

OCT 28, 1845

THOMAS TO RACHEL

Ann. (Colon 2) 10: 1845

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You will doubtless be very surprised to learn that I am still at Paris when I had intended to go to you that I should be in London and return. I am after the arrival of the letter which I had attended by the steamer which came back to-day. I had no idea that I should be here now. But the fact is, I had no time to do, I decided to see you all very much, and I could not have gone with Capt. Moore. But I have not had the means of returning as a passenger since he sailed and that it is this winter which has induced me to request you to send me a return passage by way of the Guvold which will serve me to take passage in either of the ships. This order will not arrive if sent by the steamer of the 23rd of this month, before the 15th of next month. It will be too cold and dry to embark this winter season. I find that you would have the pleasure of seeing me this spring rather than I should find any other quite so pleasant to remain and I assure my dear mother that I would prefer a thousand times to be in your presence a brief time than to be sick and tired of the life I lead and end this momentary effort myself and the great water which I have to deal with all my heart. I am at times very lonely and just now feel very much. I have money now as I have but am becoming tired of seeing them what do they really care for me? All that love is but a mist to you. One is detected and hated here if he has not money. That is somewhat the situation at present. I have money but I have it is but a little and that must serve me all the winter if I cannot earn any more. I shall not request further assistance of you. It would be an imposition. You have already been too good to have a little more kindness for. Since I have given up the idea of returning for the time being, I have brought it better to live at home where I and brother and sister have a small house at London and I hope to find employment of some kind, maybe some kind, but it can be of one sort that is, teaching and writing. I have been many days running around among my friends asking them to procure me pupils or a situation as teacher in a school. I have not yet with the least success and God knows what they will do next. I would not care for teaching if I was certain that the better means

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exception of my intention of going into business when I return. There is no
is no ^{and mediation} less here. I give 55 cents for a hundred pounds which
to at the rate of 37.5 cents, a good return it is worth 1800 pounds
Boat sails for 70 cents a hundred pounds which is at the rate of 37.5
a ton. I am not in my time much so I have but little. I have
a room in my sea, which I have, last winter I paid but 15
pounds for the month. I am just as well situated as I would like
to be but - as I am gaining nothing and no one comes to see me
at my room I am not very particular. If I were gaining any
I would have late me for 3 or 4 times the amount. I have known
of my personal appearance than anything else not even excepting my
cells. Any one seeing me upon the premises or in society
would judge that I lived upon my ^{income} appearance upon roads
but and then ^{nothing} further even. As a matter of fact I have just but 256 francs in
ending the 1st of the month. I have 100 francs, my small luncheon money
if I remain here and can find nothing to do. The 8th of the month
I have 15 francs to pay for rent 21 francs for food and 5 francs for sundries so that I shall have
remain my 215 francs. I shall not be able to live for 140 francs
my dinner. I shall eat for four months. That is till the 8th of March
I shall have but 35 francs a new is left. My rent is 15 so that I must
live upon 20 francs which is but 13 francs or a little more than a shilling a day.
I do not eat the more than that now. I have given up going to a
restaurant. I buy my things and take my meals at my room. I can
not say that I take the room in which I live much but what can
I do if I am nothing? I must put up with it. The 14th of
can not eat as long as I can & it may till the 8th of the middle of
February. There are many other expenses which I can not reckon such
as for the light - postage &c. I have made 30 francs to pay my
my letter and 30 more for the due to my debt which will be 3 francs.
I think you would be free to pay upon letters and receive
by the steamers and packets. I shall eat 30 cents by the steam
and 12 cent on the packets. I say nothing to any one of this way in
which I live. I don't not to write about such things but I think that
you like to be informed in everything. If I have any more, I shall take

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308 He said in words to others that I am to have the money - I have a great desire
to be in the first case and say that you will pay the difference between
what it costs and the second. It is quite unnecessary that I should wish
to be the "second" or the "second" way for the name of the thing. I should like
I should not be as happy in one than the other. I have learned to feel
myself to be in a situation and to be as my father is in what
position I am in. A person who has traveled abroad and seen
things and seen things as I am glad to have good things and have even
people often say to me: "Monsieur Huguier, how happy you appear to
be!" I have no reason to appear to be so for things are not what they
I would have them to be. Still, I am not comfortable but endeavor to
get up with them and hope for better. Tell that that I have a
not be in the first reason of me or what you may be willing to do
for me. I would prefer to be in the first than in the second than in
any other. I am at this moment. And it is true but what do
I care for that? I have seen everything interesting here and would be
glad to leave. Did I not then to that there is some chance of pay-
ing money so that I may make up my support. I have
before said I tell you that as you are a doctor that there is
nothing to be gained. I am going to find it out and then I will go
home. I am sure of finding the friend there who will be glad to
see me. And I hope to find many a friend. It must as things
be more united if ever we expect to make worth the best fortune in this
world. (Neither of us is so independent but what we may need an
other's assistance. So that let us consider an other more valuable of nature
at this be not sufficiently increasing. It is true but we that both
of them are so regardless as to be inactive to your letters when at
the same time you are sending them in my name. And you can
not make in the least improvement. In fact you have not written
as I hope to receive them soon. So the way I have distressed father
ship! After five? If they could not make out together surely they
will not be able to do anything apart. He shall neither of us
become rich men or succeed in our undertakings unless we have
more stable. Rolling stones gather no moss is a very true proverb

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My dear

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Paris, October 28th 1845

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Nov. 1st 1845

Since receiving your last letter I thought that I would not send you what I have written, But I believe that I will that you may know what I thought and how I felt

(Body of letter)

Dear Mother, — I commenced you a letter upon this very same sheet nearly three weeks ago, but did not continue it for the want of time. I sent in its stead a small note which I enclosed in my first letter to Mr Webb for publication, acknowledging the receipt of your two long parental epistles of the 31st of July and 15th of August forwarded to me from London by Messrs Baring Brothers & Co on the 6th inst. I wrote to these gentlemen the first of the month requesting them to open my letters and if either of them contained a bill of exchange to have the goodness to present it for acceptance. This they declined to do out of delicacy I suppose as they replied that if I sent them the bill they would be very willing to collect the money and forward it to me. as I am sorry that you sent me an order upon Wiley & Putnam instead of a bill upon some banking house. Instead of its being a pecuniary advantage to me it will be a

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loss and put me to considerable trouble to get my money from London. The banker's commissions to transmit so small a sum will I fear be considerable. Had the amount been £10 sterling I could have sent the order to Messrs Wiley & Putman and requested them to have sent me two £5 notes which I could have sold here for 250 francs. Were it a bill instead of an order I could negotiate it at any bankers in Paris. I am expecting some more money from you by the steamer which leaves New York or Boston today as I requested. You may then send an other order upon ~~Japan~~ Messrs W & P. if so I shall enclose it with the one I have to Parry Brothers & Co and desire them to collect the amount and remit to me. It was no favor of Mr Wiley to give you an order of £8 for \$40 he has allowed himself the same commission as any banker would have taken and I don't know but a little more. The \$40 will give me 200 francs the same as though you had sent me a bill upon Paris. Had I went to London I would have been very glad to have presented this order to Mr Putman it would have been a sort of introduction to him so I must

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thank Mr W on this account and you must
thank him as it would have been impossible
to have sent so small a sum by bill of
exchange. & I shall take good care of what
money you send to me I can not consider
it to belong to me and if I ~~take~~ am obliged
to take any of it I shall expect to account to
you for it when you wish. (pg 2) You will
doubtless be very surprised to learn that
I am still at Paris when I had written you
that I should be in London and return ^{home} soon
after arrival of letters which I am attending
by the Steamer which leaves New York to day.
I had no idea that I should be here now. But
the fact is I hardly know what to do. I
desire to see you all very much but I dread
crossing the sea at this time of the year. I
am sorry I could not have gone with Capt.
Moore. You know that I have not had the
means of returning in a packet since he
sailed and that it is this reason which
induced me to request you to send me a
writing signed by you & Mr Huswold which
will serve me to take passage in either of his
ships. This order will not arrive if sent by
the Steamer of the 28th of this month, before
the 15th of next month. It will be too cold
and dreary to embark this tempestuous season.
I knew that you would forego the pleasure of

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please off
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seeing me till Spring rather than I should
run any risk. I quite reluctantly remain
and I assure you dear mother that I would
prefer a thousand times to be in your
peaceful abode than here. I am sick and
tired of the life I lead and could I this
moment transport myself across the great
waters which separate us I would with
all my heart. I am at times very lonesome
and just now feel depressed. I have
friends here it is true but one becomes
tired of seeing them what do they really
care for me? All their love is but a
mite to yours! One is detested and hated
here if he has not money. That is somewhat
my situation at present. I have money I'll
allow but then it is but a little and that
must serve me all the Winter if I cannot
earn any more. I shall not request farther
assistance of you. It would be an imposition
you have already been too good to ~~have~~
abuse your kindness. Since I have given
up the idea of returning for the present
I thought it better to live at Paris where I am
known and can live cheaper than at London.
I hope to find employment of some kind, I
say some kind, but it can be of one sort.
that is teaching english. I have been many

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December

Paris Oct. 27, '45

day running around among my friends desiring them to procure me ^{Pupils} ~~pupils~~ or a situation as professor in a school. I have not yet with the least success and God knows whether I will or not. I would not care for teaching if I was certain that the letters ^(p. 3) I write for publication were well received. I fear that they are not, still I keep on writing till I ~~has~~ receive an answer from the editor of ~~from~~ you informing me that no one will publish them. If I knew that what I write was interesting enough for publication I should then be happy in knowing that I was gaining something. Four letters per month at the moderate Compensation of \$5 per letter will produce me \$20 per month. This is sufficient to pay my expenses and more than sufficient in the way in which I live at present. I hope ~~soon~~ if I succeed to be able to write eight letters per month which at a moderate remuneration will yield \$40 and if paid as much as I expect \$80 per month. You see that I shall make money enough ~~to~~ to live upon and be able to save considerable if I meet with any success. Had I besides letters to write for scholars and was employed two or three hours three days out of in the week

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with the world
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I should be gaining at least \$100 per month! This is something to induce me to stay in France. I shall do my best to succeed and if after all my trying I cannot I shall return home and open a store in the Spring where I am certain with a Capital of \$50 or \$100 to clear \$100 or \$150 per month! But I had rather ten times over be engaged in a literary way than that the business would not be dishonorable but of a very queer kind such as does not at present exist in N.Y. I would tell you did I not know that you would laugh at me and say that you could not believe me. There are many stores of the kind in Paris the proprietors of which make money labouring under the greatest disadvantages. Why should I not then be able to make money under the most favorable circumstances? I will tell you of this when I come home. The weather commences to grow quite cold. I am obliged to keep fire when I am sitting or writing. In a few days I shall order an over coat. I must have one. ~~It~~ A pretty good one will cost \$15 this will be a considerable drain upon my present slender resources. I bought several things which I would not have bought had I known that I was going to pass the

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(new)

Paris - Oct. 28, '45

Winter as I am very sorry about Fats' shawl and dresses. Poor girl how she must long for them tell her not to cry I will endeavor to find some opportunity to send them soon. I intend coming home myself if I can not succeed in my plans. I shall not wait for spring or anything else. No doubt I would have been off long before this had I had the means. Your next letters and remittance and a few days longer of disappointments (pg 4) will quite decide me. Don't be surprised if you see a hack drive up before your door in 21st street containing my bags and baggage. I tell you if I can find nothing to do I am coming home and that quickly. I could not be contented to spend another winter at Paris without amusing myself and to do that I must have at least \$50 per month. If I have a particle of success I shall easily gain twice that amount and I shall try hard you may be sure. If I succeed in what I had stated I shall not likely go home before a year or 18 months and then merely to visit you for I shall return and become a traveller money is to be made in this way as well as many others. as I can give interesting descriptions of my travel which people will be pleased to read. I wish that you could see some of the letters of my friend Mr Poore written for the Boston Atlas they are very amusing. He sends his third by the steamer of the 4th. This one and

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(onward)

Paris-Oct. 23, '45

several others to come would be particular interesting to you as they describe the very places that I have visited. You might take the paper, but then he does not write more than once a month. When I commenced this letter I intended to have inclosed it to Col Webb but now I believe that I will not for you may not have received the two I have already sent that way. If not, you will send to Mr Webb upon receiving this and demand them of him as well as the two letters I have sent him if he has not published them. You will also ask him for the one I am about to send by the Steamer which leaves Liverpool the 4th of next month. Take these 3 letters to the editors of the Sun, Herald or Journal of Commerce and try to get either of them to publish them. You will find a note enclosed in the note letter to you of the date Oct. 9 this you will present to the editor who is willing to accept my letters. Perhaps they may make some objection to publish the first two letters on account of their being too old. In this case you will propose to him to substitute the preface of the first letter for that of the third which will make the commencement of a new series as I hope that you received the letters that I enclosed to Mr Webb and that he or some one else has published those I sent to be printed and that you will not be put to further trouble.

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trouble

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My first letter to Col W. was sent by the
Steamer of the 11th of Oct & the 2nd by the
Steamer of the 19th - & I shall now as briefly
as possible answer your two long epistles
which lie before me that I may neglect
nothing of importance they contain. & I
am in too much of a hurry to give things
in any kind of order & sending me
money apparently caused you a great
deal of trouble. I pray you dear Mother not
to let this be the case, if ever you make me
an other remittance you have nothing to
fear only see that your letters are put into
the post office. I believe that not a single
one of mine have miscarried since I
have left home not even those I sent
while travelling. You acknowledge all up
to the 16th of May which last was dated
from Rome. I have since sent one from
Rome containing others for Miss Devereux, Miss Sedgwick & Sutton
(Switzerland) of the date of June 3rd & one from Martigny
of the date of July 28th containing one for the Rev
Osteride (Belgium) dated Aug. 31st. Since arriving
at Paris I sent by the Steamer of the 19th
Sept a letter to you containing one for
Harriet and by the packet of the 24th of Sept
an other containing others for Miss Devereux,
Mr Porter, Bushnell, Cornwall, Sutton and Harris.
Besides the two I addressed to Mr Webb on
the 11th and the 17th of this month. I hope
that you will receive all of them. I have

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acknowledged in a former letter all the money which
you have remitted me from time to time. nothing
has miscarried. I wish you if ever you remit
me any more mon ~~more than once a month~~ they to
have the bills drawn upon Greene & Co, they are
the American Bankers here. There is to be a party
at Mr Greene's to morrow night he gives them often
during the Winter but he limits his invitations
to his friends and those who have dealings with
him. Last night I was at a little reunion of
foreigners and did not get home till after two
o'clock. There were some dozen or fifteen
gentlemen present from England, America Italy
& Germany beside two or three frenchmen I need
not say but that I was highly entertained and
much amused to see such a confu- of
languages. I have not received a letter from
Mr Mallot since the 23 of last month Mr
Desreufbourg received one about 2 weeks ago. He
did not say but what he ~~was~~ was well and
enjoying himself. He has bought himself a
cow and a sheep. Who knows but what he
will turn farmer! He does not intend to come
to Paris before next spring and thinks of
returning to America in a year from now
but it is not likely (Pg. 5) that he will return before
he has spent all his money. Leopold has
been very unfortunate. He was without

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a situation nearly two months which has made him run considerably in debt. At present he is clerk in a store but does not receive as much salary as he used to, however he has no reason to complain. He has been and still continues to be a good friend to me. I value him more than any I have upon this side of the waters. We assist one another. Sometimes he is in my debt and sometimes I am in his and frequently go to visit his sister Madame Desourd. I have as yet spent but one evening there since my return from Italy. Soon she will commence to give her winter soirées. I go to see the Achram family more than any other at present where I am always kindly received & hospitably entertained. Mrs C is really about as agreeable as any lady with whom I am acquainted. I wish that you only knew her and could have the pleasure of beholding her three interesting little daughters. I am sure you would say that they were the finest children you ever saw. Mr C is about to go to Toulon (South of France) where he will probably pass the winter to superintend a newly invented sawing machine which is the right of which the French Government is about to purchase from Mr Hamilton, the inventor, for \$60,000. I have frequently spoken to

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Mrs C of you. The last time I was to see her I told her that I was going to write home she desired me to present her kind remembrances to you and say that she hoped some day to have the pleasure of your acquaintance. My health is excellent I have no aches nor pains whatever Every morning I bath my head with cold water. Time hangs heavily upon me at present. Now I wish that I had a few scholars or was sure that my letters would be accepted I generally rise at 8 sometimes a little sooner. if the morning be pleasant I take a walk. after breakfast I read the papers which occupies me three or four hours. The afternoons I visit my friends to see if they have found me any scholars. I take dinner from 5 to 6. The evenings I spend in writing or reading and when I am not so disposed I go to see a friend or ramble through the galleries of the Palais Royal. I do not wish you to read this letter to anyone but you may tell what you think proper with the (pg. 6) exception of my intention of going into business when I return. Wood is very ⁱⁿ miserable here. I give 55 cents for a hundred pounds which is at the rate of \$ 9.90 cents a load allowing it to weigh

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1800 pounds Coal sells for 70 cents a hundred pounds which is at the rate of \$15.40 a Ton I am not in my room much so I burn but little. I have a room in my old hotel where I lodged last winter. I pay but 15 francs per month. I am not as well situated as I would like to be but as I am gaining nothing and no one comes to see me at my room I am not very particular. If I were gaining money I would soon take one for 3 or 4 times ~~times~~ the amount. I think more of my personal appearance than any thing else not excepting my belly. Any one meeting me upon the promenade or in society would judge that I lived ~~from my~~ ^{in general} appearance upon roast beef and plum pudding every day. I have now but 256 francs, including the £ 8 which I count for 200 francs, this small sum must go very far if I remain here and can find nothing to do. The 5th of next month I have 15 fcs to pay for rent 21 fcs for books and 5 for sundries so that there will remain only 215 fcs. An overcoat will cost 75 fcs which will leave 140 fcs This small sum must last me four months that is till the 5th of March. I shall have but 35 fcs a month to spend my rent is 15 so that I must live upon 20 fcs which is but 13 sous or a little more than a shilling a

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Phillips

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day. It does not cost me more than that now.
I have given up going to a restaurant. I buy
my things and take my meals at my room.
I can not say that I like the way in which
I live much. but what am I to do if I gain
nothing? I must put up with it. The
140 frs can not last me as long as Mar 8
it may till 8th or the middle of February.
There are many little expenses which I can not
reckon such as for fire light postage &c. I
shall have 30 francs to pay on this letter and 30
more on the one to Mr. Webb which will be 3 francs.
I wish you would inform me how much
you pay upon letters you receive by the
Steamers and packets. Yours cost me 30 cents
by the Steamers and 12 cents by the packets.
say nothing to any one of the way in which
I live I ought not to write about such things.
but I know that you like to be informed of
everything. If I were going money I would
take (pg. 7) a room for 30 francs a month
which would be a franc a day. breakfast
1 franc dinner $1\frac{1}{2}$ francs and $1\frac{1}{2}$ for sundries.
This would be living at the rate of \$30 per
month in a plain way. One could live in
it in fine style for the same money. For
a young man to live comfortably & gently at
Paris \$40 or \$50 is little enough. You may guess

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(may give)

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how I am living at present upon not as many francs. No matter. I hope there are better days in store for me. You make great calculations about my returning home and speak of the pleasure you will feel and the joy we will partake of together & it grieves me sorely dear mother to think how disappointed you will be upon learning of the impossibility of my returning this Winter without exposing myself to considerable danger But I trust that though the time ~~will~~ be somewhat prolonged, that we shall ultimately be permitted to meet. Your paternal kindness is so bountiful that I know of no words in which to express my thanks. Heaven grant that in the decline of your life you may find in me a Comfort and a solace. & I am sorry not to be able to answer your inquiries after Mlle Clide & I judge by what Emile writes Leopold that she is shortly to get married so you see the chances are ten to one that I shall see the amiable young lady & ~~therefore~~ I console myself in thinking to be ^{able} to find an other with as many good qualities & I pray you not to deprive yourself of any-

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(Gandy)

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thing on ^{my} account ~~if~~ if you wish to take
a jaunt take it, and whatever you want
to buy, buy it without reference to me,
though were I home I would be pleased
to accompany you or consult upon your
choice or Remember me to Harris and my
friends tell them how busy I am in
hunting up scholars that I may pass
an other winter at Paris but do not
mention about my letters unless I
have succeeded — I would not like
any one to know that I had failed
in an affair of that kind. I have
not forgotten my old acquaintances
and though I believe they have almost
forgotten me yet I intend writing to
them soon when I am a little more at
leisure. as I perceive in reading your letter
that you acknowledge the receipt of my letter
written from Rome June 6th. so much the
better. I hope the others will follow the
same direction. I thank you for the
arrangements you made with Capt
moore about my returning with him.
He does not appear any to generous.
It is better in case that I take passage
in his ship, that I make the bargain
I think I could talk him out of more than

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more than

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you. He must be made to believe that I am
to pay the money — You have a great
desire for me to come in the first cabin and
say that you will pay the difference between
what it costs and the second. It is quite
immaterial how I come whether in the "hold"
or the Salon only for the name of the thing. I
presume that I should not be less happy
in one than the other. I have learned to
suit myself to circumstances and to be at
my ease no matter in what position I am
placed. A person who has travelled becomes
used to any anything and every thing
I am glad to have gained such a Character
People often say to me:—"Why Monsieur Whaley
how happy you appear to be!" I have no reason
to appear to be so for things are not with me
as I would have them to be. Still I will not
complain but endeavour to put up with
them and hope for better. Tell Tet that she
need not be in the least jealous of me
or what you may be willing to do for me.
I would prefer twenty times to be in her
chemise than in my shirt. I am at this
beautiful Paris it is true but what do I
care for that? I have seen nothing
interesting here and would be glad to
have did — I do not think that there is some

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(in love)

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chance of making money so that I may make life supportable. As I have before said I tell you that as soon I discover that there is nothing to be earned I am going to pack up and steer directly for home. I am sure of finding one friend there who will be glad to see me and I hope to find many rejoicing. We must as brothers be more united if ever we expect to meet with the least fortune in this world. Neither of us is so independant but what we may need an others assistance. So that let us love one an other from mere interest if natural ties be not sufficiently inducing. It astonishes me that John & Henry are so regardless as to be inattentive to your letters when at the same time you are lending them a helping hand. Surely you can not make me the least reproach. I answer you letter for letter as I hope to receive the same. So the boys have dissolved partnership! wherefore? If they could not make out together surely they will not be able to do anything apart. We shall neither of us ~~succeed~~ become rich men or succeed in our undertakings unless we ~~become~~ ^{are} more stable. "Rolling stones gather no moss" is a very true proverbial (Pg 7 - only a fragment) expression as you say that Capt M will not sail this winter. He — for the 7th of next January. I would wish

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(would have)

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you to ascertain whether he — of her. If I
cannot succeed here I might return with
him instead — You must keep an eye
upon Fat and not let that Spanish man
run a — are devilish hot reckless fellows.
I am glad that you are going to — re-
taken. If I remain here and make money
I will — Brown to draw mine so
that I can send it home to you — to
our Newark and — York friends, I hope
— Tell me how Grandfather ^(is) Fat
must not be to — diamonds of the
rich Spaniard "it is not gold th —
— that shines" and especially if it be
in the "dark" — Buckle I wish
him a lot of babies. Perhaps — to
hunt Bryant and send the letter directly
to — a — sever to the one I wrote to her
— John. It may — directly. Get her
or his address from Cat Moore —
— a desire to learn, — h I
promise to — Fat too if she —
— Uncle —

(over) — home. Perhaps John is married by
this time I hope that he has — of a
speculation or it would have been better
for him to have remain — You were

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(you were)

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expecting a letter when you sent your letter
of the date of ——— at You must have
waited a long time I fear for the letter
I wrote ——— was written 7 weeks after
the one you have received of the ——— June.
I was sorry to have kept you waiting so long
but I have ——— in the letter. Remember
me to John and Henry when ——— I would
have written to Har ——— to this time only that
I had (turn right side of fragment up)
Keep all I have written ———
own immediate family ———
read what is on the final ———

(Take
able to finish my letter ———
shall not write any more ———
it may be sure to go by the ———
Webbs off before tomorrow ———

pend upon crossing the channel ———
(on little sheet 1" x 2" about)

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wrote to these gentlemen the first of the month requesting
them to open my letters and if either of them contained a
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they replied that if I sent them the bill they would be very
willing to collect the money and forward it to me.- I am
sorry that you Sent me an order upon Wley & Putman instead
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considerable trouble to get my money from London. The bank-

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Desiring them to procure me pupils or a Situation as professor in a school. I have not yet with the least success and God knows whether I will or not. I would not care for teaching if I was certain that the letters (page 3) I write for publication were well received. I fear that they are not, Still I keep on writing till I hear receive an answer from the editor or from you informing me that no one will publish them. If I knew that what I write was interesting enough for publication I should then be happy in knowing that I was gaining Something. Four letters per month at the moderate Compensation of \$5 per letter will produce me \$20 per month. This is sufficient to pay my expenses and more than sufficient in the way which I live at present. I hope Soon if I succeeded to be able to write eight letters per month which at moderate remuneration will yield \$40 and if paid as much as I expect \$80 per month. You See that I shall make money enough to live upon and be able to Save considerable if I meet with any Success. Had I besides letters to write for Scholars and was employed two or three hours three days out-of in the week I should be gaining at least \$100 per month! This is something to induce me to stay in France. I shall do my best to Succeed and if after all my trying I cannot I shall return home and open a Store in the Spring where I am certain with a Capital of \$50 or \$100 to clear \$100 or \$150 per month! But I had rather ten times over be engaged in a literary way than that the business would would not be dishonorable but of a very queer kind Such as does not as present exist in N.Y. I would tell you did I not know that you would laugh at me. There are many Stores

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briefly as possible answer you two long epistles which lie before me that I may neglect nothing of importance they contain.- I am in too much of a hurry to give things in any kind of order.- Sending me money apparently caused you a great deal of trouble. I pray you dear Mother not to let this be the case, if ever you make me an other remittance you have nothing to fear only see that your letters are put into the post office. I believe that not a single one of mine have miscarried since I have left home not even those I Sent while travelling. You acknowledge all up to the 16th of May, which last was dated from Rome. I have since sent one from Rome of the date of June 8th, containing others for Miss Devereaux, Harris Tisdale & Sutton, one from Martigny (Switzerland) of the date of ^{containing one for Harriet} July 26th/and one from Ostende (Belgium) dated Aug. 31st. Since arriving at Farris I sent by the Steamer of the 19th Sept a letter to you containing one for Harriet and by the packet of the 24th of Sept an other containing others for Miss Devereux, Mr. Porter, Bushnell, Cornwall, Sutton and Harris. besides the two I enclosed to Mr Webb on the 11th and the 19th of this month. I hope that you will receive all of them. I have acknowledged in a former letter all the money which you have remitted me from time to time nothing has miscarried. I wish you if ever you remit me any more mon ~~more-than-once-a-month~~ ey to have the bills drawn upon Greene & Co, they are the American Bankers here. There is to be a party at Mr Greenes tomorrow night he gives them often during the winter but he limits his invitations to his friends and those who have dealings with him. Last night I was at a little reunion of foreigners and did not

get home till after two o'clock. There were some dozen or fifteen gentlemen present from England, America Italy & Germany beside two or three frenchmen I need not Say but that I was highly entertained and much amused to See such a confu-- of languages. I have not received a letter from Mr Mallet Since the 23 of last month Mr Desneufbourgs received one about 2 weeks ago. He did not Say but what he had was well and enjoying himself. He has bought himself a cow and a Sheep. Who know but what he will turn farmer! He does not intend to come to Paris before next Spring and thinks of returning to America in a year from now but it is not likely (page 5) that he will return before he has spent all his money. Leopold has been very unfortunate. He was without a situation nearly two months which has made him run considerably in debt. At present he is clerk in a Store but does not receive as much Salary as he used to, however he has no reason to complain. He has been and Still continues to be a good friend to me. I value him more than any I have upon this Side of the waters, We assist one another Sometimes he is in my debt and Sometimes I am in his- I frequently go to visit his Sister Madame Drouard I have as yet Spent but one evening there Since my return from Italy. Soon She will commence to give her Winter Soirees. I go to See the Cochram family more than anyother at present where I am always kindly received & hospitably entertained. Mrs. C is really about as agreeable as any lady with whom I am acquainted. I wish that you only knew her and could have the pleasure of beholding her three interest-

ing little daughters. I am sure you would Say that they were the finest children you ever Saw. Mr C is about to go to Toulon (South of France) where he will probably pass the winter to Superintend a newly invented Sawing machine waie- the right of which the French Government is about to purchase from Mr Hamilton, the inventor, for \$60,000. I have frequently spoken to Mrs. C of you. The last time I was to See her I told her that I was going to write home She desired me to present her kind remembrances to you and Say that She hoped Some day to have the pleasure of your acquaintance. My health is excellent I have no aches nor pains what ever Every morning I bath my head with cold water. Time hangs heavily upon me at present. How I wish that I had a few Scholars or was Sure that my letters would be accepted I generally rise at 8 Sometimes a little Sooner. If the morning be pleasant I take a walk. After breakfast I read the papers which occupes me three or four hours. The afternoons I visit my friends to See if they have found me any Scholars. I take dinner from 5 to 6. The evenings I spend in writing or reading and when I am not So disposed I go to See a friend or ramb- le through the galleries of the Palais Royal. I do not wish you to read this letter to anyone but you may tell what you think proper with the (page 6) exception of my intention of going into business when I return. Wood is very dear and miserable here. I give 55 cents for a hund- red pounds which is at the rate of \$9.90 cents a load allowing it to weigh 1800 pounds Coal Sells for 70 cents a hundre pounds which is at the rate of \$15.40¢ a ton. I am not in my room much so I burn but little. I have a

room in my old hotel where I lodged last winter. I pay but 15 francs per month. I am not as well situated as I would like to be but as I am gaining nothing and no one comes to see me at my room I am not very particular. If I were gaining money I would soon take one for 3 or 4 times the amount. I think more of my personal appearance than anything else not excepting my belly. Anyone meeting me upon the promenades or in Society would judge that I lived from my general appearance upon roast beef and plum pudding every day- I have now but 256 francs, including the 18 which I count for 200 francs, This small sum must go very far if I remain here and can find nothing to do. The 8th of next month I have 15 fcs to pay for rent 21 fcs for books and 5 for Sundries so that there will remain only 215 fcs. An overcoat will cost 75 fcs which will leave 140 fcs This Small Sum must last me four months that is till the 8th of March. I shall have but 35 fcs a mo to Spend my rent is 15 So that I must live upon 20 fcs which is but 13 Sous or a little more than a Shilling a day. It does not cost me more than that now. I have given up going to a restaurant. I buy my things and take my meals at my room. I can not say that I like the way in which I live much. but what am I to do if I gain nothing? I must put up with it. The 140 fcs can no last me as long as Mar 8 it may till 8th or the middle of February. There are many little expenses which I can not reckon Such as for fire light postage &. I shall have 30 Sous to pay on this letter and 30 more on the one to Mr Webb which will be 3 francs I wish you would inform me how much you pay upon letters you receive by the Steamers and packets. Yours cost me 30 cents by the Steamers and 12

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ner 1½ francs and 1½ for Sundries. This would be living at
the rate of \$30 per month in a plain way. One could live in
N.Y. in fine Style for the Same money. For a young man to
live comfortably & genteely at Paris 400 or 550 is little
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wer your inquiries after Miss Child-I judge by what Emily
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would have them to be. Still I will not complain but endeavor to put up with them and hope for the better. Tell Tat the She need not be in the least jealous of me or what you may be willing to do for me. I would prefer twenty times to be in her chemise than in my shirt. I am at this beautiful Paris it is true but what do I care for that? I have seen everything interesting here and would be glad to leave did I not think that there is some chance of making money so that I may make life Supportable. As I have before Said I tell you that as Soon I discover that there is nothing to be earned I am going to pack up and Steer directly for home. I am sure of finding one friend there who will be glad to See me and I hope to find many rejoicing. We must as brot ers be more united if ever we expect to meet with the least fortune in this world. Neither of us is so independant but what we amy need an others assistance, So that let us love one an other from mere Interest if natural ties be not Sufficiently inducing. It astonishes me that John & Henry are so regardless as to be inattentive to your letters when at the same time you are lending them a helping hand. Surely you can not make me the least reproach. I answer you letter for letter as I hope to receive the same. So the boys have dissolved partnership! Wherefore? If they could not make out together Surely they will not be able to do anything apart. We shall neither of us swwwww become rich men or Succeed in our undertakings unless we beewee are more Stable. 'Rolling Stones gather no moss' is a very true proverbial (page 9- only fragments) expression - You say that da t. It will not Sail t is winter. He---for the 7th of next January. I would wish you to ascert-

ain whether he-- of her. If I cannot succeed here I might
return with him instead---You must keep an eye upon Tat
and not let that Spanish man run a ----are devlish hot
reckless fellows. I am glad that you are going to----es
taken. If I remain here and make money I will---Brown to
draw mine So that I can Send it home to you ---to our
Newark and ---York friends. I hope ---Tell me how grand-
father (i)s. Tat must not be be---- diamonds of the rich
Spaniard "All is not gold th---that Shines" and especially
if it be in the "dark". ---Nichols I wish him a lot of babies.
Perhap-----to Aunt Bryant and send the letter directly to
---a-Sever to the one I wrote to her ---John. It may ---
directly. Get her or his address from Cat Moore---- ----a
desire to learn-----h I promise to ---Tat too if she ----
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is married by this time I hope that he has---of a Speculation
or it would have been better for him to have remain---You
were expecting a letter when you Sent your letter of the date
of-----st You must have waited a long time I fear for the
letter I wrote---- was written 7 weeks after the one you
have received of the ----June. I was sorry to have kept you
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(following is on a little sheet 11" x 2")

Nov. 1, 1845 This is all Saints day I was not awair of it
till this moment--the post office closes 3 hours sooner on this
account. I must run off or I shall be too late. I cannot finish
Mr. Webb's letter How sorry I am, only wants half a page more.

(I) shall not write another to him for publication but I

Suppose I must inform him that I am going home.

Letter addressed to: Thomas Whaley to Rachel Whaley
Mrs Thomas Whaley,
Care of William M. Pye
Corner of Delancy & Cannon Streets
Etats Unis D' Amerique

(on left hand margin)
Nov. 1, 1845

Paris, October 28th, 1845

Since recieving your last letter I thought that I would not
send you what I have written, But I believe that I will that
you may know what I thought and how I felt-

(Body of letter)

Dear Mother,-

I commenced you a letter upon this very same
sheet nearly three weeks ago, but did not continue it for
the want of time. I sent in its stead a small note which I
enclosed in my first letter to Mr Webb for publication,
acknowledging the receipt of your two long parental epistles
of the 31st of July and 15th of August forwarded to me from
London by Messers Barring Brothers & Co on the 6th inst. I
wrote to these gentlemen the first of the month requesting
them to open my letters and if either of them contained a
bill of exchange to have the goodness to present it for accept-
ance. This they declined to do out of delicacy I suppose as
they replied that if I sent them the bill they would be very
willing to collect the money and forward it to me.- I am
sorry that you sent me an order upon Wley & Putman instead
of a bill upon some banking house. Instead of its being a
pecuniary advantage to me it will be a loss and put me to
considerable trouble to get my money from London. The bank-

er's commissions to transmit so small a sum will I fear be considerable. Had the amount been £ 10 Sterling I could have sent the order to Messers Wiley & Putman and requested them to have sent me two £ 5 notes which I could have sold here for 250 francs.- Were it a bill instead of an order I could negotiate it at any bankers in Paris. I am expecting some more money from you by the steamer which leaves New York or Boston today as I requested. You may then send an other order upon Messers W. & P if so I shall enclose it with the one I have to Barring Brothers & Co and desire them to collect the amount and remit it to me. It was no favor of Mr. Wiley to give you an order of £3 for \$40 he has allowed himself the same commission as any banker would have taken and I don't know but a little more. The \$40 will give me 200 francs the same as though you had sent me a bill upon Paris- Had I went to London I would have been very glad to have presented this order to Mr. Putman it would have been a sort of introduction to him so I must thank Mr. W on this account and you must thank him as it would have been impossible to have sent so small a sum by bill of exchange.- I shall take good care of what money you send to me I can not consider it to belong to me and if I take am obliged to take any of it I shall expect to account to you for it when you wish. (page 2) You will doubtless be very surprised to learn that I am still at Paris when I had written you that I should be in London and return home soon after arrival of letters which I am attending by the steamer which leaves New York today. I had no idea that I should be here now. But the fact is I hardly know what to do. I desire to see you all very much but I dread crossing the sea at this

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Desiring them to procure me pupils or a Situation as professor in a school. I have not yet with the least success and God knows whether I will or not. I would not care for teaching if I was certain that the letters (page 3) I write for publication were well received. I fear that they are not, Still I keep on writing till I hear receive an answer from the editor or from you informing me that no one will publish them. If I knew that what I write was interesting enough for publication I should then be happy in knowing that I was gaining something. Four letters per month at the moderate Compensation of \$5 per letter will produce me \$20 per month. This is sufficient to pay my expenses and more than sufficient in the way which I live at present. I hope soon if I succeeded to be able to write eight letters per month which at moderate remuneration will yield \$40 and if paid as much as I expect \$60 per month. You see that I shall make money enough to live upon and be able to save considerable if I meet with any Success. Had I besides letters to write for Scholars and was employed two or three hours three days out-of in the week I should be gaining at least \$100 per month! This is something to induce me to stay in France. I shall do my best to Succeed and if after all my trying I cannot I shall return home and open a Store in the Spring where I am certain with a Capital of \$50 or \$100 to clear \$100 or \$150 per month! But I had rather ten times over be engaged in a literary way than that the business would would not be dishonorable but of a very queer kind Such as does not as present exist in N.Y. I would tell you did I not know that you would laugh at me. There are many Stores

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ner 1½ francs and 1½ for Sundries. This would be living at
the rate of 30 per month in a plain way. One could live in
N.Y. in fine style for the same money. For a young man to
live comfortably & genteely at Paris 240 or 350 is little
enough. You may guess how I am living at present upon not
as many francs. No matter. I hope there are better days in
store for me. Do make great calculations about my return-
ing home and speak of the pleasure you will feel and the joy
we will partake of together- It grieves me sorely dear Mother
to think how disappointed you will be upon learning of the
impossibility of my returning this winter without exposing
myself to considerable danger But I trust that though the
time will be somewhat prolonged, that we shall ultimately
be permitted to meet. Your maternal kindness is so bountiful
I know of no words in which to express my thanks. Heaven
grant that in the decline of your life you may find in me
a comfort and a solace. -I am sorry not to be able to ans-
wer your inquiries after Miss Glide-I judge by what Emily
writes Leopold that she is shortly to get married so you
see the chances are ten to one that I shall lose the amia-
ble young lady- I hope I console myself in thinking to be
able to find another with as many good qualities.-I pray
you not to deprive yourself of anything on my account

ef-me if you wish to take a jaunt take it, and whatever you want to buy, buy it without reference to me, though were I home I would be pleased to accompany you or consult upon your choice-Remember me to Harris and my friends tell them how busy I am in hunting up Scholars that I may pass an other winter at Paris but do not mention about my letters unless I have Succeeded-I would not like anyone to know that I had failed in an affair of that kind. I have not forgotten my old acquaintances and though I believe they have almost forgotten me yet I intend writing to them Soon when I am a little more at leisure. -I perceive in reading your letter that you acknowledge the receipt of my letter written from Rome June 6th. So much the better. I hope the others will follow the same direction. I thank you for the arrangements you made with Capt. Moore about my returning with him. He does not appear any to generous. It is better in case that I take passage in his Ship, that I make the bargain. I think I could talk him out of more than you. He must be made to believe that I am to pay the money. You have a great desire for me to come in the first cabin and say that you will pay the difference between what it costs and the second. It is quite immaterial how I come whether in the "hold" or the Salon only for the name of the thing I presume that I could not be less happy in one than the other. I have learned to suit myself to circumstances and to be at my ease no matter in what position I am placed. A person who has travelled becomes used to anything and everything. -I am glad to have gained such a character People often say to me:- "Why Monsieur Shaley how happy you appear to be"! I have no reason to appear to be so for things are not with me as I

would have them to me. Still I will not complain but endeavor to put up with them and hope for the better. Tell Tat the She need not be in the least jealous of me or what you may be willing to do for me. I would prefer twenty times to be in her chemise than in my shirt. I am at this beautiful Paris it is true but what do I care for that? I have seen everything interesting here and would be glad to leave did I not think that there is some chance of making money so that I may make life supportable. As I have before said I tell you that as soon I discover that there is nothing to be earned I am going to pack up and steer directly for home. I am sure of finding one friend there who will be glad to see me and I hope to find many rejoicing. We must as brothers be more united if ever we expect to meet with the least fortune in this world. Neither of us is so independent but what we very much need an others assistance. So that let us love one another from mere interest if natural ties be not sufficiently inducing. It astonishes me that John & Henry are so regardless as to be inattentive to your letters when at the same time you are lending them a helping hand. Surely you can not make me the least reproach. I answer you letter for letter as I hope to receive the same. So the boys have dissolved partnership! therefore! if they could not make out together surely they will not be able to do anything apart. We shall neither of us ~~succeed~~ become rich men or succeed in our undertakings unless we ~~become~~ are more stable. Rolling Stones gather no moss is a very true proverbial (page 9- only fragments) expression - You say that Ca t. I will not sail it is winter. He---for the 7th of next January. I would wish you to ascertain

ain whether he-- of her. If I cannot succeed here I might
return with him instead---You must keep an eye upon Tat
and not let that Spanish man run a ----are devilish hot
reckless fellows. I am glad that you are going to----es
taken. If I remain here and make money I will---Brown to
draw mine So that I can Send it home to you ---to our
Newark and ---York friends. I hope ---Tell me how grand-
father (i)s. Tat must not be be---- diamonds of the rich
Spaniard "All is not gold th---that Shines" and especially
if it be in the "dark". ---Nichols I wish him a lot of babies.
Perhap-----to Aunt Bryant and send the letter directly to
---a-Sever to the one I wrote to her ---John. It may ---
directly. Get her or his address from Cat Moore---- ----a
desire to learn-----h I promise to ---Tat too if she ----
-----Uncle -----(over) -----home. Perhaps John
is married by this time I hope that he has---of a Speculation
or it would have been better for him to have remain---You
were expecting a letter when you Sent your letter of the date
of-----st You must have waited a long time I fear for the
letter I wrote---- was written 7 weeks after the one you
have received of the ----June. I was sorry to have kept you
waiting So long but I have----- in the letter. Remember me
to John and Henry when----I would have written to Har---t
this time only that I had (turn right side of fragment up)
Keep all I have written -----
Own immediate family -----
read what is on the Smal -----Take
able to finish my letter--
Shall not write any m---
It may be sure to go by th----

Webbs off before tomorrow----

pend upon crossing the chan-----

(following is on a little sheet 1" x 2")

Nov. 1, 1845 This is all Saints day I was not aware of it till this moment--the post office closes 3 hours sooner on this account. I must run off or I shall be too late. I cannot finish Mr. Webb's letter How sorry I am, only wants half a page more.

(I) shall not write another to him for publication but I

Suppose I must inform him that I am going home.

Paris October 31st, 1845

Dear Mother,

I received your letter dated the 15th inst this afternoon. It came quite unexpectedly for I was not aware that any steamer left N.Y. before the 25th. It happens very well for I can acknowledge your letter this time. Cambria has made the passage from N.Y. to Liverpool in 11 days which is the shortest on record. As I have stated upon an other about your letter has quite changed my intentions. I am now bound for home and shall start as soon as possible. You appear to have a great deal of trouble and know hardly what to do. I hope I shall be able to assist you. I shall endeavor to do all in my power. You wish me to come home very much. I am ready to comply though it was my intention to spend another winter here. I believe I can be more use to you home than to myself here. I am not certain of anything I have understand. Scholars appear to be very difficult to be got and I know not that I am being paid for writing my letters to Mr Webb. I am still of opinion that if I could but succeed in my plans I would make considerable money. But what signifies the little I can earn to the importance of settling up our affairs with Uncle John's Estate? I hope that we shall make a pretty good speck and I think we will if things are but properly managed. I can promise to do very little when I return but I hope to be able to urge

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To Wm

Paris Oct 31, '45

on the other as it is this law business which induces me to return at this season ^{more} than anything else. I see that you have taken some decided steps so that there is some probability of something being done. I shall leave here as soon as possible for London. I hope to bid adieu to all friends in a week from now and to be in London before the 10th of next month. I must remain there long enough to see the city it would not do to come home without knowing some little of London. I hope to be able to embark the 15th of December and if I do not go to Birmingham Liverpool & Leeds I think I shall be able to set sail the first of Dec. and perhaps the 27 of November. I would like to arrive in N. Y. before New years. How provoking it would be to arrive the day after. You wish me to visit Oxford and Cambridge I may go to these places but I fear if I get once travelling again I shall not know when to stop. I shall be pretty busy here till I leave in taking leave of my friends writing letters &c. I shall pass by Rouen & Havre take a steamer to Southampton and proceed from thence to London by Railway. I am very much obliged to you for the remittance it is small but I know that £5 is all you could spare.

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I shall be careful how I spend it. I have not had time to ~~tot~~ think what I shall buy. You may depend upon having a tea set but I fear I shall be obliged to borrow some money of Mr Drouard. I have not more than 50 frs in cash. I shall be obliged to borrow some to go to England for what little I have is not much more than sufficient to pay my debts. You know that I can not get money for the 8 & 6 pound before I go to London. I would send for it but, there might be some mistake. You say that you are willing to become accountable to Mr Drouard for what money I borrow from him. If I get 30 or 40 dollars which I think I shall be obliged to, to pay for my passage ^{to England} and some few that I wish to buy we can remit it to him from N.Y. I don't think that he will object to lend me money but then I do not much like to ask him as I am going away. I went to see Mr Cochran this evening who has crossed the ocean 17 times he says there is not much danger in crossing the ocean in December as in September or February & I hope I shall have a short and pleasant passage but I cannot expect to arrive much before 35 or 40 days. Heaven has protected me a long time and I am sure that He will guide me safely home and not forsake me during the rest of my absence. We

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(absence. W.)

Paris Oct. 31, '45

are now pretty sure of meeting what pleasure
do I anticipate. I shall be you my brothers
sister & friends I quite desire to behold
N Y I think I shall like it as well as ever.
It is now after 12 I must finish this and
then go to bed. Tomorrow I will rise early
and endeavor to finish the letter to Mr Webb
that is partly written so as to send it with
this - I shall continue my correspondence
with him till I leave London. I expect to be
able to send him three or four letters. You will
say nothing to him or the editor who is
publishing my letters that I have left
Paris. I hope to send him an other letter
before I leave. One from London, giving
a description of my journey from Paris
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gone from London to Liverpool where as now if I
visit this city I must return. The passage to
from Liverpool is shorter some 2 or 3 days. You
speak of my returning on the 10th of Nov. but
this is impossible had I gone to London when
I intended first I could have done so. I will do
as you say about the books and shows.

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Paris Oct. 31st '45

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Thomas Whaley to his Mother Rachel Whaley

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