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Dear Sir, I have just to you and Mr. A. was off Dover
in a postscript of the 8th ult. the day I landed. I hope my
letter by that vessel (the Fair Amor.) with the little box by Mr. Parnell
may have reached Rhinbeck in safety. I had great satisfaction
in learning your welfare by Mr. Morten who had received a
letter from you as late as Apr^l. He is now gone to the Court
of which he has doubtless informed you. We are curious to know
how the Disarmament of Erskine's arrangement will be received
by the wise heads at Wash^g. I cannot but think that an
amicable adjustment will take place, by which probably the Ports
of H^ll^d as well as France will remain blockaded. No conclusive
opinion however can be formed what is to be our relative situation
with the two great powers. Nat^l is too busy to think much
of us at this moment, but if our Merch^{ts} are so eager
to profit of the present juncture^{as} to enter again a few millions
into the ports subject to his control, he will not then think the subject
unworthy of his attention. As an individual I would not take the risk.
He will certainly view our relations with G. B. with a jealous eye,
an adjustment will nearly break up his coercive system with respect

to her, a system he has sworn in wrath he will not depart from.
You will now get frequent accounts by the opening of the Inter-oceanic
and learn the rapid & astonishing extent of the Coast's. As an
individual aloof from Politics & of state affairs a residence in
France is perfectly secure - some of my friends have expressed a
little inquietude - but I think there is no cause for it. In that
country of course one invariably looks on ^{the} Politics and party
subjects of his fellow countrymen - and comes to reflect only
on their general comparative happiness with the people and
countries around him. What a contrast, would to Heaven it could
be realized - how much clamour and discussion would cease. - I
shall probably pass at least three months longer in England - it is
wonder enough to take a cursory view of the wealth institutions & power
of this singular people - To whom, however we may feel superior as countrymen,
we must allow the credit of managing single handed - this immense
combination of Power, wielded by the most extra^{or} man that has yet appeared.
If I were to pass another winter abroad which at present I do not
expect - I should much prefer the climate of France, the great
difference in the expense of living in the two countries in corresponding situations
becomes also an object for men of moderate means.

I travelled last year with a young Mr Jones - he is quite a good
fellow and thinks of establishing himself at N.Y. if he concludes upon
it I may perhaps give him a line to you - he is about 23 - and
I think I could recommend him to Kate. ^{He is not} ~~He is not~~ my dear
little boy - I hope the Hobby horse will now go out for an Holland.
We were obliged to leave the Eschschers they were so bulky. - Do not
fail to remember me to Mr Lth R. L. Livingston - also to ^{Mr} ~~Mr~~ Jones.
ask you my dear fellow a thousand times for all I thank
you for advice on matrimony ~~and other subjects~~. You have
given me what is better a good example. God grant
you may long enjoy its pleasures - ~~and~~ let Paris
I made the acquaintance of Mr Poysett - who it seems is to be your
neighbor he is an interesting man and will be an acquaintance to your
neighborhood - During my residence at Paris I found you ^{at} a mile
hospitable and friendly - and whether you may pronounce it
honest, or no - I thought him a spirited & independent minister -
I shall not write to the East? perhaps by this occasion - but may
Dear M - a wife make known to them my affection and constant remembrance.
After two or three weeks I shall be considerably in the country, on
excursions one way & another - I entrust you dear Sister - & Brother -
Yours &c Mrs Armstrong. Democratic
opponent? W. S. M.

Letter from London.
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