitings you have. They will do nothing (and expect to be paid to) unless they have some one to drive them along. Harrell is the man for this and he will do it too if he sees that you have confidence in him and leave the affair wholly to his management. as If you do differently from what I have so often advise you depend upon it, he will in a month or so give up attending to your business. What will you do then? Where can you find another friend? Think well of what I say. I forsee that Harrell will give up if you do not change immediately. Perhaps your next letter will inform me of his resignation. You seem to do all the business with the lawyers, this won't do, you must have nothing to do with them you know nothing of law. You speak of what they tell you and of what they advise you. Because Van Nameé tells you something which does not coincide with your opinion you leave him, without consulting Mr H, and go to Whiting! Is this right for you to have a lawyer which your attorney chose, and go to one against whom he had many objections? This seems to me real childishness. Had I been Harrell I would have resigned immediately. He must have felt himself very much wronged. This was the cause no doubt of his telling you that the affair was troublesome and that you had better look for some one else to attend to it. I

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don't care how much better writing is than Van Dam I say that you were wrong to change and that without even having consulted Harrell. I should have considered it the height of presumption under the circumstances, for you ever to have proposed such a change to Mr H. I have given you a pretty severe lecture. I hope that it will be of benefit. Remember, hereafter to have no business with the lawyers, and not to act upon anything you may propose and consult with Mr H. but let him decide & do all the acting. You will likely have some papers to sign. Be very careful (you don't know how much you may injure us and yourself too) so sign nothing without consulting Harrell, he will ascertain if it be proper for you. You promise to write in two weeks I am anxiously expecting the letter. (return to pg. 1 turn right side edge up red across black in center section) I have received no papers from you or any one else! Remember me to one and all I will designate excepting Harris John and Henry A. those I wish to be particularly remembered. Tell the boys all about me and what I have seen, when you write to them as I know they will be anxious to hear, I will write to you again as soon as I receive your last letter which I am anxiously expecting. You must not be concerned about me unless on the top of stages, it is much more comfortable than

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(Dear)

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you suppose. One is not exposed to the open air yet it is not so comfortable as inside. I can ride inside for the same price but I prefer being on top where I can see every thing. This is the place for a traveler like myself. I intend having made a woolen gown to travel in so as to be very comfortable. It will be like a sack only fuller, with sleeves and bonnet. I will have nothing to do but slip it upon my head and wear it over my overcoat and when it is too warm to wear it, it will serve for a soft cushion. I got this idea in going to La Trappe. The monks wear a similar dress only with a leather belt. I think I will wear one too. Such a dress will likely cost $3 or 4 dollars. It will do for a morning gown when I return home if I do not spoil it in traveling. I have just been reading today that Texas will not be annexed to the United States. I am very sorry for this as I felt certain it would be. The country will regret this some day. Here is the longest letter I have yet written to you. It contains 10 pages of ordinary writing and some 34000 letters! You may show it as a great curiosity as I don't believe such another one exists. There may be longer but not so much written in so small a space. It is all legible and may easily be read. I have spent two days 7½ hours each in steady writing. I suppose it will take you but 5 hours to read it. You will not want to read it over more than once.

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though you may. If any one were to offer me $5 for this letter I would refuse rather than be bothered to write another. I have said that I would write no more long letters, they must be more tiresome than interesting to you. Well I must bid you farewell and stop writing or I shall be obliged to soon. (turn folded edge up and read red across black in center section beginning 2-3 inches down from fold.) You will receive this letter about the Holidays. It will be a present for you ~~from me~~ Think of me Christmas and New Years. Drink to my health and return. I wish you all merry times! Remember me to our friends when they call. I intend keeping the old year out and the new year in at Notre Dame Think of me at the time I will of you. What do you mean in your letter when you say "I told Harrell that ~~he~~ I considered that ~~he~~ spoke all on their side." Does this word he refer to Mr Harrell or does it refer to Mr Van Namie? It reads as though it referred to the former. If that be your meaning you were very wrong to tell Mr Harrell so. This must have convinced him at once of the little confidence you had in him. Let me tell you, you are injuring yourself. You must not suppose Harrell even capable of doing wrong but allow yourself to be guided by him whither he will. (now read up loud from bottom to top inside) All my friends at Paris wish to be remembered to you. Mother Miss Mallet or Miss Ols play upon every instrument they have not the time. All the French

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(Our Friend)

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women work. They are not to be looked at as ours. (Turn pg 2 upside down - in red two lines at bottom of pg.) I thought that Codman Pye would have been willing to assist you. perhaps you forgot to make him a present. you know no one is willing to work for nothing. I hope Harriet will not forget her music. she must practice all she can and learn the Polka. I don't think that it was wise in you to leave your furniture and locks exposed at Mrs H. were they nailed up & inventoried (Turn folded edge up and read center section - in red) How is it? You say the boys have plenty of work yet they have not money enough to pay their debt Do they spend more than they make It will be very little use for me to write to them for money. If they have any to spare I doubt if they will give it to you to assist me as John was willing that I should use it in Europe. You will write to them for me if you feel the necessity of their assistance. I wish you to preserve all my letters carefully as I may wish to refer to them some day. Don't pay postage on letters that you send to me as I have to pay the same. [illegible] that Beach's concern is a humbug You pay 16 for every letter you receive I pay 7 - and on every letter that I send [illegible] 10 cts. The postage on my last was 116. It will be

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the same on this you see I save by writing on this paper and inclosing them in yours. You have 5 letters here were they seperate my postage to France would be 50 cts. I have written to Mr Harrell because he will think it a great mark of attention in me & beside he may be induced to give more attention our law business. for I say read the letter but do not let him know that you have done so. Received this from your affectionate Son Thomas K Haley (turn to page 3 – 3/4 of the way down the page – in black) I thought to have left this for Grandfather but I will write to him on a seperate piece, as I wish you to bear in mind that you have a right to charge Uncle John with interest on Belchers notes (from the time they were due till Mr O'Connor gave the one to Henry. It is charged in the bill rendered to Mr Swan. You will remember this in case they dispute the interest. Uncle John should have collected the notes when they became due. Perhaps they were payable on demand, if so he should have collected them in six months, you will then be entitled to interest from them from that time till O'C gave one of them to H. It astonishes me that you have not got your papers, books &c from Mr Swan yet. Speak to Harrell of this, let it be your first object, are you to let them always remain in their hands? They have had them going on to three years now! If I travel you must buy a map of Europe as it will be a great pleasure for you to trace my travels upon it.

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Don't mention to me any thing more about Miss L— I don't know that I will ever see the young lady again, I have very little desire — If any one asks you what my traveling will cost tell them a little less than $1000. It will be no exagration as it will cost $500. You know that people only believe only one half. If you told $500 people would not believe that I had seen the greater portion of Europe for this amount or that if I had I must have walked part the way and begged the rest. This will not be so for I shall travel very gentely not first rate however. I am going to spend all my money I wish therefore to make as important an affair of it as possible and besides it will give you a look. People will say there is the rich widow & baby who has given $1000 to her son to travel in Europe. It will then be a benefit to you that my travels cost $1000 this will be no greater exagration than one is allowed to make. I don't wish you to tell the exact amount to our relations. it is better to keep this secret. You must not tell them either all I write you concerning how I live &c you must varnish what I say abt. I promise to tell you exactly how things are if you will oblige me by doing this. I wet my head night and morning I have fewer headaches I have taken some medicine. I wrote you in my last about my prospects of finding something to do at Paris. It is really laughable of John Pye sending Hadden all the way to Munich for his money. How he must have cursed him when he got back. He will think about building a house with Harriets money. I think we can get a house & lot for 4 or $5000 well (over)

Thomas Whaley to Rachel Whaley
Addressed to:

Mrs Thomas Whaley,
Care of William N. Pye,
Corner of Delancy & Cannon Sts.,
New York, U.S.A.
par Le Havre
paquebot du 24 November

Paris November 19, 1844

Dear Mother,

Your letter by the Packet of the 16th October was but 21 days coming to Havre. I received it the 10th of this month a day or so after I mailed one to you containing one for Harris Anson and the Misses Devereux. I hope you will receive them. I have but little time to write in as I wish to finish a letter commenced to Mr. Porter and to write one or two others. I have only till the 22nd which is but a Short time as I wish to occupy every moment I can to my Italian So if this letter is not as long as you would wish it do not blame me. I promise to write again soon. -Your letter gave me great pleasure. The news that it contains is most favourable. I was glad that you approve of my plan of traveling. Every line I read in relation to it gave me additional pleasure, when I came to where you say "I will not promise to give you all you Speak of <u>unless</u> I can See my way quite clear" I could have jumped for joy. This contains your consent and promise of assistance to the fullest extent of your power. How very kind you are. You have my grateful thanks for your intentions though I do not receive a penny of assistance from you. I wish you to consider everything before you decide unbiased by the opinions of others. You may take what advice You please but do not let that influence you in forming your decision. You have but one thing to think of that is whether you will have the money to spare $96 to be sent by the Steamer of the middle of December and $110 to be sent by the middle of May. Your decision depends upon your rents. You tell me you have receiv-

ed them up to the first of August. The November quarter is due. I trust you have received it. If you have you could send me the $96 and if you receive the May & February rents you could send the $110-but suppose you did not receive the rents so as to send these sums at the times I have mentioned, and you were sure of receiving them, you would have to borrow the money to send me of Mr. Harsell as it would not do to disappoint me. My plans are made and I depend upon receiving the monies at the times stated, if I do not receive them I will hardly know what to so So you will be very particular to send at the times mentioned in my last letter by the Steamer of the middle of December and the middle of May. I will receive and present the bill for acceptance Sent in Dec the 5th day of January in two months thereafter I would receive the money and commence traveling immediately. Mr. Drouard would receive the bill payable to my order sent in May the 5th of June and present it immediately for payment & I would upon arriving at Paris after having traveled on the Continent receive the $110 the 5th of August and proceed in a day or two thereafter to commence my travels in Great Britain. The times I have chosen for remitting the monies could not be better chosen just after receiving the rents, you would gain nothing by waiting and defering to send a month or even two months, but be disappointing me and subjecting me to a loss as I would be obliged to get the bills discounted, on the one I would lose $6 s on the other 6.87½ total of loss $12.87½ So do be particular and send by the steamer of the middle of Dec. & May. I hope that John & Henry are speculating and making money with the money I told you to lend them. I hope that they have doubled the amount so as to send you some or to pay something of what they owe you that you may be better able to assist me if in case you do not have enough to spare from your

your rents, but I am in hopes you will have enough ahead without calling upon them it is better that they should have some capital. I was thinking the other day that it would be well if you lent them the money in the Savings Bank. It produces you only 5% if they had it they might be making 25 or 50% of it. I believe that you have $300 there now. This would be a nice little capital for them. But perhaps you think they would not be able to pay you at the very moment you wanted it in case you had to pay the Interest. They might and they might not anyhow, you might lend them $100 of it to buy old metal and not to be employed in their business. They would be making money there would be no risk if they got it insured at every time and you could have the money at any time within a week or ten days. In such a business as this I do not see where would be the risk if you lent them the $300 or as much of it as they wanted. If you only objection is because you would be losing 5 % they would willingly pay you that for the use of the money and thank you in the bargain. Just think of this. The money in the bank is gaining you only a trifle if they had it, it would be of great assistance to them. You have only to consider if it would be safe to lend it to them. - I believe that this is the day that the Steamer leaves New York. I hope you have received my petition got my money from Chancery and sent it or a part of it if you lent some to John & Henry , today. You may have had great difficulty in getting it and perhaps not been able to get it at all owing to the impossibility of having the petition drawn up in conformity to the Statue Law of the State of N.Y. If so you have dispatched me a letter containing this sad news which upon receiving will cause as you may suppose, the tears to trickle down my checks as I must then abandon my favorite project of making the tour of Europe. Your sympathies will be some consolat-

ion for me and perhaps you will tell me that you think you will be able to raise the money for me and send it by the next Steamer This would dissipate all my sorrow. I hope however you have done as I requested (for I supposed every emergency) and enclosed me a bill for 600 francs that (I may pay Mr Mallet & I would be so sorry to disappoint him.) and have some little to live on till you will be able to send me more. If you have not been able to do this I shall be in a sore fix. I have but $10 now. I can make this last me till the 6th of January. but impossibly longer than this and perhaps not as long as I must in a few days commence to keep a fire. I begin to feel the want of it. I will do without as long as I can as fuel is confoundedly dear. Wood is 55 cts the hundred pounds! and hard coal 65 cts the 100 lbs !! Charcoal 35 cts the bushel!!! You will often think of me sitting over a few embers just enough to keep the blood in circulation while you are roasting yourselves by the side of a large fire. But I won't mind this I am willing to put up with a deal of inconvenience and even uncomfortable if I can but gratify my curiosity. My new room is a very nice little one upon the first story. I like it full as well as my last and I pay but 12 francs a month It is in the Rue Mazarine 38 I live as economically and comfortably as I can I take both breakfast and dinner in my room. I am become accustomed to the French manner so that I do without tea or supper. I have meat 3 or 4 times a week (which I buy ready cooked) and pretty much everything else excepting vegetables tea and coffee. I shall be glad when my stove is up I want to commence to rost cook and fry. I intend having pancakes and coffee the cold mornings this winter. I won't bake my cakes on a shovel I'll go without first. I believe that I can make my little monies last till the 6th of Jan if I am very careful but then I aught to buy a new pair of pants I have

but the one pair for week days and Sundays, my Summer ones are too thin. Perhaps I can borrow some of Mr Druard to buy them together with a new vest and woolen stockings. I find that my cotten ones are too thin. But I did not wish to borrow money. I would prefer asking Leopold only I know he has no money since I lent him some the other day and he told me at the time that he did not have a cent. I told you in my last letter that my overcoat was made up first rate. It is made no smaller I had it lined all through with new cotton in the sleeves too as far as the elbows. I intend to make it last all winter, to serve for traveling and to wear on board of ship coming home. I think that I shall get my money's worth out of the old thing. I also told you about the frock coat I had made out of your cloak in my last letter. It is a pretty good one and will serve (seve) me with the best one I had when I left home, till I have done traveling but I shall want to get a new one in England before I return. I wear the coat I had turned most of the time under my overcoat. I have torn up the old frock-coat(page 2) and saved the skirts of it to replace the facings in my best coat when they are taken out to make new under sleeves. I have received four letters from you and this is my eighth to you I hope that you have received them all as they are more or less important (red ink) How long you have been expecting Henry I think that you mentioned his coming home in your first letter. I hope that he is come and that you are comfortably situated for the winter by this time. Do make as much show and live as nice as possible. There is always something to hinder you from living genteelly, All along you have had schooling to pay last year you were unfortunate in receiving your rents, this year I am traveling I dont know what will hinder you next year. I hope nothing. I calculate to find some employment when I return where I can earn $200or $300

You will have no expense then. We will live first rate have nice furniture brussels carpets and a fine table. I will give something towards it. We musttry to marry Tat off handsomely no matter what it costs. She can repay us in a few coins of her snob. By the by while we are marrying her off you may ketch a beau perhaps Mr. Palmer There is more chance of your getting him since Aunt Priscilla does not like him. I think he has some little fancy for you. Do treat the gent well and invite him to sup with you now and then. You may ketch him in time. He is a pretty fine fellow and I believe he has money but I will ascertain this when I return. In the meantime you must be courting him. Put on fine caps and wear some of Tat's golden tresses. You are not bad looking when you are rigged up. I should be pleased to receive some letters from Mr Palmer. I thank him for his best respects you will please return him mine. I am going to write to him in a few days. I am surprised that Aunt Priscilla does not like him. He is a talented man and such a one I would like to have for a second daddy though he may have (skip to lower quarter of page 2) but a small fortune I hope, by gracious that you will marry him.- I don't know that my letters are very interesting they contain so much about my own private affairs. but when I have an answer a decided one concerning my travelings as I requested you in my last, I hope that they will be more amusing, but you must read the letters of my correspondents it is for this reason I leave them open for your perusal knowing that I have very little room in your letters than what I write about business and domestic affairs. Tat calls me <u>selfish</u> (this is a pretty hard word) because I forgot to mention her <u>dress</u>, I must retort this upon her for having no better reason. In reality I think that I mentioned if I did not I must as you say have forgotten it I am certain however that I spoke of it in the next

letter so I could not have been so very selfish. I think that I have more reason to be displeased with her than she with me as when she writes she speaks of very little else tha of this dress. No doubt the child wants it very much so you had better buy her one I see no possibility of sending one and when I return I can bring her another. Mrs Smith returning to America presented an opportunity but I was not in Paris when she left. I could have given it to her before I went to Mr Mallet's had known that she had determined upon going. I am glad to have your consent to learn to dance but I cannot commence to learn yet a while I have no money for it. I am getting along pretty well in my Italian. I have recited 11 lessons. I will continue tham as long as I remain in Paris even if you should write me that I can not travel. I find that since I have commenced taking Italian lessons I speak and understand French much better. I can hold conversation with anyone for hours together. I went to hear a lecture the other day and though I stood at a distance from the Speaker I could understand almost every word that he spoke. How glad I will be when I begin to be able to speak a little Italian. I will then improve more rapidly. My teacher is paid to the 15th of January.(page 3 black ink) When I commenced this letter I thought to have had time to write you on but half of the Sheat you will excuse the irregulay. I never knew time fly with me as it does now. Days pass as hours Sunday comes so soon that it seems to me there is no other day. I am glad I keep a Journal. That accounts for every hour. It will not be interesting to read the record of each day is the same I keep it only for my own satisfaction to assist me in recalling the past. The weather is very unpleasant Will you believe me? I have seen the Sun but twice during the last six weeks! One day was very pleasant I took advantage of it and went to St. Denis distant

7 miles to visit the Tomb of the Kings. This is Something to boast of I have seen the tombs of most of the kings of France and I don't know but what all of them. I need not say that they are magnificent beyond description. Upon each is a Statue of the King to whom it is erected, represented reposing in his court dress or coat of mail and by his side his royal consort. The church , in which they are deposited, is one of the richest of France and the most beautiful I have yet seen though not so large.- The weather has been ~~miserable~~- and now is miserable. It has prevented me from making many little excursions in the environs of Paris. I have not yet been to Versailles and St Clouds to see the royal Chatteau and grand fountain. I am waiting for the next pleasant Sunday to go. I passed through the former place in coming from Coulonges. They tell me that the weather is always unpleasant at Paris at this Season of the year and that it will continue So for these three months to come! Clouds continually with an occasional Sprinkling of rain for variety's sake. You See my prospect. Well if I had money I would clear out from this place to morrow to go to Marseilles to Spend the winter it would cost but $10 to go there. The weather is much finer in the South of France You must know that the climate varies as it does in the U.S. The present weather of Paris is what we call "trying weather" I believe that if you had it in N.Y. for Six weeks that one half of the people would die.

Thank God I have not been Sick and am very careful not to be. I wear an extra pair of pants besides my drawers and go out only when compelled to. I know that I must not get Sick as I should want your kindness and attention. It is this that makes me regardful. The weather is not so cold as it is damp. I will have a stove up in a few days when I shall be able to Stick out the winter. Not withstanding all this I like Paris better and better every day. There is so much to be seen that I don't know that I will ever see all its gardens, palaces, towers, prisons, churches, libraries, museums & &-But I would not be willing to pass my life at Paris the streets and walks are so winding and narrow that when two persons meet one of them must leave the walk to let the other pass! I like Paris only when I am in its monuments or upon its promenades. They excite the wonder of the stranger and the admiration of the traveler. After I have seen Paris give me New York for my residences I will endeavor to make the best of my time this winter. Italian will be my principal study. I must read over with attention the History and Geography of Europe and particularly thise countries in which I am likely to travel I think Something of entering in a few days, if I can do so without expense, a School where I may Study the grammar of the French language. This is very essential. What signifies learning a language if one can not speak and write it with elegance? The time I have left from my studies I must spend in recreation. I must See all that is curious or worthy of note in Paris before I leave it. My time is growing Short so it behoves me to economize it. If I leave here in March I shall soon commence to count the weeks to my departure. I must limit my correspondance. I am slow at composition consequently a great portion of my time is occupied in letter writing. I will write each of my friends a letter and those who return me an answer I will choose

for my correspondents. None can then be offended with me as I will have greater reason to blame them for not having been more complaisent. I always was fon of letter writing and have composed considerable, it Seems therefore Strange that I have not more dispatch But I have got a thick Skull. It is pretty hard to beat the tenth part of an idea into it and much harder to keep it there. There is no doubt that my sickness three years ago has been of great detriment to me. I am very forgetful and occupy three hours in learning a lesson which when I was at school I would have learned in an hour! I will not let even as great a difficulty as this discourage, though I have been on the point several times of tearing my books to pieces and renouncing Italian and everything else in the shape of literature, I will continue to persever and perhaps in a short time I will regain my faculties and things will become much easier.-You need mot be concerned about the company I keep. You know that I am not fond of dissipation and besides, the misery I witness of most young men caused by the life of debauchery they lead, deters me from it. But pleasure moderate, social and rational I will enjoy, I only wish that my purse would allow it to the fullest extent of my desire, I like going to theatres I like going to balls, I like the society of women and I like to Sip my wine or brandy punch, but I like nothing to excess. I have no acquaintances at Paris than the Desneufbourgs family connexions. I may be to blame for this, I was always very careful in forming intimacies and in the choice of my friends. Perhaps rather too much so. It is of an advantage to me in Paris where Strangers may so easily be led astray, robbed and even murdered without its ever being discovered. Who will miss or enquire after him? Though Mr. D's friends are very accommodating and kind yet I would like to be acquainted with some persons who were differently situated whom I might visit at any time,

they labour hard all the week, Sunday is their only day of recreation, they invite me to come to see them often but I rarely go any other day than Sunday for fear of interrupting them(in red) I will leave this space for Grandfather Turn Over. (page 4.red) Mr. D is worth about $12,000. People in Paris work like the devil till they have made their fortune. When he has $20,000 he will retire to the country. He is an active little and so is his wife a woman. In two or three years they will have made it. He is 27 and she I should judge to be 25. Mr. D will very likely go to Point -a-Petre sometime in Dec. He desires me to remember him to you all. Monsieur Mallet is not yet come to Paris I have given him up till the 9th of Dec. when his money will be due. I have not heard from him since I left this house. I wrote him a letter sometime which he has not answered as I thought he would if he did not come the 1st of November as he partly promised me I will be glad to see him and to hear from his family.-I thought that you would have been to housekeeping so as to have celebrated my birthday. You might have had a nice little party upon the occasion which would have introduced Harriet into society. It has saved me five dollars which I would have preferred to have been spent in that way. This, I must keep to buy presents for you and Tat. You will want some little remembrance of Italy, France &. I will not forget to buy Tat the fancy not paper and fancy cachets she writes about but she must not call me selfish. Will you not be preventing Henry from attending to his business by keeping him home? It would be better not to persuade him to spend the winter with you it may be the means of his seperating himself from John altogether. What is the matter Hanck is it because you have some pretty girl in N.Y. that you wish to leave Washington? My advice to you is to remain with John

if it be possible. I think it will be to the advantage of you both. "Rolling Stones gather no Moss"was a subject I once had given to me for a composition. You have been trunkmaker, harness maker, and lockmaker. What now do you intend to make? If you are decided to leave John I advise you, since Mother writes me that times are getting to be better, to enter as clerk in some store. You must spend your evening with Mr Wheeler in Studying Bookkeeping and learning to write a Good hand (a better one than I write for I am spoiling mine writting so much of this small hand) so that you may enter a counting room the first opportunity that offers. Being merchant is not the surest but generally is the quickest way to fortune. You have my advice and may consider upon it. It is true , Mother, it will be much more pleasanter for you to have Henry home but then you must not desire this if it is to be of a disadvantage to him. You letter contains an abundance of good advice oftimes repeated. You do this no doubt better to impress it upon my memory and in case if I read your letter over but once I may read it several times. This is not a bad plan, one which I would adopt to you, only that it would be too fatiguing as I write so much. I promise to lend an attentive ear to your counsel and that it Shall be of benefit to me. I enjoy myself and feel as happy as a lord upon fourteen shillings a week I am pretty comfortable I think of you everytime I make my repast and the difference between yours and mine , the one taken warm and in company, the other cold and solitary . But I don't let this trouble me I am contented for all this. I am independant, I get up and go to bed when it pleases me , I go out and come in when it pleases me and I eat and drink when it pleases me. I can arrange my table in two minutes and clear it away almost as soon. I don't wish you to think that I live poor for I do not, I have a little bit of almost every-

thing that is good from a madeia nut to a prune, from a pot pie to a baked pair with plenty of bread butter cheese &c into the bargain. -I sometimes wish that I could see you and know what you are about. I have made two or 3 spiritual trips across the Atlantic. Last night I was with you. Henry had just returned home, you all looked well, but you seemed to have some trouble I know not about what there was a paper in the concern. Perhaps it was my petition and you had missed sending the money by the Steamer ! -I am glad that you have pleasant weather. I can speak only of the northern portion of France the pleasantest months of this year have been June, July and August. -It is true I wrote considerable concerning myself , I have the right to this privilege, but then my letters are very long. This one contains no less than 8 or9 pages of ordinary writting.- I would read a letter from John and Henry with much pleasure. Now, that he is home he must write to me. He on one side and Tat on the other. My letters to you are equally to them it would only be repeating what I wrote to you. You speak very tenderly in some parts of your and express how happy you will be if I return home improved. I will endeavour not to disappoint you but then you must not expect anything very wonderful on account of my many weaknesses. What have you done to offend my friend Anson? he neither comes to enquire about me nor has yet answered my letter. Wrote concerning Mrs. Cochrane in my last letter. I was misinformed when I told you that her husband was the inventor of the excavator It was a Mr Otis of Philadelphia who is now dead. - Mr D's uncle lives so far that I have been to see him but twice since I came from Colonges. I must go however soon I want to see his girls one is 13 the other 15. They are very talkative and amusing. Poh! See you are offended because Mr. Palmer did not invite grandfather to his office. This was no place to

to invite him to, he might have invited him to his hotel but perhaps he forgot it. You should not be offended for so trifling a thing as this.-Since you mention the roast veal, pie and hot bread he ate I conclude that you must have begrudged it to him! - You say that you would like to see Capt. Chase I wonder then that you have not. Enquire for him at Nesmith and Walsh in south street, search in Directory. If you See him present him & his lady my best respects and tell him I will write to him soon. He is a very clever fellow much more so than you may suppose merely by looking at him.-To be sure I want to hear everything about our Law affairs. So they have at last really commenced foreclosing the mortgage. I am not sorry for it. This will make you begin to move and do something. I know there is very little danger of the Lot being sold as you can raise the $1375 very easily at 6 %. You Speak of you instructing Whiting what to do this is your great error what do you know? Have you not given Mr. Harsell the Power of Attorney to See to your business? Why do you then wish to usurp that power? Just leave this affair and everything else to his management if you would have things properly attended to. I don't want you to give any instructions about anything because you know no more than myself and I know nothing of law matters. Let Harsell see that you are ignorant and let him know that you depend upon him as a friend, to manage your business. Untill you do this, mark my word for it, nothing will be done. I don't care how many Whitings you have. They will do nothing(and expect to be paid to) unless they have someone to drive them along. Harsell is the man for this and he will do it too if he sees that you have confidence in him and leave the affair wholly to his management.-If you do differently from what I have so often advised you depend upon it, he will in a month or so give up attending to your business. What will you do then? Where can

you find another friend? Think well of what I say. I forsee that Harsell will give up if you do not change immediately. Perhaps your next letter will inform me of his resignation. You seem to do all the business with the lawyers, this won't do, you must have nothing to do with them you know nothing of law. You speak of what they tell you and of what they advise you. Because Van Namee tells you something which does not coincide with your opinion you leave him, without consulting Mr. H. and go to Whiting! Was this right for you to leave a lawyer which your attorney chose, and to go to one against whom he had many objections? This seems to me real child's play. Had I been Harsell I would have resigned immediately. He must have felt himself very much wronged. This was the cause no doubt of his telling you that the affair was troublesome and that you had better lock for someone else to attend to it. I don't care how much better Whiting is than Van Namee I say that you were wrong to change and that without even having consulted Harsell. I should have considered it the height of presumption under the circumstances , for you ever to have proposed Such a change to Mr. H-I have given you a pretty sever lecture. I hope that it will be of benifit . Remember, hereafter to have no business with the Lawyers, and not to act upon anything you may propose and consult with Mr. H. but let him decide & do all the acting. You will likely have some papers to sign. Be very careful(you don't know how much you may injure us and yourself too) so sign nothing without consulting Harsell, he will ascertain if it be proper for you. You promise to write in two weeks I am anxiously expecting the letter.(return to page 1, turn right side edge up read across black in the center section) I have received no papers from you or anyone else'. Remember me to one and all I will designate excepting Harris John and Henry to whom I wish to be particularly

remembered. Tell the boys all about me and what I have seen, when you write to them as I know they will be anxious to hear. I will write to you again as soon as I receive you next letter which I am anxiously expecting. You must not be concerned about me riding on the top of stages. It is much more comfortable than you suppose. One is not exposed to the open air yet it is not so comfortable as inside. I can ride inside for the same price but I prefer being on top where I can see everything. This is the place for a traveler like myself. I intend having made a woolen gown to travel in So as to be very comfortable. It will be like a sack only fuller, with sleves and bonnet. I will have nothing to do but slip it upon my head and wear it over my overcoat and when it is too warm to wear it, it will serve for a soft cushion. I got this idea in going to La Trappe. The monks wear a similar dress with only a leather belt. I think I will wear one too. Such a dress will likely cost $ 3 or 4 dollars. It will do for a morning gown when I return home if I do not spoil it in traveling. I have just been reading today that Texas will not be annexed to the United States. I am very sorry for this as I felt certain it would be. The country will regret this someday. Here is the longest letter I have yet written to you. It contains 10 pages of ordinary writing and some 30,000 letters! You may show it as a great curiosity as I don't believe such another one exists. There may be longer but not so much written in so small a space. It is all legible and may easily be read. I have spent two days 7½ hours each of steady writing. I suppose it will take you full 5 hours to read it. You will not want to read it over more than once though you may. If any one were to offer me $5 for this letter I would refuse rather than be bothered to write another. I have said that I would write no more long letter, they must be more tiresome than interesting to you.

Well I must bid you farewell and stop writing or I shall be obliged to soon. (turn folded edge up and read red across black in center sections beginning 2-3 inches down from fold.) You will receive this letter about the Holidays. It will be a present for you ~~from me~~ Think of me Christmas and New Years. Drink to my health and return. I wish you all merry times! Remember me to our friends when they call. I intend keeping the old year out and the new year in at Notre Dame Think of me at the time I will of you. What do you mean in your letter when you say "I told Harsell that I considered that he spoke all on their side? Does this word he refer to Mr. Harsell or does it refer to Mr Van Namie? It reads as though it referred to the former. If that be your meaning you were very wrong to tell Mr. Harsell so. This must have convinced him at once of the little confidence you had in him. Let me tell you, you are injuring yourself. You must not suppose Harsell even capable of doing wrong but allow Yourself to be guided by him whither he will. (Now read up the fold from bottom to top in red.)All my friends at Paris wish to be remembered to you. Neither Miss Mallet or Miss Des play upon any instrument. They have not the time. All the French women work. They are not to be looked at as ours. (Turn page 2 upside down -in red two lines at bottom of page.) I I thought that Codman Pye would have been willing to assist you. perhaps you forgot to make him a present. You know no one is willing to work for nothing, I hope Harriet will not forget her music. He must practice all she can and learn the Polka. I don't think that it was wise in you to leave your furniture and locks exposed at Mrs. U. were they nailed up & inventoried(Turn folded edge up and read center section in red.) How is it? You say the boys have plenty of work yet they have not money enough to pay their debt. Do they spend more than they make It will be very little use for me to write to them

for money. If they have any to spare I doubt not they will give it to you to assist me as John was willing that I should come to Europe. You will write to them for me if you feel the necessity of their assistance. I wish you to preserve all my letters carefully as I may wish to refer to them someday. Don't pay postage on letters that you send to me as I have to pay the same. I believe that Beache's concern is a humbug. You pay 16 for every letter you receive. I pay 7- and for every letter that I send weighing over 7½ grams, 1/6, if less 10 cts. The postage on my last was 1/6. It will be the same on this You see I save by writing on this paper and enclosing them in yours. You have 5 letters here were they seperate my postage to Havre would be 50 cts. I have written to Mr. Harsell because he will think it a great mark of attention in me & besides he may be induced to give more attention to law business. You may read the letter but do not let him know that you have done so. Received this from your affectionate Son Thomas Whaley (turn to page 3- 3/4 of the way down the page- in black) I thought to have left this for Grandfather but I will write to him on a seperate piece.- I wish you to bear in mind that you have a right to charge Uncle John with interest on Belchers notes(from the time they were due till Mr O'Conner gave the one to Henry. It is charged in the bill rendered to Mr. Swan. You will remember this in case they dispute the interest. Uncle John should have collected the notes when they became due. Perhaps they were payable on demand, if so he should have collected then in six months, you will then be entitled to interest from him that time till O'C gave one of them to H. It astonishes me that you have not got your papers, books & from Mr. Swan yet. Speak to Harsell of this, let it be your first object , are you to let them always remain in their hands? They have had them going on to three years now! If I travel you must

buy a map of Europe as it will be a great pleasure for you to trace my travels upon it. Don't mention to me anything more about Miss L- I dont know that I shall ever see the young lady again. I have very little desire- If anyone asks you what my traveling will cost tell tham a little less than $1000. It will be no exaggeration as it will cost $500. You know that people only believe one half. If I told you $500 people would not believe that I had seen the greater portion of Europe for this amount or that if I had I must have walked part of the way and begged the rest. This will not be so for I shall travel very genteely not first rate however. I am going to spend all my money I wish therefore to make as important an affair of it as possible and besides it will give you a look. People will Say there is the rich widow Whaley who has given $1000 to her son to travel in Europe. It will then be a benefit to you that my travels cost $1000 this will be no greater exageration than one is allowed to make. I don't wish you to tell the exact amount to our relations. it is better to keep this secret. You must not tell them either all I write you concerning how I live &c you must varnish what I say abit. I promise to tell you exactly how things are if you will oblige me by doing this. I wet my head night and morning I have fewer headaches I have taken some medicine. I wrote you in my last about my prospects of finding something to do at Paris. It is really laughable of John Pye Sending Hadden all the way to Newark for his money. How he must have cursed him when he got back. We will think about building a house with Harriet's money. I think we can get a house & lot for 400 $5000 we must have a good one T. Whaley

Thomas Whaley to Rachel Whaley
Addressed to:

Mrs Thomas Whaley,
Care of William H. Pye,
Corner of Delancy & Cannon Sts.,
New York, U.S.A.
par Le Havre
paquebot du 24 November

Paris November 19, 1844

Dear Mother,

Your letter by the Packet of the 16th October was but 21 days coming to Havre. I received it the 10th of this month a day or so after I mailed one to you containing one for Harris Anson and the Misses Devereux. I hope you will receive them. I have but little time to write in as I wish to finish a letter commenced to Mr. Porter and to write one or two others. I have only till the 22nd which is but a Short time as I wish to occupy every moment I can to my Italian So if this letter is not as long as you would wish it do not blame me. I promise to write again soon. -Your letter gave me great pleasure. The news that it contains is most favourable. I was glad that you approve of my plan of traveling. Every line I read in relation to it gave me additional pleasure, when I came to where you say "I will not promise to give you all you Speak of <u>unless</u> I can See my way quite clear" I could have jumped for joy. This contains your consent and promise of assistance to the fullest extent of your power. How very kind you are. You have my grateful thanks for your intentions though I do not receive a penny of assistance from you. I wish you to consider everything before you decide unbiased by the opinions of others. You may take what advice You please but do not let that influence you in forming your decision. You have but one thing to think of that is whether you will have the money to spare $96 to be sent by the Steamer of the middle of December and $110 to be sent by the middle of May. Your decision depends upon your rents. You tell me you have receiv-

ed them up to the first of August. The November quarter is due. I trust you have received it. If you have you could send me the $96 and if you receive the May & February rents you could send the $110-but suppose you did not receive the rents so as to send these sums at the times I have mentioned, and you were sure of receiving them, you would have to borrow the money to send me of Mr. Harsell as it would not do to disappoint me. My plans are made and I depend upon receiving the monies at the times stated, if I do not receive them I will hardly know what to so So you will be very particular to send at the times mentioned in my last letter by the Steamer of the middle of December and the middle of May. I will receive and present the bill for acceptance Sent in Dec the 5th day of January in two months thereafter I would receive the money and commence traveling immediately. Mr. Drouard would receive the bill payable to my order sent in May the 5th of June and present it immediately for payment & I would upon arriving at Paris after having traveled on the Continent receive the $110 the 5th of August and proceed in a day or two thereafter to commence my travels in Great Britain. The times I have chosen for remitting the monies could not be better chosen just after receiving the rents, you would gain nothing by waiting and defering to send a month or even two months, but be disappointing me and subjecting me to a loss as I would be obliged to get the bills discounted, on the one I would lose $6 s on the other 6.87½ total of loss $12.87½ So do be particular and send by the steamer of the middle of Dec. & May. I hope that John & Henry are speculating and making money with the money I told you to lend them. I hope that they have doubled the amount so as to send you some or to pay something of what they owe you that you may be better able to assist me if in case you do not have enough to spare from your

your rents, but I am in hopes you will have enough ahead without calling upon them it is better that they should have some capital. I was thinking the other day that it would be well if you lent them the money in the Savings Bank. It produces you only 5% if they had it they might be making 25 or 50% of it. I believe that you have $300 there now. This would be a nice little capital for them. But perhaps you think they would not be able to pay you at the very moment you wanted it in case you had to pay the Interest. They might and they might not anyhow, you might lend them $100 of it to buy old metal and not to be employed in their business. They would be making money there would be no risk if they got it insured at every time and you could have the money at any time within a week or ten days. In such a business as this I do not see where would be the risk if you lent them the $300 or as much of it as they wanted. If you only objection is because you would be losing 5 % they would willingly pay you that for the use of the money and thank you in the bargain. Just think of this. The money in the bank is gaining you only a trifle if they had it, it would be of great assistance to them. You have only to consider if it would be safe to lend it to them. - I believe that this is the day that the Steamer leaves New York. I hope you have received my petition got my money from Chancery and sent it or a part of it if you lent some to John & Henry , today. You may have had great difficulty in getting it and perhaps not been able to get it at all owing to the impossibility of having the petition drawn up in conformity to the Statue Law of the State of N.Y. If so you have dispatched me a letter containing this sad news which upon receiving will cause as you may suppose, the tears to trickle down my checks as I must then abandon my favorite project of making the tour of Europe. Your sympathies will be some consolat-

ion for me and perhaps you will tell me that you think you will be able to raise the money for me and send it by the next Steamer This would dissipate all my sorrow. I hope however you have done as I requested (for I supposed every emergency) and enclosed me a bill for 600 francs that (I may pay Mr Mallet & I would be so sorry to disappoint him.) and have some little to live on till you will be able to send me more. If you have not been able to do this I shall be in a sore fix. I have but $10 now. I can make this last me till the 6th of January, but impossibly longer than this and perhaps not as long as I must in a few days commence to keep a fire. I begin to feel the want of it. I will do without as long as I can as fuel is confoundedly dear. Wood is 55 cts the hundred pounds! and hard coal 65 cts the 100 lbs !! Charcoal 35 cts the bushel!!! You will often think of me sitting over a few embers just enough to keep the blood in circulation while you are roasting yourselves by the side of a large fire. But I won't mind this I am willing to put up with a deal of inconvenience and even uncomfortable if I can but gratify my curiosity. My new room is a very nice little one upon the first story. I like it full as well as my last and I pay but 12 francs a month It is in the Rue Mazarine 38 I live as economically and comfortably as I can I take both breakfast and dinner ih my room. I am become accustomed to the French manner so that I do without tea or supper. I have meat 3 or 4 times a week (which I buy ready cooked) and pretty much everything else excepting vegetables tea and coffee. I shall be glad when my stove is up I want to commence to rost cook and fry. I intend having pancakes and coffee the cold mornings this winter. I won't bake my cakes on a shovel I'll go without first. I believe that I can make my little monies last till the 6th of Jan if I am very careful but then I aught to buy a new pair of pants I have

but the one pair for week days and Sundays, my Summer ones are too thin. Perhaps I can borrow some of Mr Druard to buy them together with a new vest and woolen stockings. I find that my cotten ones are too thin. But I did not wish to borrow money. I would prefer asking Leopold only I know he has no money since I lent him some the other day and he told me at the time that he did not have a cent. I told you in my last letter that my overcoat was made up first rate. It is made no smaller I had it lined all through with new cotton in the sleeves too as far as the elbows. I intend to make it last all winter, to serve for traveling and to wear on board of ship coming home. I think that I shall get my money's worth out of the old thing. I also told you about the frock coat I had made out of your cloak in my last letter. It is a pretty good one and will serve (seve) me with the best one I had when I left home, till I have done traveling but I shall want to get a new one in England before I return. I wear the coat I had turned most of the time under my overcoat. I have torn up the old frock-coat(page 2) and saved the skirts of it to replace the facings in my best coat when they are taken out to make new under sleeves. I have received four letters from you and this is my eighth to you I hope that you have received them all as they are more or less important (red ink) How long you have been expecting Henry I think that you mentioned his coming home in your first letter. I hope that he is come and that you are comfortably situated for the winter by this time. Do make as much show and live as nice as possible. There is always something to hinder you from living genteelly, All along you have had schooling to pay last year you were unfortunate in receiving your rents, this year I am traveling I dont know what will hinder you next year. I hope nothing. I calculate to find some employment when I return where I can earn $200or $300

You will have no expense then. We will live first rate have nice furniture brussels carpets and a fine table. I will give something towards it. We musttry to marry Tat off handsomely no matter what it costs. She can repay us in a few coins of her snob. By the by while we are marrying her off you may ketch a beau perhaps Mr. Palmer There is more chance of your getting him since Aunt Priscilla does not like him. I think he has some little fancy for you. Do treat the gent well and invite him to sup with you now and then. You may ketch him in time. He is a pretty fine fellow and I believe he has money but I will ascertain this when I return. In the meantime you must be courting him. Put on fine caps and wear some of Tat's golden tresses. You are not bad looking when you are rigged up. I should be pleased to receive some letters from Mr Palmer. I thank him for his best respects you will please return him mine. I am going to write to him in a few days. I am surprised that Aunt Priscilla does not like him. He is a talented man and such a one I would like to have for a second daddy though he may have (skip to lower quarter of page 2) but a small fortune I hope, by gracious that you will marry him.- I don't know that my letters are very interesting they contain so much about my own private affairs. but when I have an answer a decided one concerning my travelings as I requested you in my last, I hope that they will be more amusing, but you must read the letters of my correspondents it is for this reason I leave them open for your perusal knowing that I have very little room in your letters than what I write about business and domestic affairs. Tat calls me <u>selfish</u> (this is a pretty hard word) because I forgot to mention her <u>dress</u>, I must retort this upon her for having no better reason. In reality I think that I mentioned if I did not I must as you say have forgotten it I am certain however that I spoke of it in the next

letter so I could not have been so very selfish. I think that I have more reason to be displeased with her than she with me as when she writes she speaks of very little else tha of this dress. No doubt the child wants it very much so you had better buy her one I see no possibility of sending one andwhen I return I can bring her another. Mrs Smith returning to America presented an opportunity but I was not in Paris when she left. I could have given it to her before I went to Mr Mallet's had known that she had determined upon going. I am glad to have your consent to learn to dance but I cannot commence to learn yet a while I have no money for it. I am getting along pretty well in my Italian. I have recited 11 lessons. I will continue tham as long as I remain in Paris even if you should write me that I can not travel. I find that since I have commenced taking Italian lessons I speak and understand French much better. I can hold conversation with anyone for hours together. I went to hear a lecture the other day and tho gh I stood at a distance from the Speaker I could understand almost every word that he spoke. How glad I will be when I begin to be able to speak a little Italian. I will t en improve more rapidly. My teacher is paid to the 15th of January.(page 3 black ink) When I commenced this letter I thought to have had time to write you on.but half of the Sheat you will excuse the irregulay. I never knew time fly with me as it does now. Days pass as hours Sunday comes so soon that it seems to me there is no other day. I am glad I keep a Journal. That accounts for every hour. It will not be interesting to read the record of each day is the same I keep it only for my own satisfaction to assist me in recalling the past. The weather is very unpleasant Will you believe me? I have seen the Sun but twice during the last six weeks! One day was very pleasant I took advantage of it and went to St. Denis distant

7 miles to visit the Tomb of the Kings. This is Something to boast of I have seen the tombs of most of the kings of France and I don't know but what all of them. I need not say that they are magnificent beyond description. Upon each is a Statue of the King to whom it is erected, represented reposing in his court dress or coat of mail and by his side his royal consort. The church , in which they are deposited, is one of the richest of France and the most beautiful I have yet seen though not so large.- The weather has been ~~miserable~~- and now is miserable. It has prevented me from making many little excursions in the environs of Paris. I have not yet been to Versailles and St Clouds to see the royal Chatteau and grand fountain. I am waiting for the next pleasant Sunday to go. I passed through the former place in coming from Coulonges. They tell me that the weather is always unpleasant at Paris at this Season of the year and that it will continue So for these three months to come! Clouds continually with an occasional Sprinkling of rain for variety's sake. You See my prospect. Well if I had money I would clear out from this place to morrow to go to Marseilles to Spend the winter it would cost but $10 to go there. The weather is much finer in the South of France You must know that the climate varies as it does in the U.S. The present weather of Paris is what we call "trying weather" I believe that if you had it in N.Y. for Six weeks that one half of the people would die.

Thank God I have not been Sick and am very careful not to be. I wear an extra pair of pants besides my drawers and go out only when compelled to. I know that I must not get Sick as I should want your kindness and attention. It is this that makes me regardful. The weather is not so cold as it is damp. I will have a stove up in a few days when I shall be able to Stick out the winter. Not withstanding all this I like Paris better and better every day. There is so much to be seen that I don't know that I will ever see all its gardens, palaces, towers, prisons, churches, libraries, museums & c-But I would not be willing to pass my life at Paris the streets and walks are so winding and narrow that when two persons meet one of them must leave the walk to let the other pass! I like Paris only when I am in its monuments or upon its promenades. They excite the wonder of the stranger and the admiration of the traveler. After I have seen Paris give me New York for my residences I will endeavor to make the best of my time this winter. Italian will be my principal study. I must read over with attention the History and Geography of Europe and particularly thise countries in which I am likely to travel I think Something of entering in a few days, if I can do so without expense, a School where I may Study the grammar of the French language. This is very essential. what signifies learning a language if one can not speak and write it with elegance? The time I have left from my studies I must spend in recreation. I must See all that is curious or worthy of note in Paris before I leave it. My time is growing Short so it behoves me to economize it. If I leave here in March I shall soon commence to count the weeks to my departure. I must limit my correspondance. I am slow at composition consequently a great portion of my time is occupied in letter writing. I will write each of my friends a letter and those who return me an answer I will choose

for my correspondents. None can then be offended with me as I will have greater reason to blame them for not having been more complaisent. I always was fon of letter writing and have composed considerable, it Seems therefore Strange that I have not more dispatch But I have got a thick Skull. It is pretty hard to beat the tenth part of an idea into it and much harder to keep it there. There is no doubt that my sickness three years ago has been of great detriment to me. I am very forgetful and occupy three hours in learning a lesson which when I was at school I would have learned in an hour! I will not let even as great a difficulty as this discourage, though I have been on the point several times of tearing my books to pieces and renouncing Italian and everything else in the shape of literature, I will continue to persever and perhaps in a short time I will regain my faculties and things will become much easier.-You need not be concerned about the company I keep. You know that I am not fond of dissipation and besides, the misery I witness of most young men caused by the life of debauchery they lead, deters me from it. But pleasure moderate, social and rational I will enjoy, I only wish that my purse would allow it to the fullest extent of my desire, I like going to theatres I like going to balls, I like the society of women and I like to Sip my wine or brandy punch, but I like nothing to excess. I have no acquaintances at Paris than the Desneufbourgs family connexions. I may be to blame for this, I was always very careful in forming intimacies and in the choice of my friends. Perhaps rather too much so. It is of an advantage to me in Paris where Strangers may so easily be led astray, robbed and even murdered without its ever being discovered. Who will miss or enquire after him? Though Mr. D's friends are very accommodating and kind yet I would like to be acquainted with some persons who were differently situated whom I might visit at any time,

they labour hard all the week, Sunday is their only day of recreation, they invite me to come to see them often but I rarely go any other day than Sunday for fear of interrupting them(in red) I will leave this space for Grandfather Turn Over. (page 4.red) Mr. D is worth about $12,000. People in Paris work like the devil till they have made their fortune. When he has $20,000 he will retire to the country. He is an active little and so is his wife a woman. In two or three years they will have made it. He is 27 and she I should judge to be 25. Mr. D will very likely go to Point -a-Petre sometime in Dec. He desires me to remember him to you all. Monsieur Mallet is not yet come to Paris I have given him up till the 9th of Dec. when his money will be due. I have not heard from him since I left this house. I wrote him a letter sometime which he has not answered as I thought he would if he did not come the 1st of November as he partly promised me I will be glad to see him and to hear from his family.-I thought that you would have been to housekeeping so as to have celebrated my birthday. You might have had a nice little party upon the occasion which would have introduced Harriet into society. It has saved me five dollars which I would have preferred to have been spent in that way. This, I must keep to buy presents for you and Pat. You will want some little remembrance of Italy, France &c. I will not forget to buy Pat the fancy not paper and fancy cachets she writes about but she must not call me selfish. Will you not be preventing Henry from attending to his business by keeping him home? It would be better not to persuade him to spend the winter with you it may be the means of his seperating himself from John altogether. What is the matter Hanck is it because you have some pretty girl in N.Y. that you wish to leave Washington? My advice to you is to remain with John

if it be possible. I think it will be to the advantage of you both. "Rolling Stones gather no Moss"was a subject I once had given to me for a composition. You have been trunkmaker, harness maker, and lockmaker. What now do you intend to make? If you are decided to leave John I advise you, since Mother writes me that times are getting to be better, to enter as clerk in some store. You must spend your evening with Mr Wheeler in Studying Bookkeeping and learning to write a Good hand (a better one than I write for I am spoiling mine writting so much of this small hand) so that you may enter a counting room the first opportunity that offers. Being merchant is not the surest but generally is the quickest way to fortune. You have my advice and may consider upon it. It is true , Mother, it will be much more pleasanter for you to have Henry home but then you must not desire this if it is to be of a disadvantage to him. You letter contains an abundance of good advice oftimes repeated. You do this no doubt better to impress it upon my momory and in case if I read your letter over but once I may read it several times. This is not a bad plan, one which I would adopt to you, only that it would be too fatiguing as I write so much. I promise to lend an attentive ear to your counsel and that it Shall be of benefit to me. I enjoy myself and feel as happy as a lord upon fourteen shillings a week I am pretty comfortable I think of you everytime I make my repast and the difference between yours and mine , the one taken warm and in company, the other cold and solitary . But I don't let this trouble me I am contented for all this. I am independant, I get up and go to bed when it pleases me , I go out and come in when it pleases me and I eat and drink when it pleases me. I can arrange my table in two minutes and clear it away almost as soon. I don't wish you to think that I live poor for I do not, I have a little bit of almost every-

thing that is good from a madeia nut to a prune, from a pot pie to a baked pair with plenty of bread butter cheese &c into the bargain. -I sometimes wish that I could see you and know what you are about. I have made two or 3 spiritual trips across the Atlantic. Last night I was with you. Henry had just returned home, you all looked well, but you seemed to have some trouble I know not about what there was a paper in the concern. Perhaps it was my petition and you had missed sending the money by the Steamer ! -I am glad that you have pleasant weather. I can speak only of the northern portion of France the pleasantest months of this year have been June, July and August. -It is true I wrote considerable concerning myself , I have the right to this privilege, but then my letters are very long. This one contains no less than 8 or9 pages of ordinary writting.- I would read a letter from John and Henry with much pleasure. Now, that he is home he must write to me. He on one side and Pat on the other. My letters to you are equally to them it would only be repeating what I wrote to you. You speak very tenderly in some parts of your and express how happy you will be if I return home improved. I will endeavour not to disappoint you but then you must not expect anything very wonderful on account of my many weaknesses. What have you done to offend my friend Anson? he neither comes to enquire about me nor has yet answered my letter. wrote concerning Mrs. Cochrane in my last letter. I was misinformed when I told you that her husband was the inventor of the excavator It was a Mr Otis of Philadelphia who is now dead. - Mr O's uncle lives so far that I have been to see him but twice since I came from Colonges. I must go however soon I want to see his girls one is 13 the other 15. They are very talkative and amusing. Poh! See you are offended because Mr. Palmer did not invite grandfather to his office. This was no place to

to invite him to, he might have invited him to his hotel but perhaps he forgot it. You should not be offended for so trifling a thing as this.-Since you mention the roast veal, pie and hot bread he ate I conclude that you must have begrudged it to him! - You say that you would like to see Capt. Chase I wonder then that you have not. Inquire for him at Nesmith and Walsh in south street, search in Directory. If you see him present him & his lady my best respects and tell him I will write to him soon. He is a very clever fellow much more so than you may suppose merely by looking at him.-To be sure I want to hear everything about our Law affairs. So they have at last really commenced foreclosing the mortgage. I am not sorry for it. This will make you begin to move and do something. I know there is very little danger of the Lot being sold as you can raise the $1375 very easily at 6 %. You Speak of you instructing Whiting what to do this is your great error what do you know? Have you not given Mr. Marsell the Power of Attorney to See to your business? Why do you then wish to usurp that power? Just leave this affair and everything else to his management if you would have things properly attended to. I don't want you to give any instructions about anything because you know no more than myself and I know nothing of law matters. Let Marsell see that you are ignorant and let him know that you depend upon him as a friend, to manage your business. Untill you do this, mark my word for it, nothing will be done. I don't care how many Whitings you have. They will do nothing(and expect to be paid to) unless they have someone to drive them along. Marsell is the man for this and he will do it too if he sees that you have confidence in him and leave the affair wholly to his management.-If you do differently from what I have so often advised you depend upon it, he will in a month or so give up attending to your business. What will you do then? Where can

you find another friend? Think well of what I say. I forsee that Harsell will give up if you do not change immediately. Perhaps your next letter will inform me of his resignation. You seem to do all the business with the lawyers, this won't do, you must have nothing to do with them you know nothing of law. You speak of what they tell you and of what they advise you. Because Van Hamee tells you something which does not coincide with your opinion you leave him, without consulting Mr. H. and go to Whiting! Was this right for you to leave a lawyer which your attorney chose, and to go to one against whom he had many objections? This seems to me real child's play. Had I been Harsell I would have resigned immediately. He must have felt himself very much wronged. This was the cause no doubt of his telling you that the affair was troublesome and that you had better look for someone else to attend to it. I don't care how much better Whiting is than Van Hamee I say that you were wrong to change and that without even having consulted Harsell. I should have considered it the height of presumption under the circumstances, for you ever to have proposed Such a change to Mr. H-I have given you a pretty sever lecture. I hope that it will be of benifit. Remember, hereafter to have no business with the Lawyers, and not to act upon anything you may propose and consult with Mr. H. but let him decide & do all the acting. You will likely have some papers to sign. Be very careful(you don't know how much you may injure us and yourself too) so sign nothing without consulting Harsell, he will ascertain if it be proper for you. You promise to write in two weeks I am anxiously expecting the letter.(return to page 1, turn right side edge up read across black in the center section) I have received no papers from you or anyone else!. Remember me to one and all I will designate excepting Harris John and Henry to whom I wish to be particularly .

remembered. Tell the boys all about me and what I have seen, when you write to them as I know they will be anxious to hear. I will write to you again as soon as I receive you next letter which I am anxiously expecting. You must not be concerned about me riding on the top of stages. It is much more comfortable than you suppose. One is not exposed to the open air yet it is not so comfortable as inside. I can ride inside for the same price but I prefer being on top where I can see everything. This is the place for a traveler like myself. I intend having made a woolen gown to travel in so as to be very comfortable. It will be like a sack only fuller, with sleves and bonnet. I will have nothing to do but slip it upon my head and wear it over my overcoat and when it is too warm to wear it, it will serve for a soft cushion. I got this idea in going to La Trappe. The monks wear a similar dress with only a leather belt. I think I will wear one too. Such a dress will likely cost $ 3 or 4 dollars. It will do for a morning gown when I return home if I do not spoil it in traveling. I have just been reading today that Texas will not be annexed to the United States. I am very sorry for this as I felt certain it would be. The country will regret this some day. Here is the longest letter I have yet written to you. It contains 10 pages of ordinary writing and some 30,000 letters! You may show it as a great curiosity as I don't believe such another one exists. There may be longer but not so much written in so small a space. It is all legible and may easily be read. I have spent two days 7½ hours each of steady writing. I suppose it will take you full 3 hours to read it. You will not want to read it over more than once though you may. If any one were to offer me $5 for this letter I would refuse rather than be bothered to write another. I have said that I would write no more long letter, they must be more tiresome than interesting to you.

Well I must bid you farewell and stop writing or I shall be obliged to soon. (turn folded edge up and read red across black in center sections beginning 2-3 inches down from fold.) You will receive this letter about the Holidays. It will be a present for you ~~from me~~ Think of me Christmas and New Years. Drink to my health and return. I wish you all merry times! Remember me to our friends when they call. I intend keeping the old year out and the new year in at Notre Dame think of me at the time I will of you. What do you mean in your letter when you say "I told Harsell that I considered that he spoke all on their side? Does this word he refer to Mr. Harsell or does it refer to Mr Van Namie? It reads as though it referred to the former. If that be your meaning you were very wrong to tell Mr. Harsell so. This must have convinced him at once of the littl confidence you had in him. Let me tell you, you are injuring yourself. You must not suppose Harsell even capable of doing wrong but allow Yourself to be guided by him whither he will. (Now read up the fold from bottom to top in red.) All my friends at Paris wish to be remembered to you. Neither Miss Mallet or Miss Des play upon any instrument. They have not the time. All the french women work. They are not to be looked at as ours. (Turn page 2 upside down -in red two lines at bottom of page.) I I thought that Codman Pye would have been willing to assist you. perhaps you forgot to make him a present. You know no one is willing to work for nothing. I hope Harriet will not forget her music. he must practice all she can and learn the Polka. I don't think that it was wise in you to leave your furniture and locks exposed at Mrs. U. were they nailed up & inventoried(Turn folded edge up and read center section in red.) How is it? You say the boys have plenty of work yet they have not money enough to pay their debt. Do they spend more than they make It will be very little use for me to write to them

for money. If they have any to spare I doubt not they will give it to you to assist me as John was willing that I should come to Europe. You will write to them for me if you feel the necessity of their assistance. I wish you to preserve all my letters carefully as I may wish to refer to them someday. Don't pay postage on letters that you send to me as I have to pay the same. I believe that Beache's concern is a humbug. You pay 16 for every letter you receive. I pay 7- and for every letter that I send weighing over 7½ grams, 1/6, if less 10 cts. The postage on my last was 1/6. It will be the same on this You see I save by writing on this paper and enclosing them in yours. You have 5 letters here were they seperate my postage to Havre would be 50 cts. I have written to Mr. Harsell because he will think it a great mark of attention in me & besides he may be induced to give more attention to law business. You may read the letter but do not let him know that you have done so. Received this from your affectionate Son Thomas Whaley (turn to page 5- 3/4 of the way down the page- in black) I thought to have left this for Grandfather but I will write to him on a seperate piece.- I wish you to bear in mind that you have a right to charge Uncle John with interest on Belchers notes(from the time they were due till Mr O'Connor gave the one to Henry. It is charged in the Bill rendered to Mr. Swan. You will remember this in case they dispute the interest. Uncle John should have collected the notes when they became due. Perhaps they were payable on demand, if so he should have collected then in six months, you will then be entitled to interest from him that time till O'C gave one of them to H. It astonishes me that you have not got your papers, books & from Mr. Swan yet. Speak to Harsell of this, let it be your first object , are you to let them always remain in their hands? They have had them going on to three years now! If I travel you must

buy a map of Europe as it will be a great pleasure for you to trace my travels upon it. Don't mention to me anything more about Miss L- I dont know that I shall ever see the young lady again. I have very little desire- If anyone asks you what my traveling will cost tell tham a lit le less than $1000. It will be no exaggeration as it will cost $500. You know that people only believe one half. If I told you $500 people would not believe that I had seen the greater portion of Europe for this amount or that if I had I must have walked part of the way and begged the rest. This will not be so for I shall travel very genteely not first rate however. I am going to spend all my money I wish t erefore to make as important an affair of it as possible and besides it will give you a look. People will Say there is the rich Widow Whaley who has given $1000 to her son to travel in Europe. It will then be a benefit to you that my travels cost $1000 this will be no greater exageration than one is allowed to make. I don't wish you to tell the exact amount to our relations. It is better to keep this secret. You must not tell them either all I write you concerning how I live &c you must vamish what I say abit. I promise to tell you exactly how things are if you will oblige me by doing this. I wet my head night and morning I have fewer headaches I have taken some medicine. I wrote you in my last about my prospects of finding something to do at Paris. It is really laughable of John Pye Sending Hadden all the way to Newark for his money. Now he must have cursed him when he got back. We will think about building a house with Harriet's money. I think we can get a house & lot for 400 $5000 we must have a good one T. Whaley

Thomas Whaley to Rachel Whaley
Addressed to:

Mrs Thomas Whaley,
Care of William N. Pyc,
Corner of Delancy & Cannon Sts.,
New York, U.S.A.
par Le Havre
paquebot du 24 November

Paris November 19, 1844

Dear Mother,

Your letter by the Packet of the 16th October was but 21 days coming to Havre. I received it the 10th of this month a day or so after I mailed one to you containing one for Harris Anson and the Misses Devereux. I hope you will receive them. I have but little time to write in as I wish to finish a letter commenced to Mr. Porter and to write one or two others. I have only till the 22nd which is but a Short time as I wish to occupy every moment I can to my Italian So if this letter is not as long as you would wish it do not blame me. I promise to write again soon. -Your letter gave me great pleasure. The news that it contains is most favourable. I was glad that you approve of my plan of traveling. Every line I read in relation to it gave me additional pleasure, when I came to where you say "I will not promise to give you all you Speak of unless I can See my way quite clear" I could have jumped for joy. This contains your consent and promise of assistance to the fullest extent of your power. ow very kind you are. You have my grateful thanks for your intentions though I do not receive a penny of assistance from you. I wish you to consider everything before you decide unbiased by the opinions of others. You may take what advice You please but do not let that influence you in forming your decision. You have but one thing to think of that is whether you will have the money to spare $96 to be sent by the Steamer of the middle of December and $110 to be sent by the middle of May. Your decision depends upon your rents. You tell me you have receiv-

ed them up to the first of August. The November quarter is due. I trust you have received it. If you have you could send me the $96 and if you receive the May & February rents you could send the $110-but suppose you did not receive the rents so as to send these sums at the times I have mentioned, and you were sure of receiving them, you would have to borrow the money to send me of Mr. Harsell as it would not do to disappoint me. My plans are made and I depend upon receiving the monies at the times stated, if I do not receive them I will hardly know what to do So you will be very particular to send at the times mentioned in my last letter by the Steamer of the middle of December and the middle of May. I will receive and present the bill for acceptance Sent in Dec the 5th day of January in two months thereafter I would receive the money and commence traveling immediately. Mr. Drouard would receive the bill payable to my order sent in May the 5th of June and present it immediately for payment & I would upon arriving at Paris after having traveled on the Continent receive the $110 the 5th of August and proceed in a day or two thereafter to commence my travels in Great Britain. The times I have chosen for remitting the monies could not be better chosen just after receiving the rents, you would gain nothing by waiting and defering to send a month or even two months, but be disappointing me and subjecting me to a loss as I would be obliged to get the bills discounted, on the one I would lose $6 s on the other 6.87½ total of loss $12.87½ So do be particular and send by the steamer of the middle of Dec. & May. I hope that John & Henry are speculating and making money with the money I told you to lend them. I hope that they have doubled the amount so as to send you some or to pay something of what they owe you that you may be better able to assist me if in case you do not have enough to spare from your

your rents, but I am in hopes you will have enough ahead without calling upon them It is better that they should have some capital. I was thinking the other day that it would be well if you lent them the money in the Savings Bank. It produces you only 5% if they had it they might be making 25 or 50% of it. I believe that you have $300 there now. This would be a nice little capital for them. But perhaps you think they would not be able to pay you at the very moment you wanted it in case you had to pay the Interest. They might and they might not anyhow, you might lend them $100 of it to buy old metal and not to be employed in their business. They would be making money there would be no risk if they got it insured at every time and you could have the money at any time within a week or ten days. In such a business as this I do not see where would be the risk if you lent them the $300 or as much of it as they wanted. If you only objection is because you would be losing 5 % they would willingly pay you that for the use of the money and thank you in the bargain. Just think of this. The money in the bank is gaining you only a trifle if they had it, it would be of great assistance to them. You have only to consider if it would be safe to lend it to them. - I believe that this is the day that the Steamer leaves New York. I hope you have received my petition got my money from Chancery and sent it or a part of it if you lent some to John L Henry , today. You may have had great difficulty in getting it and perhaps not been able to get it at all owing to the impossibility of having the petition drawn up in conformity to the Statue Law of the State of N.Y. If so you have dispatched me a letter containing this sad news which upon receiving will cause as you may suppose, the tears to trickle down my checks as I must then abandon my favorite project of making the tour of Europe. Your sympathies will be some consolat-

ion for me and perhaps you will tell me that you think you will be able to raise the money for me and send it by the next Steamer This would dissipate all my sorrow. I hope however you have done as I requested (for I supposed every emergency) and enclosed me a bill for 600 francs that (I may pay Mr Mallet & I would be so sorry to disappoint him.) and have some little to live on till you will be able to send me more. If you have not been able to do this I shall be in a sore fix. I have [illegible] $10 now. I can make this last me till the 6th of January, but impossibly longer than this and perhaps not as long as I must in a few days commence to keep a fire. I begin to feel the want of it. I will do without as long as I can as fuel is confoundedly dear. Wood is 55 cts the hundred pounds! and hard coal 65 cts the 100 lbs !! Charcoal 35 cts the bushel!!! You will often think of me sitting over a few embers just enough to keep the blood in circulation while you are roasting yourselves by the side of a large fire. But I won't mind this I am willing to put up with a deal of inconvenience and even uncomfortable if I can but gratify my curiosity. My new room is a very nice little one upon the first story. I like it full as well as my last and I pay but 12 francs a month It is in the Rue Mazarine 38 I live as economically and comfortably as I can I take both breakfast and dinner in my room. I am become accustomed to the French manner so that I do without tea or supper. I have meat 3 or 4 times a week (which I buy ready cooked) and pretty much everything else excepting vegetables tea and coffee. I shall be glad when my stove is up I want to commence to rost cook and fry. I intend having pancakes and coffee the cold mornings this winter. I won't bake my cakes on a shovel I'll go without first. I believe that I can make my little monies last till the 6th of Jan if I am very careful but then I aught to buy a new pair of pants I have

but the one pair for week days and Sundays, my Summer ones are too thin. Perhaps I can borrow some of Mr Druard to buy them together with a new vest and woolen stockings. I find that my cotten ones are too thin. But I did not wish to borrow money. I would prefer asking Leopold only I know he has no money since I lent him some the other day and he told me at the time that he did not have a cent. I told you in my last letter that my overcoat was made up first rate. It is made no smaller I had it lined all through with new cotton in the sleeves too as far as the elbows. I intend to make it last all winter, to serve for traveling and to wear on board of ship coming home. I think that I shall get my money's worth out of the old thing. I also told you about the frock coat I had made out of your cloak in my last letter. It is a pretty good one and will serve (seve) me with the best one I had when I left home, till I have done traveling but I shall want to get a new one in England before I return. I wear the coat I had turned most of the time under my overcoat. I have torn up the old frock-coat(page 2) and saved the skirts of it to replace the facings in my best coat when they are taken out to make new under sleeves. I have received four letters from you and this is my eighth to you I hope that you have received them all as they are more or less important (red ink) How long you have been expecting Henry I think that you mentioned his coming home in your first letter. I hope that he is come and that you are comfortably situated for the winter by this time. Do make as much show and live as nice as possible. There is always something to hinder you from living genteelly, All along you have had schooling to pay last year you were unfortunate in receiving your rents, this year I am traveling I dont know what will hinder you next year. I hope nothing. I calculate to find some employment when I return where I can earn $200or $300

You will have no expense then. We will live first rate have nice furniture brussels carpets and a fine table. I will give something towards it. We musttry to marry Tat off handsomely no matter what it costs. She can repay us in a few coins of her snob. By the by while we are marrying her off you may ketch a beau perhaps Mr. Palmer There is more chance of your getting him since Aunt Priscilla does not like him. I think he has some little fancy for you. Do treat the gent well and invite him to sup with you now and then. You may ketch him in time. He is a pretty fine fellow and I believe he has money but I will ascertain this when I return. In the meantime you must be courting him. Put on fine caps and wear some of Tat's golden tresses. You are not bad looking when you are rigged up. I should be pleased to receive some letters from Mr Palmer. I thank him for his best respects you will please return him mine. I am going to write to him in a few days. I am surprised that Aunt Priscilla does not like him. He is a talented man and such a one I would like to have for a second daddy though he may have (skip to lower quarter of page 2) but a small fortune I hope, by gracious that you will marry him.- I don't know that my letters are very interesting they contain so much about my own private affairs. but when I have an answer a decided one concerning my travelings as I reqmested you in my last, I hope that they will be more amusing, but you must read the letters of my correspondents it is for this reason I leave them open for your perusal knowing that I have very little room in your letters than what I write about business and domestic affairs. Tat calls me <u>selfish</u> (this is a pretty hard word) because I forgot to mention her <u>dress</u>, I must retort this upon her for having no better reason. In reality I think that I mentioned if I did not I must as you say have forgotten it I am certain however that I spoke of it in the next

letter so I could not have been so very selfish. I think that I have more reason to be displeased with her than she with me as when she writes she speaks of very little else tha of this dress. No doubt the child wants it very much so you had better buy her one I see no possibility of sending one and when I return I can bring her another. Mrs Smith returning to America presented an opportunity but I was not in Paris when she left. I could have given it to her before I went to Mr Mallet's had known that she had determined upon going. I am glad to have your consent to learn to dance but I cannot commence to learn yet a while I have no money for it. I am getting along pretty well in my Italian. I have recited 11 lessons. I will continue tham as long as I remain in Paris even if you should write me that I can not travel. I find that since I have commenced taking Italian lessons I speak and understand French much better. I can hold conversation with anyone for hours together. I went to hear a lecture the other day and though I stood at a distance from the Speaker I could understand almost every word that he spoke. How glad I will be when I begin to be able to speak a little Italian. I will then improve more rapidly. My teacher is paid to the 15th of January.(page 3 black ink) When I commenced this letter I thought to have had time to write you on but half of the Sheat you will excuse the irregulay. I never knew time fly with me as it does now. Days pass as hours Sunday comes so soon that it seems to me there is no other day. I am glad I keep a Journal. That accounts for every hour. It will not be interesting to read the record of each day is the same I keep it only for my own satisfaction to assist me in recalling the past. The weather is very unpleasant Will you believe me? I have seen the Sun but twice during the last six weeks! One day was very pleasant I took advantage of it and went to St. Denis distant

7 miles to visit the Tomb of the Kings. This is Something to boast of I have seen the tombs of most of the Kings of France and I don't know but what all of them. I need not say that they are magnificent beyond description. Upon each is a Statue of the King to whom it is erected, represented reposing in his court dress or coat of mail and by his side his royal consort. The church , in which they are deposited, is one of the richest of France and the most beautiful I have yet seen though not so large.- The weather has been ~~miserable~~- and now is miserable. It has prevented me from making many little excursions in the environs of Paris. I have not yet been to Versailles and St Cloud to see the royal Chatteau and grand fountain. I am waiting for the next pleasant Sunday to go. I passed through the former place in coming from Coulonges. They tell me that the weather is always unpleasant at Paris at this Season of the year and that it will continue So for these three months to come! Clouds continually with an occasional Sprinkling of rain for variety's sake. You See my prospect. Well if I had money I would clear out from this place to morrow to go to Marseilles to Spend the winter it would cost but $10 to go there. The weather is much finer in the South of France You must know that the climate varies as it does in the U.S. The present weather of Paris is what we call "trying weather" I believe that if you had it in N.Y. for Six weeks that one half of the people would die.

Thank God I have not been Sick and am very careful not to be. I wear an extra pair of pants besides my drawers and go out only when compelled to. I know that I must not get Sick as I should want your kindness and attention. It is this that makes me regardful. The weather is not so cold as it is damp. I will have a stove up in a few days when I shall be able to Stick out the winter. Not withstanding all this I like Paris better and better every day. There is so much to be seen that I don't know that I will ever see all its gardens, palaces, towers, prisons, churches, libraries, museums &c &c-But I would not be willing to pass my life at Paris the streets and walks are so winding and narrow that when two persons meet one of them must leave the walk to let the other pass! I like Paris only when I am in its monuments or upon its promenades. They excite the wonder of the stranger and the admiration of the traveler. After I have seen Paris give me New York for my residences I will endeavor to make the best of my time this winter. Italian will be my principal study. I must read over with attention the History and Geography of Europe and particularly thise countries in which I am likely to travel I think Something of entering in a few days, if I can do so without expense, a School where I may Study the grammar of the French language. This is very essential. What signifies learning a language if one can not speak and write it with elegance? The time I have left from my studies I must spend in recreation. I must See all that is curious or worthy of note in Paris before I leave it. My time is growing Short so it behoves me to economize it. If I leave here in March I shall soon commence to count the weeks to my departure. I must limit my correspondance. I am slow at composition consequently a great portion of my time is occupied in letter writing. I will write each of my friends a letter and those who return me an answer I will choose

for my correspondents. None can then be offended with me as I will have greater reason to blame them for not having been more complaisent. I always was fon of letter writing and have composed considerable, it seems therefore strange that I have not more dispatch But I have got a thick skull. It is pretty hard to beat the tenth part of an idea into it and much harder to keep it there. There is no doubt that my sickness three years ago has been of great detriment to me. I am very forgetful and occupy three hours in learning a lesson which when I was at school I would have learned in an hour! I will not let even as great a difficulty as this discourage, though I have been on the point several times of tearing my books to pieces and renouncing Italian and everything else in the shape of literature, I will continue to persever and perhaps in a short time I will regain my faculties and things will become much easier.-You need not be concerned about the company I keep. You know that I am not fond of dissipation and besides, the misery I witness of most young men caused by the life of debauchery they lead, deters me from it. But pleasure moderate, social and rational I will enjoy, I only wish that my purse would allow it to the fullest extent of my desire, I like going to theatres I like going to balls, I like the society of women and I like to sip my wine or brandy punch, but I like nothing to excess. I have no acquaintances at Paris than the Desneufbourgs family connexions. I may be to blame for this, I was always very careful in forming intimacies and in the choice of my friends. Perhaps rather too much so. It is of an advantage to me in Paris where strangers may so easily be led astray robbed and even murdered without its ever being discovered. Who will miss or enquire after him? Though Mr. D's friends are very accommodating and kind yet I would like to be acquainted with some persons who were differently situated whom I might visit at any time,

they labour hard all the week, Sunday is their only day of recreation, they invite me to come to see them often but I rarely go any other day than Sunday for fear of interrupting them(in rei) I will leave this space for Grandfather Turn Over. (page 4.red) Mr. D is worth about $13,000. People in Paris work like the devil till they have made their fortune. When he has $20,000 he will retire to the country. He is an active little and so is his wife a woman. In two or three years they will have made it. He is 27 and she I s will judge to be 25. Mr. D will very likely go to Point -a-Petre sometime in Dec. He desires me to remember him to you all. Monsieur Mallet is not yet come to Paris I have given him up till the 9th of Dec. when his money will be due. I have not heard from him since I left this house. I wrote him a letter sometime which he has not answered as I thought he would if he did not come the 1st of November as he partly promised me I will be glad to see him and to hear from his family.-I thourht that you would have been to housekeeping so as to have celebrated my birthday. You might have had a nice little party upon the occasion which would have introduced Harriet into society. It has saved me five dollars which I would have preferred to have been spent in that way. This, I must keep to buy presents for you and Pat. You will want some little remembrance of Italy, France &. will not forget to buy Pat the fancy not paper and fancy cachets she writes about but she must not call me selfish. Will you not be preventing Henry from attending to his business by keeping him home? It would be better not to persuade him to spend the winter with you it may be the means of his seperating himself from John altogether. What is the matter Hanck is it because you have some pretty girl in N.Y. that you wish to leave Washington? My advice to you is to remain with John

if it be possible. I think it will be to the advantage of you both. "Rolling Stones gather no Moss"was a subject I once had given to me for a composition. You have been trunkmaker, harness maker, and lockmaker. What now do you intend to make? If you are decided to leave John I advise you, since Mother writes me that times are getting to be better, to enter as clerk in some store. You must spend your evening with Mr Wheeler in Studying Bookkeeping and learning to write a Good hand (a better one than I write for I am spoiling mine writting so much of this small hand) so that you may enter a counting room the first opportunity that offers. Being merchant is not the surest but generally is the quickest way to fortune. You have my advice and may consider upon it. It is true , Mother, it will be much more pleasanter for you to have Henry home but then you must not desire this if it is to be of a disadvantage to him. Your letter contains an abundance of good advice oftimes repeated. You do this no doubt better to impress it upon my memory and in case if I read your letter over but once I may read it several times. This is not a bad plan, one which I would adopt to you, only that it would be too fatiguing as I write so much. I promise to lend an attentive ear to your counsel and that it Shall be of benefit to me. I enjoy myself and feel as happy as a lord upon fourteen shillings a week I am pretty comfortable I think of you everytime I make my repast and the difference between yours and mine , the one taken warm and in company, the other cold and solitary . But I don't let this trouble me I am contented for all this. I am independant, I get up and go to bed when it pleases me , I go out and come in when it pleases me and I eat and drink when it pleases me. I can arrange my table in two minutes and clear it away almost as soon. I don't wish you to think that I live poor for I do not, I have a little bit of almost every-

thing that is good from a madeia nut to a prune, from a pot pie to a baked pair with plenty of bread but er cheese &c into the bargain. -I sometimes wish that I could see you and know what you are about. I have made two or 3 spiritual trips across the Atlantic. Last night I was with you. Henry had just returned home, you all looked well, but you seemed to have some trouble I knew not about what there was a paper in the concern. Perhaps it was my petition and you had missed sending the money by the Steamer ! -I am glad that you have pleasant weather. I can speak only of the northern portion of France the pleasantest months of this year have been June, July and August. -It is true I wrote considerable concerning myself , I have the right to this privilege, but then my letters are very long. This one contains no less than 8 or9 pages of ordinary writting.- I would read a letter from John and Henry with much pleasure. Now, that he is home he must write to me. He on one side and I at on the other. My letters to you are equally to them it would only be repeating what I wrote to you. You speak very tenderly in some part s of your and express how happy you will be if I get home improved. I will endeavour not to disappoint you but then you must not expect anything very wonderful on account of my many weaknesses. What have you done to offend my friend Anson? he neither comes to enquire about me nor has yet answered my letter. Wrote concerning Mrs. Cochrane in my last letter. I was misinformed when I told you that her husband was the inventor of the excavator It was a Mr Otis of Philadelphia who is now dead. - Mr Ts uncle lives so far that I have been to see him but twice since I came from Colonges. I must go however soon I want to see his girls one is 13 the other 15. They are very talkative and amusing. Ah! I see you are offended because Mr. Palmer did not invite grandfather to his <u>office</u>. This was no place to

to invite him to, he might have invited him to his hotel but perhaps he forgot it. You should not be offended for so trifling a thing as this.-Since you mention the roast veal, pie and hot bread he ate I conclude that you must have begrudged it to him! - You say that you would like to see Capt. Chase I wonder then that you have not. Enquire for him at Nesmith and Walsh in south street, search in Directory. If you See him present him & his lady my best respects and tell him I will write to him soon. He is a very clever fellow much more so than you may suppose merely by looking at him.-To be sure I want to hear everything about our Law affairs. So they have at last really commenced foreclosing the mortgage. I am not sorry for it. This will make you begin to move and do something. I know there is very little danger of the Lot being sold as you can raise the $1375 very easily at 6 %. You Speak of you instructing Whiting what to do this is your great error what do you know? Have you not given Mr. Harsell the Power of Attorney to See to your business? Why do you then wish to usurp that power? Just leave this affair and everything else to his management if you would have things properly attended to. I don't want you to give any instructions about anything because you know no more than myself and I know nothing of law matters. Let Harsell see that you are ignorant and let him know that you depend upon him as a friend, to manage your business. Untill you do this, mark my word for it, nothing will be done. I don't care how many Whitings you have. They will do nothing(and expect to be paid too) unless they have someone to drive them along. Harsell is the man for this and he will do it too if he sees that you have confidence in him and leave the affair wholly to his management.-If you do differently from what I have so often advised you depend upon it, he will in a month or so give up attending to your business. What will you do then? Where can

you find another friend? Think well of what I say. I forsee that Harsell will give up if you do not change immediately. Perhaps your next letter will inform me of his resignation. You seem to do all the business with the lawyers, this won't do, you must have nothing to do with them you know nothing of law. You speak of what they tell you and of what they advise you. Because Van Hamee tells you something which does not coincide with your opinion you leave him, without consulting Mr. H. and go to Whiting! Was this right for you to leave a lawyer which your attorney chose, and to go to one against whom he had many objections? This seems to me real child's play. Had I been Harsell I would have resigned immediately. He must have felt himself very much wronged. This was the cause no doubt of his telling you that the affair was troublesome and that you had better look for someone else to attend to it. I don't care how much better Whiting is than Van Hamee I say that you were wrong to change and that without even having consulted Harsell. I should have considered it the height of presumption under the circumstances, for you ever to have proposed Such a change to Mr. H-I have given you a pretty sever lecture. I hope that it will be of benifit. Remember, hereafter to have no business with the lawyers, and not to act upon anything you may propose and consult with Mr. H. but let him decide & do all the acting. You will likely have some papers to sign. Be very careful(you don't know how much you may injure us and yourself too) so sign nothing without consulting Harsell, he will ascertain if it be proper for you. You promise to write in two weeks I am anxiously expecting the letter.(return to page 1, turn right side edge up read across black in the center section) I have received no papers from you or anyone else'. Remember me to one and all I will designate excepting Harris John and Henry to whom I wish to be particularly re-

remembered. Tell the boys all about me and what I have seen, when you write to them as I know they will be anxious to hear. I will write to you again as soon as I receive you next letter which I am anxiously expecting. You must not be concerned about me riding on the top of stages. It is much more comfortable than you suppose. One is not exposed to the open air yet it is not so comfortable as inside. I can ride inside for the same price but I prefer being on top where I can see everything. This is the place for a traveler like myself. I intend having made a woolen gown to travel in so as to be very comfortable. It will be like a sack only fuller, with sleves and bonnet. I will have nothing to do but slip it upon my head and wear it over my overcoat and when it is too warm to wear it, it will serve for a soft cushion. I got this idea in going to La Trappe. The monks wear a similar dress with only a leather belt. I think I will wear one too. Such a dress will likely cost $ 3 or 4 dollars. It will do for a morning gown when I return home if I do not spoil it in traveling. I have just been reading today that Texas will not be annexed to the United States. I am very sorry for this as I felt certain it would be. The country will regret this someday. Here is the longest letter I have yet written to you. It contains 10 pages of ordinary writing and some 30,000 letters! You may show it as a great curiosity as I don't believe such another one exists. There may be longer but not so much written in so small a space. It is all legible and may easily be read. I have spent two days 7½ hours each of steady writing. I suppose it will take you full 3 hours to read it. You will not want to read it over more than once though you may. If any one were to offer me $5 for this letter I would refuse rather than be bothered to write another. I have said that I would write no more long letter, they must be more tiresome than interesting to you.

Well I must bid you farewell and stop writing or I shall be obliged to soon. (turn folded edge up and read red across black in center sections beginning 2-3 inches down from fold.) You will receive this letter about the Holidays. It will be a present for you ~~from me~~ Think of me Christmas and New Years. Drink to my health and return. I wish you all merry times! Remember me to our friends when they call. I intend keeping the old year out and the new year in at Notre Dame Think of me at the time I will of you. What do you mean in your letter when you say "I told Marsell that I considered that he spoke all on their side? Does this word he refer to Mr. Marsell or does it refer to Mr Van Mamie? It reads as though it referred to the former. If that be your meaning you were very wrong to tell Mr. Marsell so. This must have convinced him at once of the littl confidence you had in him. Let me tell you, you are injuring yourself. You must not suppose Marsell even capable of doing wrong but allow Yourself to be guided by him-whither he will. (Now read up the fold from bottom to top in red.) All my friends at Paris wish to be remembered to you. Neither Miss Mallet or Miss Des play upon any instrument. They have not the time. All the French women work. They are not to be looked at as ours. (Turn page 2 upside down -in red two lines at bottom of page.) I I thought that Codman Pye would have been willing to assist you, perhaps you forgot to make him a present. You know no one is willing to work for nothing. I hope Harriet will not forget her music. He must practice all she can and learn the Polka. I don't think that it was wise in you to leave your furniture and locks exposed at Mrs. C. were they nailed up & inventoried (Turn folded edge up and read center section in red.) How is it? You say the boys have plenty of work yet they have not money enough to pay their debt. Do they spend more than they make it will be very little use for me to write to them

for money. If they have any to spare I doubt not they will give it to you to assist me as John was willing that I should come to Europe. You will write to them for me if you feel the necessity of their assistance. I wish you to preserve all my letters carefully as I may wish to refer to them someday. Don't pay postage on letters that you send to me as I have to pay the same. I believe that Beache's concern is a humbug. You pay 16 for every letter you receive. I pay 7- and for every letter that I send weighing over 7½ grams, 1/6, if less 10 cts. The postage on my last was 1/6. It will be the same on this You see I save by writing on this paper and enclosing them in yours. You have 5 letters here were they seperate my postage to Havre would be 50 cts. I have written to Mr. Harsell because he will think it a great mark of attention in me & besides he may be induced to give more attention to law business. You may read the letter but do not let him know that you have done so. Received this from your affectionate Son Thomas Whaley (turn to page 3- 3/4 of the way down the page- in black) I thought to have left this for Grandfather but I will write to him on a seperate piece.- I wish you to bear in mind that you have a right to charge Uncle John with interest on Belchers notes(from the time they were due till Mr O'Conner gave the one to Henry. It is charged in the bill rendered to Mr. Swan. You will remember this in case they dispute the interest. Uncle John should have collected the notes when they became due. Perhaps they were payable on demand, if so he should have collected then in six months, you will then be entitled to interest from him that time till O'C gave one of them to H. It astonishes me that you have not got your papers, books & from Mr. Swan yet. Speak to Harsell of this, let it be your first object , are you to let them always remain in their hands? They have had them going on to three years now! If I travel you must

buy a map of Europe as it will be a great pleasure for you to trace my travels upon it. Don't mention to me anything more about Miss L- I dont know that I shall ever see the young lady again. I have very little desire- If anyone asks you what my traveling will cost tell tham a little less than $1000. It will be no exaggeration as it will cost $500. You know that people only believe one half. If I told you $500 people would not believe that I had seen the greater portion of Europe for this amount or that if I had I must have walked part of the way and begged the rest. This will not be so for I shall travel very genteely not first rate however. I am going to spend all my money I wish t erefore to make as important an affair of it as possible and besides it will give you a look. People will Say there is the rich widow Whaley who has given $1000 to her son to travel in Europe. It will then be a benefit to you that my travels cost $1000 this will be no greater exageration than one is allowed to make. I don't wish you to tell the exact amount to our relations. it is better to keep this secret. You must not tell them either all I write you concerning how I live &c you must varnish what I say abit. I promise to tell you exactly how things are if you will oblige me by doing this. I wet my head night and morning I have fewer headaches I have taken some medicine. I wrote you in my last about my prospects of finding something to do at Paris. It is really laughable of John Pye Sending Hadden all the way to Newark for his money. How he must have cursed him when he got back. We will think about building a house with Harriet's money. I think we can get a house & lot for 400 $5000 we must have a good one T. Whaley