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Hon^r Mr

Hotel de Paris Rue de la Loi
Sunday Evening 14th of Brumaire

Upon recollection, I find tis a long time since I ^{have} written to you - my last, I believe, was dated from La Courte, which place I left soon after in company with Madame de Serrant.

I had a charming journey with her along the banks of the Gironne to Bourdeaux (for after consultation we found our best plan with respect to that city) to Poitiers & Angers, & thence by the banks of the Loire to magnificent Chateau of Serrant which by peculiar circumstances & by a peculiar transfer of property before the Emigration has almost escaped the ravages which every other Chateau in France has experienced during the revolution.

I staid there but a few days having pressing necessity to return to Paris for my studies but I did not bid a long farewell - that would have cost me too much - I expect to see Mrs de Serrant here in Paris very shortly - unless any thing should prevent her coming this winter. I promised to go & see her again before I leave France - My sister had from her a few days ago, I have some fears that she may be detained at Serrant some time yet.

You rightly Judge that Mad. De S. would
give me any recommendation in her power. But
tho she has a great many acquaintances here,
she has none whom she recommended me to
let her recommend me except the Count
de Minimes, an Italian of great taste in
drawing - He knows that I am very busy,
& that I have no time for flirtations - yet if
she could have introduced me to some pleasant
family, I should have liked it - but I thought it
better to wait till I see her here & till I see
her acquaintance at her own house. If she
should not come, I can ask her for a letter to the
Duke of C. or to any body whom she thinks
will best suit me. She has promised me
a letter to General Annesby, when I return
to England - She is intimately acquainted with
him, & thinks our characters will suit.

What you report to me from Mr. Epic
would absolutely make me vain, were I not aware
that some of my friends are partial to me.
O my beauty too! I assure you that I have
never heard of it - but I will have the
frankness to avow a petty vanity that came
into my head, as I read that part of your
letter - "well" said I to myself - "since my
face is pleasing, I'll get my hair cut by

Mr de —, "the he does charge 5 Shillings"
I have not executed the folly yet — as at
present I have seen nothing but artists & literary
men but I don't promise that I shall not be
guilty of it. —

I have had a commission from a friend to
find out the address of an Englishman here — & as
he did not tell me how long the Gentleman had
been in Paris, & the police office has no
alphabetical list (it seems) of Strangers, I have
found it a very troublesome occupation. It has
even prevented me from calling upon my friend
here.

This is the first letter I have written
England since my return to Paris, because the
hastiness of the scrawl — I was loath to put it off a
day longer, thinking you might begin to be
impatient to hear from me. I am

Your Obedt Servant
J. Manning.

Direct to me

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