16 May 1845
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Thomas to Mother & Harner

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Rome May 16, 1845

Fo: Mrs Shoman Wheley,

Care of Wm M. Pye,

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Rance May 16th 1845 Dear Tat, upon ining saper the 8th of this month of mailed a letter for nother, in which I made a promise to write to you next terms. The day being so nicerable is to compel no to remain within doors, I will now fulfillet, believing that you will be highly gratefied in receiving a letter coming so far, and, especially from Rome! If you have received my last letter which I sent by the way of murseilles you must have learned how undecided I was whether I should proceed from haples to Rome by land or Lea. I finally determined upon the former and an not sorry to have taken Droute as it is a very interesting one . Every where we met nuns, grown with more and crumbling into dust, relicks of incient Rome which not with standing the lepse of centuries Still Speak of their once former magnificence The road is level pretty much all the way So that I was tesappointed in meeting with many beautiful points of view, but then I was justified in beholding fields of vines, figs, olives, orange I lumon trees which were either blossoning or bending beneath their ripening fruit! These trees which with us require so much care and attention, grow here in the first menur is do our apple sige! I remarked once thing coming from

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3/1000 Rome May 16 4, 45 the tops of which meeting in the center form a most heartiful bower which protects the traveller from the scorching rays of the sun. year this large march, the part which has been drained, were many horses and cattle feeding and in one place a heard of fifty or sixty tame bufolos. Just as we were about to leave this march we were obliged to stop a minute or two to let a large heard of pigs pass. I think that there were more than 500. They were all Small and quite black with very little or no hair. In fact I believe that there were no white pip in this part of Italy I remember to have Seen a few at traples but they were black and from kaples by a Vetterini which is the same as a stage only it is driven by the same horses all the way. It is just the same as a private sarriage you travel only during the day time and at night stop to rest and feed the horses. It is a slow manner of travelling but then its pleasant when the weather is fine. I was three days soming to force confortunately the weather was not present all the time but then I must not complain this is the rainiest month in this part of Staly, I may not be a heartiful day during the whole time I stay here. It has rained I believe every day lince I have been here but then butter? Rome May 16 4, 145 only in the morning, all of this day, however is miserable. as as I wish to Stay here amonth I found negall furnished lodgengo immediately. I have a beautifully papered room carpeted and with makagany furniture. It setuated in the Strada de Condotti, no 85 near the Peassa de Spagna, the most factionable part of Rome. I pay but \$ 4 a month. Had I gone to a good hotel I must have said fifty cents a night. It costs me very little to live here not more than it did at Paris. I have not seen much of the city yet owing to the weather but I must not put myself out of the way on that account. It is unclease to want for pleasant weather. I must commence tomorrow, rain hail or skine. To see sel of the curiosities of Rome in 3 or 4 weeks time I have got towark pretty sharp. I have seen some of the principal wonders however and shall take pleasure in telling you about them if I have room in this letter. as the often I have wished that mother, you, from of Henry neight see all that I have and still kope to. I wish that we were rich or that I was then when I return I would have you and mother, John & thenry too, come to Europe with me ugain. I would be a very good juice and protector. If mother had the nearce I think that I could prevail upon her to come and let you too. There is no more fatigue or langer in travelling in Europethanthere

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Rome - may 15,45 that you will get it some time the latter end of June. You will direct your answer to Paris where I hope to be about the Land time as it arrives. The 7th of June I leave Rome for Curta Vecchia to take the Stranger for Fighorn there I shall reniain as short a time as possible and then go to Pisa to be the famous leaning Tower Luca and Florence where I shall spendat least a week as there are many things curious to be see there. I cannot tell'exactly what course I shall take from Florence butit well must likely be toward Venice and from there to Milan and soon to the Surtyerland & cannot be decided as to what route I shall take farther than Florence as all depends upon how my money lasts It well not do for me to go to far out of my way or remain travelling to long as not to have enough to get back to Paris. There would be no such thing as borrowing any uponfroad. This is what I have spert Lince I left Paris, but you must kup it a suret at least till no one but nother because I do now wish every one to know what I spend for certain reasons of had when I left Paris right hundred and twenty france I have spert 330 So that I have 490 left which is about ninty five dollars by being more iconomical than I have been this will be enough till I return to Paris which willlikely be some time during the first part of language. Me providing my money lasts to long. Since & left Paris I have sperit about Lixty three dollars, I did not think that I should spend mar as much as this as little as it is but then develd not for see the expense on pareports and a thousand other things. During the three weeks while at Naples I spent more than twenty dollars. I shall be at Rome a month and will not spend on half as much. The reason is because I have a furnished room and shall live more economic ically. I would have taken a room at naples but they are not let for a less time than a month and then again I did not expect to remain there longer than ten days - you will Les by referring to the calculation in my letter of the 16 th of January that I wished mother to send after receiving the may rests, \$195 which is 507 frances if she has not done so I wish you would remined her of it and to add the 150 francs that was short and which Ibonowed brone For Revocard. I explained in one of my letters how there was 150 frances but will do so again least you may not find the (pg. 3) letter I which that it was no the last 2 wrote from Paris under the Late of 26 much my moning received from hancery was \$263 wished her to Send me for travelling on the continent \$ 75. This \$ 75 added to my Imoney

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Bone - Thay 16# 45 De ber Successful in getting the may rents you must try to prevail upon her to send me money to buy a skawl, or clack and some silk dresse. you will see by the calculations that I have allowed \$ 105 for these things which would be 560 francs, If she lend this money it must be sent at the Same time as mine is as I Shall remain in Paris only Hor 5 Lays = The will manage the bills in this manner the one upon Paris will be for 560 fee and 150 fee, making 710 fes; and the one won Englandwill be for whatever \$ 95 equal in pounds Sterling. If she does not wish to Send all of the \$ 105 the will send what iver the choses and get a bill for the smount upon Paris minding to add the 150 fes which I gove Fir Duonard teit Islat Kare I been writing about? all is wrong, I was thinking about one thing that were very good and forgot, about an other equally important. I have for to gotten to allow money in the hell of exchange, I wished to be drawn upon Paris, for my, watch. you will pay no ittention to what is crossed out but commence reading here a It is not very probable that I will return to Paris before the 10 or 15 of august de that Swill wait for my next monies with the exception of 300 france. you will get a bill for this amount Lest my mency, that I may say the broward. The reason that I am willing to wait for the

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Bame - Tray 16#, 45 balance of my money is because you will have received the may and august rente. You can then know whether you can send all the money for the things which I have named in the calculations. If you find that you can, this is what you well do: lend nie by the steamer of the first of august abill of exchange for 560 france or for what ever amount of things you wash me to buy at Paris, + (left side margin) + and add to it too 240 frances that I may buy my watch this will make the bill amount to 800 francs. After Lending me 300+240 there will be a balance of 117 frances (\$22) due from the amount of 675 france, this you well send by the next Bill to London (return to body of return at +) I will receive this bill about the 15 of luguest the time of my arriving at Paris, I can then make my purchasest and have money to go to Landon from the balance of 300 fee Swish you to Send immediately. Be very particular to Lend this by the steamer of the first or fourth of august or you will unnecessarially detain me at Paris you well inform yourself of the time of the Lucing of the Steamer. Get the bill drawn at two months sight and enclose it to me in a letter to the care of Mr Drown's Instead of leaving Tondon immediately upon

Rome - May 164, 45 mpon 2 arriving, I will remain there a month and then commence my tour of Frest Britains ty this evanger it of I will have enough to pay you may expenses to London and support me there a month out of the balance of the bill perchange for 300 fcs. By this arrangement you will sind me by the stelemer of the middle of lenguet a bill for \$122 payable two months after sight at London. Send it in a letter to me to the care of thesers Barring Brothers & Co. This bill will be for the following: viz. \$ 22 for the balance of the 657 france, \$ 22 for overcoat, \$18 for coat & paid for at Paris, \$15 for dinner Let, \$30 for tea set and \$15 for Cuttlery, glass-ware &c Refer to Calculations. If you can not send all of the \$ 122 you will sind what you can test at any rate the balance of 22 love I for coal overcoat. Capt more leave London Lepty of shall be there the Same times and will sand home the things I purchase. This will be of great advantage to will be an opportunity of sending me Something He wil arive, at Tondon just about the Same time as myself. I shall keep toth backelow Hall so that anything in the way of pickles, prederves, take, mince pies for will (pg.4) he very acceptable. Lind nothing that will get mouldy. If you do this I promise to send you invetum a good old English cheese and anything you like better. It is now after 5 I must close com13/ A forme - may ... , We I am sorry that you I have not had time interesting. Why! how you will to Lay Something interesting. Why kow youwill blow me up Tat. I have been writing the last page to mother about nearing concerns in a letter addressed to you. Sentirely forgot muself. I thought really that the letter was to mother. a I have promised you so often to give you some fine discriptions that I suppose that you must that I will not because I san not. You are pretty right about not being able but I assure you that I am quite willing and commenced this letter with the intention of doing my best to amuse me. but how could I when I was out of patience with the pense and ink? I have used get the ink I had this is some that I borrowed which muserable as it is dom' glad to get de as to have this tetter intime. I had some thing to tell you that would have amuced you very much but I will tillyon in my hext. It was about my joing up the holy stairs yesterday upon my knew and wiping and Riving each step. ask Harris about them he has most likely heard of them. I how I wish that you were here. There we thousand of things that would amuse for or astonish you I have not up It Visuview and my rambles through Pomper and the dark sulterremous parages of expected Association. I have been to St Peters

Rome - may 16 , 45 magnificent, seen the Colysum, Column of Frage Panipy and all the arches of Iruniph and obeliques I will write again to you and to mother Harris anson and his Devereux in a few days, my renumberances and love to all, I hopeyon are well. I am hearty. There it is 5'2 d must stop or I may be kept here a week longer than I west Your dear brother attend to what I say about money do as Thomas Ishaliy not to disappoint me.

Letter addressed to:
Mrs. Thomas Whaley.

Thomas Whaley to his Mother Rachel Whaley & Sister,

Care of Wm. M. Pye.

Harriet

Corner of Delancy & Cannon Sts.

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Dear Tat.

a letter for Mother, in which I made a promise to write to you next time. The day being so miserable as to compel me to remain within doors, I will now falfill it, believing that you will be highly gratified in receiving a letter coming so far, and especially from Rome! --If you have received my last letter which I sent by the way of Marseilles you must have learned how undecided I was whether I should proceed from Maples to Rome by land or Sea. I finally determined upon the former and am not sorry to have taken that route as it is a very interesting one. Everywhere we met ruins, grown with mess and crambling into dast, relieks of ancient Rome which not with standing the lapse of centuries Still

Speak of their once former magnificence. The road is level pretty much all the way So that I was disappointed in meeting with many beautiful points of view, but then I was gratified in beholding fields of vines, figs, clives, orange & lemon trees which were either blossoming or bending beneath their ripening fruit. These trees which with us require So much care and attention, grow here in the same manner as do our apple or pear trees and they are of the Same Size! I remarked one thing coming from Maples which suprised me that there were no barns very few Scattering houses I don't think that I saw more than fifty! The Italian peasantry (I speak of the women) wear only a handkerchief upon their heads. It is differently folded, according to the place, and is so lightly laid on that the least breath of air would remove it were it not that it is attached to their hair by a long gilt pin which projects two or three inches on either side of the head. - Their hair behind is done up in a bob and that which is before either hangs or falls in curls upon their burnette cheeks. I noticed that this custom prevailed even with the most aged. In their dress there is no other peculiarity than that they wear tight sleeves. a Spencor and a bodice which is generally of red flannel. The men wrap themselves up in dark woolen cloaks and wear what we call a brigand hat, in fact they resemble brigands. Upon entering the Popes dominions I perceive a great change. The country is quite flat and looks like a dreary waste. The fields are uncultivated and everything Seems so Sad. In traversing the Marais which is 25 miles long we did not meet half a dozen persons, but then, the road is the finest that ever I saw. It is level as water the whole distance and planted on either side with

large trees, the tops of which meeting in he center form a most beautiful bower which protects the traveller from the scorching rays of the sun. Upon this large marsh, the part which has been drained, were many horses and cattle feeding and in one place a heard of fifty or sixty tame bufolos. Just as were were about to leave this marsh we were obliged to stop a minute or two to let a large heard of pigs pass. I think that there were more than 500. They were all Small and quite black with very little or no hair. In fact I believe that there were no white pigs in this part of Italy. I remember to have Seen a few pigs at Naples but they were black -- I came from Maples by a Vetturini which is the same as a Stage only it is driven by the same horses all the way. It is just the same as a private carriage you travel only during the day time and at night stop to rest and feed the horses. It is a slow manner of travelling but then it is pleasant when the weather is fine. I was three lays coming to Rome unfortunately the weather was not pleasant all the time but then I must not complain this is the rainiest month in this part of Italy. I may not see a beautiful day during the whole time I stay here. It has rained I believe everyday Since I have been here but then only in the morning; all of this lay, however is miserable. -As I wish to stay here a month I found myself furnished lodgings immediately. I have a beautifully papered room carreted and with mahogany furniture. It is Situated in the Strada Do Condotti, No 85 near the Piassa de Spagna, the most fashionable part of Rome. I pay but A a month. Had I gone to a good hotel I must have paid fifty cents a night. It costs me vory little to live here not more than it did at Paris. I have not seen much of the city yet owing

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for Leghorn there I shall remain as Short a time as possible and then go to Pisa to See the famous leaning tower. Lucca and Florence where I shall spend at least a week as there are many things curious to be See there. I cannot tell exactly what course I shall take from Florence but it will most likely be toward Venice and from there to Milan and Soon to per- Switzerland I cannot be decided as to what route I shall take farther than Florence as all depends upon how my money lasts It will not do for me to go So far out of my way or remain travelling So long as not to have enough to get back to Paris. There would be no such thing as borrowing any upon the road. This is what I have Spent Since I left Paris, but you must keep it a Secret at least tell no one but mother because I do now wish everyone to know what I Spend for certain reasons I had when I left Paris eight hundred and twenty francs I have spent 330 So that I have 490 left which is about ninety five dollars by being more economical that I have been this will be enough till I return to Paris which will likely be some time during the first part of August providing my money lasts 30 long. Since I left Paris I have spent about Sixty three dollars, I did not think that I should Spend near as much as this as little as it is but then I could not for Soe the expense on passports and a thousand other things. During the three weeks while at Maples I spent more than twenty dollars. I shall be at Rome a month and will not spend one half as much. The reason is because I have a furnished room and shall live more economically. I would have taken a room at Maples but they are not let for a less time than a month and then again I did not expect to remain t ere longer than teredays - You will 16 See o by Jantaferthan towthe calculation send after receiving the May rents,

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with the exception of 300 francs. You will get a bill for this amount and Send it immediately; if you have not already Sent my money, that I may pay Mr Provard. The reason that I am willing to wait for the balance of my money is because you will have received the May and August rents. You can then know whether you can Send all the money for the things which I have named in the cal culations. If you find that you can, this is what you will do: Send me by the Steamer of the first of August a bill of exchange for 560 francs or for what ever amount of things you wish me to buy at Faris, I(left side margin) L and add to it 2h0 francs that I may buy my watch this will make the bill amount to 800 francs. After Sending me 300 & 240 there will be a balance of 117 francs (322) due from the amount of 675 francs, this you will send by the next Bill to London (return to body of my letter at 1)I will receive this bill about the 15 of August the time of my arriving at Paris. I can then make my purchaseses- and have money to go to London from the balance of 300 fcs I wish you to Send immediately. Be very particular to Send this by the Steamer of the first or fourth of August or you will unnecessarially detain me at Paris You will inform yourself of the time of the Sailing of the Steamer. Get the bill drawn at two months sight and enclose it to me in a letter to the care of Mr Drouard . Instead of leaving London immediately upon arriving. I will remain there a month and then commence my tour of Great Britain. By-this-errangement-y I will have enough to pay my expenses to London and support me there a month out of the balance of the bill of exchange for 300 fcs. By this arrangement you will send me by the Steamer of the middle of August a bill for \$122 payable two months after sight at London. Send it in a letter to me to the care of Messers Earring Brothers & Co. This bill

will be for the following: viz. 322 for the balance of the 657 francs, \$22 for overcoat, \$18 for coat I said for at Paris. \$25 for dinner Set, \$30 for tea set and \$15 for cuttlery, glassware & Refer to Calculations. If you can not send all of the \$122 you will send what you can but-I at any rate the balance of 22 dols a for coat & overcoat. Capt More leave London Sept 7 I shall be there the Same times and will Send home the things I purchase. This will be of great advantage to me. He leaves M.Y. the 20 of July so that there will be an opportunity of Sending me Something. He will arrive, at London just about the Same time as myself. I shall keep batch bachelors Hall so that anything in the way of pickles , preserves, cake, mince pies & will (page 4) be very acceptable. Send nothing that will get mouldy. If you do this I promise to send you in return a good old English cheese and anything you like better. It is now after 5 I must close soon. I am sorry that you I have not had time to Say Something interesting. Why! how you will blow me up Tat. I have been writing the last page to Mother about money concerns in a letter addressed to you. I entirely forgot myself. I thought really that the letter was to Mother. - I have promised you so often to give you some fine descriptions that I suppose that you must that I will not because I cannot. You are pretty right about not being able but I assure you that I am quite willing and commenced this letter with the intention of doing my best to amuse me, but how could I when I was out of patience with the pens and ink? I have used all the ink I had this is some that I borrowed which miserable as it is I am glad to get So as to have this letter in time. I had something to tell you that would have amused you very much but I will tell you in my next. It was about my going up the holy Stairs yesterday upon my knees and wiping and

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Your dear brother,
Thomas Whaley

Letter addressed to :

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Mrs. Thomas Whaley,

Rachel Whaley & Sister,

Care of Wm. M. Pye.

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Dear Tat.

upon leaving Maples the 8th of this month I mailed a letter for Mother, in which I made a promise to write to you next time. The day being so miserable as to compel me to remain within doors, I will now fulfill it, believing that you will be highly gratified in receiving a letter coming so far, and especially from Rome! --If you have received my last letter which I sent by the way of Marseilles you must have learned how undecided I was whether I should proceed from Maples to Rome by land or Sea. I finally determined upon the former and am not sorry to have taken that route as it is a very interesting one. Everywhere we met ruins, grown with moss and crumbling into dust, relicks of ancient Rome which not with standing the lapse of centuries Still

Speak of their once former magnificence. The road is level pretty much all the way So that I was disappointed in meeting with many beautiful points of view, but then I was gratified in beholding fields of vines, figs. olives, orange & lemon trees which were either blossoming or bending beneath their ripening fruit. These trees which with us require So much care and attention, grow here in the same manner as do our apple or pear trees and they are of the Same Size! I remarked one thing coming from Maples which suprised me that there were no barns very few Scattering houses I don't think that I saw more than fifty! The Italian peasantry (I speak of the women) wear only a handkerchief upon their heads. It is differently folded, according to the place, and is so lightly laid on that the least breath of air would remove it were it not that it is attached to their hair by a long gilt pin which projects two or three inches on either side of the head. - Their hair behind is done up in a bob and that which is before either hangs or falls in curls upon their burnette cheeks. I noticed that this custom prevailed even with the most aged. In their dress there is no other peculiarity than that they wear tight sleeves. a Spencer and a bodice which is generally of red flannel. The men wrap themselves up in dark woolen cloaks and wear what we call a brigand hat, in fact they resemble brigands. Upon entering the Popes dominions I perceive a great change. The country is quite flat and looks like a dreary waste. The fields are uncultivated and everything Seems so Sad. In traversing the Marais Pontius which is 25 miles long we did not meet half a dozen persons, but then, the road is the finest that ever I saw. It is level as water the whole distance and planted on either side with

large trees, the tops of which meeting in the center form a most beautiful bower which protects the traveller from the scorching rays of the sun. Upon this large marsh, the part which has been drained, were many horses and cattle feeding and in one place a heard of fifty or sixty tame bufolos. Just as were were about to leave this marsh we were obliged to stop a minute or two to let a large heard of pigs pass. I think that there were more than 500. They were all Small and quite black with very little or no hair. In fact I believe that there were no white pigs in this part of Italy. I remember to have Seen a few pigs at Naples but they were black -- I came from Maples by a Vetturini which is the same as a Stage only it is driven by the same horses all the way. It is just the same as a private carriage you travel only during the day time and at night stop to rest and feed the horses. It is a slow manner of travelling but then it is pleasant when the weather is fine. I was three days coming to Rome unfortunately the weather was not pleasant all the time but then I must not complain this is the rainiest month in this part of Italy. I may not see a beautiful day during the whole time I stay here. It has rained I believe everyday Since I have been here but then only in the morning; all of this day, however is miserable. -As I wish to stay here a month I found myself furnished lodgings immediately. I have a beautifully papered room carpeted and with mahogany furniture. It is Situated in the Strada De Condotti, No 85 near the Piassa de Spagna, the most fashionable part of Rome. I pay but ph a month. Had I gone to a good hotel I must have paid fifty cents a night. It costs me very little to live here not more than it did at Paris. I have not seen much of the city yet owing

to the weather but I must not put myself out of the way on that account. It is usless to wait for pleasant weather. I must commence tomorrow, rain hail or shine. To see all of the curiosities of Rome in 3 or 4 weeks time I have got to work pretty sharp. I have seen some of the principal wonders however and Shall take pleasure in telling you about them if I have room in this letter. - Now often I have wished that Mother, you. John & Henry might see all that I have and still hope to. I wish that we were rich or that I was then when I return I would have you and Mother. John & Henry too, come to Europe with me again. I would be a very good guide and protector. If Mother had the means I think that I could prevail upon her to come and let you too. There is no more fatigue or danger in travelling in Europe than there is in going from N.Y. to Boston. If we are successful in (Page 2) the lawsuit and gain as much as I think we Shall there will be enough to defray all expenses and purchase many other pleasures. I wish myself home sometimes on this account. not that I could be of any good in advancing it but just to See how things work. It will be thirteen months tomorrow Since I left home. How time flies! I can hardly believe it to be So long--I would very much like to know if our affairs with Uncle's Estate are in away of being Settled or if any Steps have been made toward Settlement? I suppose not. How dilatory Mother! . What does she mean by this dilly dallying? Does she mean to die without getting and enjoying that which is hers? She will soon be old and will want more comforts than she stands in need of now and perhaps none of us may be able to provide her with them but had she the money which is due her She would be able to purchase them . I think John and Henry Should take more interest in things when they see that Mother is not capable of managing them; they are older than I

am therefore it is more expected of them than of myself. If, when I return home there is nothing done in the matter of this law suit I must see what I can do. I believe that the way of managing is Simply: to put it in the hands of a good lawyer with some competent person to Superintend it. Why cannot mother do this instead of doing nothing but wasting time and money rendering the thing more and more complicated by delay? I can not tell when I shall return home I hope however that it will be soon I am getting tired of this life. Don't misunderstand me I like travelling very much and would willingly devote my life to it had I the money. It is the want of this which makes me feel unhappy. I think that I ought to return home & do something useful that I may gain money. But here I am in Europe and must not return before I have seen all that I purpose. In a few months time I hope to have accomplished my object. As I begin to Speak a little Italian and find that the language is not hard to learn I wish to remain in Italy till the first of July which, if do, will use up the greater part of my money so that I shall not have much left for travelling. I will therefore be obliged to shorten my route as I will ask no more of Mother than I have. Sunday afternoon, May 18. Yesterday was pretty fine all the day so that I was engaged in looking at what is curious. This is a midling pleasant day too I have been out all the morning& would be now only that I must finish this letter so as to send it at 6 oclock-Ishall enclose it in one I have written for Leopold a requesting him to send it by the way of Havre. So that it will travel some thousands of miles I calculate that you will get it sometime the latter end of June. You will direct your answer to Paris where I hope to be about the Same time as it arrives the 7th of June I leave Rome for Curta Vecchia to take the Steamer

for Leghorn there I shall remain as Short a time as possible and then go to Pisa to See the famous leaning tower. Lucca and Florence where I shall spend at least a week as there are many things curious to be See there. I cannot tell exactly what course I shall take from Florence but it will most likely be toward Venice and from there to Milan and Soon to mer- Switzerland I cannot be decided as to what route I shall take farther than Florence as all depends upon how my money lasts It will not do for me to go So far out of my way or remain travelling So long as not to have enough to get back to Paris. There would be no such thing as borrowing any upon the road. This is what I have Spent Since I left Paris. but you must keep it a Secret at least tell no one but mother because I do now wish everyone to know what I Spend for certain reasons I had when I left Paris eight hundred and twenty francs I have spent 330 So that I have 490 left which is about ninety five dollars by being more economical that I have been this will be enough till I return to Paris which will likely be some time during the first part of August providing my money lasts So long. Since I left Paris I have spent about Sixty three dollars. I did not think that I should Spend near as much as this as little as it is but then I could not for See the expense on passports and a thousand other things. During the three weeks while at Naples I spent more than twenty dollars. I shall be at Rome a month and will not spend one half as much. The reason is because I have a furnished room and shall live more economically. I would have taken a room at Maples but they are not let for a less time than a month and then again I did not expect to remain there longer than ten days-You will See by referring to the calculation in my letter of the 16th of January that i wished Mother to send after receiving the May rents,

\$95 which is 507 francs if she has not done so I wish you would remind her of it and to add the 150 francs that was short and ... which I borrowed from Mr. Drouard. I explained in one of my All the letters how there was 150 francs but will so do again least you may not find the (page 3) letter. I think that it was in the last I wrote from Paris under the date of 26 March my money received from chancery was \$263 to this Mother was to add \$125 of which I wished her to Send me for travelling on the continent \$75. This \$75 added to my money \$263 makes \$338 or 1803 francs. I have received but 1.653 francs so that there is a balance of 150 still due on this account Refer to letter of March 26, 1845. The \$95 which I now ask to be Sent is as you will see looking at the calculations to make up the balance of the \$125 which is \$50 and the remainder of the \$95, being \$45 is towards fer-my watch and to refund me for what I paid for dancing and Italian. -- The \$95 equal 507 francs which added to the 150 that was short makes 657 francs to be sent.

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300 francs So that I may pay Mr Drouard his 150 francs and the other bill upon London the amount would be in pounds Sterling . I can not tell exactly how many. I would wish both of these bills Sent as Soon as possible to Mr Drouard and for them to be made payable 2 mos after Sight. When I arrive at Paris I can give Mr D the bill for 300 fcs and receive 150 in change, the other bill I will take to London with me By having my money payable at London I shall have Something, for if it was payable at Paris I must get french money changed into English by which I would lose 4 or 5 percent. I would like to have it all payable at London with the exception of 150 fcs I owe Mr D. but then the N.Y. bankers will not give a bill for less than 300 fcs. If mother has been Successful in getting the may rents you must try to prevail upon her to send me money to buy a shawl. or clock and some silk dresses. You will See by the calculations that that I have allowed \$105 for these things which would be 560 francs. If she send this money it must be Sent at the Same time as mine is as I shall remain in Paris only 4 or 5 days -- She will manage the bills in this manner the one upon Paris will be for 560 fcs and 150 fcs, making 710 fcs; and the one upon England will be for whatever She choses and get a bill for the amount upon Paris minding to add the 150 fcs which I owe Mr Drouard to it. What have I been writing about? All is wrong. I was thinking about one thing that was very good and forgot about another equally important. I have forgotten to allow money in the bill of exchange, I wished to be drawn upon Paris, for my watch. You will pay no attention to what is crossed out but commence reading here -- It is not very probable that I will return to Paris before the 10 or 15 of August So that I will wait for my next monies

with the exception of 300 francs. You will get a bill for this amount and Send it immediately; if you have not already Sent my money, that I may bay Mr Drouard. The reason that I am willing to wait for the balance of my money is because you will have received the May and August rents. You can then know whether you can Send all the money for the things which I have named in the cal culations. If you find that you can, this is what you will do: Send me by the Steamer of the first of August a bill of exchange for 560 francs or for what ever amount of things you wish me to buy at Paris, I(left side margin)1 and add to it 240 francs that I may buy my watch this will make the bill amount to 800 francs. After Sending me 300 & 240 there will be a balance of 117 francs (\$22) due from the amount of 675 francs. this you will send by the next Bill to London (return to body of my letter at 1)I will receive this bill about the 15 of August the time of my arriving at Paris, I can then make my purchaseses- and have money to go to London from the balance of 300 fcs I wish you to Send immediately. Be very particular to Send this by the Steamer of the first or fourth of August or you will unnecessarially detain me at Paris You will inform yourself of the time of the Sailing of the Steamer. Get the bill drawn at two months sight and enclose it to me in a letter to the care of Mr Drouard . Instead of leaving London immediately upon arriving. I will remain there a month and then commence my tour of Great Britain. By-this-arrangement-y I will have enough to pay my expenses to London and support me there a month out of the balance of the bill of exchange for 300 fcs. By this arrangement you will send me by the Steamer of the middle of August a bill for \$122 payable two months after sight at London. Send it in a letter to me to the care of Messers Barring Brothers & Co. This bill

will be for the following: viz. \$22 for the balance of the 657 francs, \$22 for overcoat, \$18 for coat I paid for at Paris, \$25 for dinner Set. \$30 for tea set and \$15 for cuttlery, glassware & Refer to Calculations. If you can not send all of the \$122 you will send what you can but-I at any rate the balance of 22 dols & for coat & overcoat. Capt More leave London Sept 7 I shall be there the Same times and will Send home the things I purchase. This will be of great advantage to me. He leaves N.Y. the 20 of July so that there will be an opportunity of Sending me Something. He will arrive, at London just about the Same time as myself. I shall keep batch bachelors Wall so that anything in the way of pickles , preserves, cake, mince pies & will (page 4) be very acceptable. Send nothing that will get mouldy. If you do this I promise to send you in return a good old English cheese and anything you like better. It is now after 5 I must close soon. I am sorry that you I have not had time to Say Something interesting. Why! how you will blow me up Tat. I have been writing the last page to Mother about money concerns in a letter addressed to you. I entirely forgot myself. I thought really that the letter was to Mother. - I have promised you so often to give you Some fine descriptions that I suppose that you must that I will not because I cannot. You are pretty right about not being able but I assure you that I am quite willing and commenced this letter with the intention of doing my best to amuse me. but how could I when I was cut of patience with the pens and ink? I have used all the ink I had this is some that I borrowed which miserable as it is I am glad to get So as to have this letter in time. I had something to tell you that would have amused you very much but I will tell you in my next. It was about my going up the holy Stairs yesterday upon my knees and wiping and kissing each step. Ask Harris about them he had most likely heard of them. O how I wish that You were here. There are thousands of things that would amuse yew- or astonish you. I have not yet given you a description of my going up Mt. Vesuvius and my rambles through Pompei and the dark subterreneous passages of explored Herculaneum. I have been to St. Peters Magnificent, Seen the Colyseum, Column of Trajan Pompy and all the Arches of Triumph and obelisques I will write again to you and to Mother Harris Anson and Miss Devereux in a few days. My rememberances and love to all. I hope you are well. I am hearty. There it is 5% I must stop or I may be kept here a week longer than I wish

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