

Paris May 3<sup>rd</sup> 1765.

Dear Sir I have just received a letter from your  
 mother in law who has been in an army to the  
 frontiers of the Rhine. She writes that she had  
 written a letter to Berlin to wait for you. But she  
 writes that she had a letter to Cologne. which I would send  
 you in Paris. so that you would see it just as soon as  
 possible. I have written on the 28<sup>th</sup> of March by the  
 post to the Duke of Burgundy by Geneva & Florence. It was  
 intended to start off on a short excursion to Paris  
 & Augis. I was quite surprised to find that you  
 were in Paris. that I would do so this week & that  
 he should perhaps in time to send you a letter to  
 you to happy duty that you have made your  
 arrangements to visit us in Paris. I hope my  
 mother will attend plain for you. I would  
 have it made without difficulty to catch up  
 you a little before. so as to arrive in Paris on the  
 10<sup>th</sup> of the 19<sup>th</sup>. I had sent to a friend of mine in  
 Paris to take rooms for us at the Hotel Bedford  
 the Madrilaine. Rue de L'Arcade 17. so that we can  
 be near our little old woman of Buchenbach  
 memory. It is a very nice Hotel kept by an English  
 woman. I stayed there some years ago. It was  
 comfortable. If the carriage find rooms here to well  
 elsewhere I can a note for us at the Hotel Bedford  
 to have us all together. which is all arranged. I will  
 say you need not be troubled with any  
 you will come to the Hotel Bedford & if there is no  
 resolution ask for a note addressed to Mrs. Croft  
 in the name of your apartment. I have in your name  
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... to have seen on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> - Hoping to arrive  
in Marseille on the afternoon of the 16<sup>th</sup> - reach Paris  
on the afternoon of the 15<sup>th</sup>. The weather in the  
provinces so very bad here - the wind, & also continuing  
a strong & stormy variable. I may be obliged to remain  
one day or two for the steamer of the 16<sup>th</sup> which should  
bring me in Paris on the 18<sup>th</sup> so that if you attempt  
to carry out any plan about lately - you <sup>will</sup> still be in  
Paris before you: I shall try to be in Paris on the 15<sup>th</sup> if I can  
and send you a letter which should reach you at Brussels  
on your return there on the evening of the 19<sup>th</sup>. God bless you  
my darling for wanting me. I want you just as much.  
I long to see you & hold you to my heart again - for you  
are - dear - dear to me - in my own heart's blood. I am  
now what I shall do if I am disappointed with re-  
gard to the position which I hope you may be allowed  
to hold towards me. I look forward with great anxi-  
ety to the time when some decision can be arrived  
at on this point. I get afraid of all sort of opposition.  
But I know my darling has a strong will & she  
can accomplish what she wills - as we have found  
- like I said to you. I have had such sad letters from  
home in England. My poor mother is so poorly &  
they write me is so broken. That they do not believe  
she will last through another winter. The poor dear  
I don't look for all, in my darling's letter & weeps &  
never ceaselessly. I feel so very uncertain to my  
moments when I hear this - I don't know whether I  
ought to go to America - at all events with I can  
take her with me. If Mrs. Hall is to be married  
again in early September - my mother must remain  
where she is - until he does marry. I then I must  
remov her - I want her to come to America but they  
think she is too much out of health to bear the  
journey. I am very sorry to hear this & I shall  
try to see her in the next few days.

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God bless  
I am told  
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...will talk of all these things & you are...  
I want to see you & you of course...  
...but just now I don't come in for your  
share of the burden. do you for me?  
- How far away are you? what any thing you could say and  
write to me - you are in your most precious and  
all for me, all your thoughts is equally dear, write to me in  
as you will - write just for I am very anxious to hear  
from you & have them always about with me - I wish  
I had - We darling then are people in the world who  
could understand our love for each other then few  
is necessary that we should have all experience for  
ourselves - but demonstrate too clearly our just desires  
to each other. We but such observations & news & relations  
that is best avoided. I love you as I love me & will  
seek every opportunity of being with you - when I  
not seem to you to do so - you must believe it is for  
some good & true purpose & that to my olden years  
& old friends? We darling you can be all to me  
any human being can, & you shall be my  
my joy, my comfort, my rest, my hope, my all!  
but patience we must wait. The consent of others  
inwardly the way is hard - we will be to please  
as much as we can. I must to think of our good fortune  
to accomplish our wishes. Dad has not yet come  
home from his shooting excursion. He will write to  
me as soon as he does - he has been shooting only  
in & through me. He has been shooting non birds  
but to his time - which hangs heavy on his hand,  
but he can see you. Evidence left a week ago -  
just saying body is gone but us. Our flat my room  
not long for my darling. Give my kindest love to  
Mum & the whole who is happen with you both away  
from any other influences. I & Mary - love the latter  
the 13<sup>th</sup> April

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Paris le 10 Mars 1848  
Monsieur le Directeur  
de la Banque d'Union  
Schaeffhauser  
à Cologne