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At length I received your letter about a month after date. I had written to you again about a fortnight before. I shall send this enclosed in a letter to Birmingham by a private hand. I hope to hear from you very soon.

I am perfectly well & unmolested. Paris has been quite tranquil. The trials for high treason will commence very shortly. 'Tis bitterly cold for April. 'Tis to day Thursday the 19th. Direct to me

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Faubourg St Germain a Paris.

I recommend you not to believe any surmises & conjectures you may see in the papers altho pretending to come from good authority. The safest way not to be deceived is to trust to nothing but extracts from the French papers.

I shall write a line on the other side to William.

My dear Friend

You never write to me;

What are you doing? How does Edward
go on? I hope we shall meet soon; at least
in three or 4 years. Grey headed; I am
drawing & very fast towards that state.
Does the College go on upon the old footing
Now Davy is master? Remember me to
Him particularly & to our good friend
Borton. I have a fine opportunity of studying
the French character. My conviction (at
least one of them) is this. 'tis impossible to
know what a foreign country is really is,
without dwelling in it; & 'tis not worth the
pains when you have done it; I don't mean
to say that Fr. is not as good as E. but
what then? Soup is as good as pudding — but
what then — we are full of prejudices in
E. with respect to France. A sensible man
residing in France may correct them; but in
my opinion he is just about as wise as he
was before, however this assertion admits of
some exception. I shall discuss the matter at

length in my dissertation upon the relative
advantages of nations. Adieu. God bless you

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