

~~John~~ George Ames

Madrid June 12th 1843.

My dear George:

This note will be handed to you, I suppose about the middle of August, by my friend and fellow traveller, Mr. Ames, who has also kindly taken charge of a roll of Music for Lewis: You will be able to learn from him all the particulars of the manner of life, we lead in our exile here, and should his stay in the city afford you an opportunity, it will give you pleasure, I am satisfied, to shew him any attention in your power:

Within a few days we have

had a very favorable specimen of our
Countrymen in the person of a Mr. Eaton
of Baltimore, who is on his way home thro'
France, after an extended tour of four
years, in Russia - Egypt - Syria &c -

Mr. Austin, the husband that was,
of Boris pretty friend Miss Ellwell, and
a Mr. Berg, both from Gotham, are
expected here tomorrow or the next day.

The disturbances seem to increase
and spread in spite of the hot weather.
In the South, they appeared to be nearly
over, when they broke out in the North.
At Saragossa there has been a sharp
skirmish in the streets, wherein the French
generals were defeated, with a loss of

several killed and wounded.

I am looking with interest to the
establishment of the French Steamers from
Cherbourg, which I hope will bring Madrid
and New York a little nearer to each other.
The greatest delay takes place of course in
Spain, where they seem destined always to
be about a hundred years behind ~~the~~
rest of the world. From this city to Bayonne,
about 400 miles, the mail requires three
days, and this route is the best in the
Kingdom - Judge from this, of the rest.

Yours affectionately.

Alex. Hamilton.

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