

Northfield October 23^d 1789

I have just received my dear Miss Jefferson's kind letter which surprized very agreeably, as I had seen some time ago in the newspapers, that you were at Cowes, we have frequently thought of you since, imagining you were on the sea by this time - I do not think we shall be wrong in our conclusions - I hope we shall have the pleasure of hearing from you on your arrival in America - but before I proceed I must satisfy your curiosity, in case you have not heard before respecting the French person of consequence in search of, that the Duke d'Orleans is arrived in London, I have just received a letter from the Duke of Dorset who has seen him, he intends to remain here as long as he can, the object or excuse of his journey is on business, *de la part du grand en marque* to the King here, but not of any thing important. The Duke in his letter desires us to send ours to him, that he may have the satisfaction of having them sent to you - he does not return to Paris being appointed Steward of the Household, which is a very good place

+ nothing to do + what is very pleasant - has several things in his gift; very fortunately one is just dropped of £950 a year, which he has given to Mr Stone, it is clerk of the wine cellar at St. James', he will ^{have} a apartment in it + plenty of wine to entertain Mr Gardener with, if she returns to England, which she talks of doing, Poor Botidoux will be quite in despair to lose all her friends, I have heard from her since your departure, she complains of being quite mauquade, Mr Stone who is gone to Paris for ten days, has promised to go to see her. Tom is to remain there, he wrote word to the Duke it was very dull at Paris now + immediately afterwards said a letter Caroline had written to you he had sent to the American charge d'affaires, (I will not mention names for fear of offending you), who promised to forward it - it was easy to discover his thoughts by that - The weather here is very fine - I hope the wind is favorable, by this time I think you must have recovered your sickness - We are at my Brother's house in Kent, about 24 miles from Dover, (I wish you had landed there), only we had with Mr Hume, a person who lives with us, we often wished for her to walk with instead of Sally

in the Champs Elysees we are not very merry here,
we ride & walk every day, we shall remain here prob-
-ably til December when we shall go to London - I
shall finish this very dull & uninteresting letter
in entreating you to write very often, you must
give an account of all your adventures; in the
course of years our letters will make quite an
History. I think we had better not publish them
separately. Caroline desires her love. Adieu my
Miss Jefferson - I am almost ashamed to send such
nonsense so far, the Post is going out so I have not
time to write another letter if I should destroy it:
believe me ever

Most Affectionately Yrs
E Tufton

P. S. Mieser & Mrs Coutts are
just gone to Paris to take their daughters
from Pantheonmont; they all go on to spend
this winter in Italy & cannot speak Italian -