

It is it really true that my Dr. Jefferson dictated  
the paragraph in my friend Botidoux's letter -  
that when you had time, you might acknowledge  
the receipt of my last letters, I flatter myself still  
that you are not quite so indifferent to your  
friends as to send her such a message, were it not  
at least in joke. I am doing a friendly office, which  
is to rise very early (although I went very late to bed).  
to inform you of a paragraph I read in the news-  
paper yesterday, you will find your name is  
mentioned in it; I was willing to give you the  
earliest intelligence of it, that you might prepare  
your answer to any questions your Father (who  
will certainly see it), might ask you on the oc-  
-casion, you know he can get it but by the same  
post as you will receive this - you have never  
talked to him on that subject. I imagine, as I  
think you never mentioned it to me in any of  
your letters. My dear girl I am to be married  
on Wednesday (the day after to morrow), I have  
not been myself for this week past - & am now  
really un peu derangée dans la tête, the idea  
that I quit all my friends, my dearest & nearest



relations so soon, to follow a man, who may soon forget the many promises he has made me, & in the end prove totally different from what we all imagine him to be, makes my feelings too acute to bear description - if - but - I will not anticipate, imagining evils or dwell on this subject - on which I can never converse half an instant without showing myself, (Mama says), an idiot - direct all your next to Wattuperry where we go directly after the ceremony. Adieu, pity your distressed friend, indeed I am very unhappy, tho' I have every reason to be <sup>quite</sup> the contrary, a description of my journey &c you shall have soon; & pray Jef write to me, till how your father read the enclosed I know he takes the English newspapers, consequently must have seen it - Tell Belour M<sup>de</sup> de Laritite & my Dr M<sup>de</sup> de Crofton that I will write to them soon; I hope Belle & Bob will exert their friendship & write to me before I answer their last letters as I shall be in a continual hurry for some time to come. I know not what I write indeed Jef, but you will I know excuse me, I was obliged to write this

early knowing I should not find time otherwise,  
so no one is up in the house & I have no paper  
but bits of letters, however, they are of little con-  
-sequence so as you gain intelligence of this infer-  
-nal paragraph - I wonder much, who wrote  
it - was it not Mr Miles? he is in England -  
Miles breakfasted with me about a week ago,  
poor girl she is very unhappy, her mother being  
very ill - this is only surmise perhaps he never  
has even heard of it, there fore don't believe it -  
Pray write soon &

believe me most sincerely  
& affectionately  
yours  
B. J. G.

I am not quite sure of my direction, but will  
inquire & add it in an hour's time -

Mr Carson Watterpeny House, near Wheatly  
Bridge, Oxford shore; give my direction to my  
correspondants - Mr Carson  
Watterpeny

Near Wheatly Bridge Oxford shore

J'espere que toutes ces dames prieront pour Capar-  
-ve Toquin - ainsi que les demoiselles de la  
classe -