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U.S.A. -
from William Langer

My dear friend. In two or three days from this I leave
France on board the Big Fair American - the will I hope
put me on the other side in a very short time - we have
or 50 passengers - the vessel so small that the greatest number of
us will not have even a birth. I intended to delay writing
you until I was at anchor or safely landed - but I forwarded
by the Bag a few lines from this, least the confusion & haste
in getting on shore & departure again of the vessel may prevent.
I left Paris a week since - in which period the public violence
has arrived - and I have had the inexpressible satisfaction of
receiving in a note from Good^e Love^r & your letter with my dear
Mary Ann of the 22^d Jan^y - They are the first words from
any one of my friends after thirteen months silence. My
friends then thank God were in health - a period like this is
often so eventful that I trembled in opening your letters.
I feel now a new confidence that your health &
welfare all may be continued. I am delighted with
the news from Boston - after Lee & Spurr - there cannot
be a person more gratified than myself at the arrival
of the little stranger - I hope these matrimonial courses

& changes may afford my dear sister Lee a better
system of health. - There is a Hobbystown in Holland
already packed up for my little W^m - I see no
prospect of its going out. -

Placards have hostilities commenced with Unitarianism
before her unfortunate destiny is fixed, she will probably
cease to exist as a primary power - You will have by
files of papers the details of the action which continued
three days near Boston - and the issue of which
they say (perhaps in terms of exaggeration) will be more
fatal than was that of Jena to Prussia. We have not
yet the particulars, the papers announce 30,000 prisoners killed
20,000 Standard, cannon &c. in just 12 - and that the
Lord Duke Charles has retired to Hungary with his Staff
Major - The conquest of Spain is not yet finished.
I hope to write you in a few days from a neighboring
country - with great friendship & affection Yours
W.D.

I embrace you dear Mary with a ~~kind~~ affection - after my
wanderings are finished - may my ~~W^m~~ be last hear yours - for if I
should after all remain to feel the weight of the man hear & tender
connections who else in the decline of my life can supply their place.
- You good heart? I am well pleased to see is not left as a devoted
for maintaining these ones. I believe he has now written me a letter
which ^{has not} like a good story ended with marriage. I assure you the
Grand husband. hold very different language. I regret much
to hear that M^r & K. Livingston's health is indifferent - make my regards
to them - I send you, probably to the care of M^r & K. Purviance, a watch
with the guarantee - I wish you may wear it in safety - in the flame
like - is a perfect B.A. - which you will be good enough to forward to
our friend M^r & K. Purviance -
I hope you received my Phil^{is}
although my friends at Paris & I
in the printer had not received it

I am Aff^{ly} W.D.

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Letter from
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