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Hotel de Paris Rue de la Loi
Wednesday 14th September. -

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Mon Sir

I have been expecting to leave Paris from day to day for these 5 weeks - it has prevented me writing - it has prevented me from doing any thing - I am cross as the tongs, yea, as our old kitchen tongs, the permanent crossness of whose inseparable legs entitled them (as I recollect) to the office of ~~the~~ occasional poker (in the days of Kester, was it not?, the same who swore she could not roast in the sunshine) I am cross with the Porter - cross ~~the~~ with the Porter's wife - a little while - cross with my Landlady - always - N.B. she's very ill favored, & cheats a little

I petitioned for leave to go back to Perrent - that petition required explanation - the lady who sent it for me was out of Paris - when she came back, she wrote another - & ^{three} weeks ago I heard, by means of a clerk, that I am to have a favorable answer - I was to have it on the ~~the~~ Tuesday - then I was to have it on the Wednesday - then on the Friday - then the minister was at St Cloud - then one thing, then another - but still I am always assured "Oh Sir, you'll certainly have an answer in a day or two." - so I go on

from day to day miserable - actually miserable

If I had known how long I was to wait for an answer, I should have gone to see Lady Clavering who is in the neighborhood of Paris, in a beautiful spot, & who has invited me to stay with her as long as I please - oh how I could swear!

I received your letter on Sunday (I think) it had a very quick passage. I am afraid this, which I shall put into the post office tomorrow morning, will be longer in reaching you. - I am glad to hear you have taken out a licence - I presume by this time you have been on the hills - but the ground must be terribly dry & hard - pray don't jump ditches - till the rain sets in - tis a remarkably dry season here - the scine was never known so low - many people foretell a plague but there are no symptoms yet yet, at least, for Paris is very healthy at present - tis at the same time very cold - quite cold enough for fires - I have not lighted one yet - but I have most warmly myself over a neighbor's more than once. William tells me nothing of whom he has read the paper - I should have been glad to have heard of Lloyd, & of Mr Clarkson, if by chance he saw him. He tells me that a college rector is dead. I think Barton must be near the top. Does he come in for the living? There is an idea among the English here that something is to be

done for us very shortly - such hopes have
certainly been held out from high authority tho
not perhaps from the highest & without that there
is nothing to be trusted to. There are but few
English admitted to reside in Paris - We are
exceedingly well off as prisoners; but as we
most of us came abroad without imagining that
we ran that risk, of course the measure falls
hard upon some individuals & cruelly hard upon
some - Let us hope there will shortly be a peace.
We have received the English papers here up to
the 24th August

Notwithstanding the urgency of the
improvements, reparations & embellishments are
carried on with the greatest activity both
here at Paris, & (they say) in other parts of the
Empire. Paris promises in a few years to
have its public buildings its streets its river
&c infinitely improved and adorned. A great
deal of the new money with the Consul's Effigy
is issued & continues issuing every day. The
Venus de Medicis has been arrived & exhibited
some time, with many other chefs d'œuvre
presented from the King of Naples.

You'll hear of me again either directly or
indirectly very soon. - Yr Obedt Son J. M.



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