



La Grange - October 12th 1825

I most affectionately thank you, my dear friend, for the letter I have received on the moment of my departure. Melancholy it has been indeed, to hear that your beloved father was not better and that the omission of one night's Laudanum has caused so much pain. The doctor had hopes to remove it to much longer intervals, and from my conversation with Mr. de Segur whom I have found here I am confirmed in my sense of the instance I had mentioned. Be pleased to continue your much wanted bulletins.

We had very much to be satisfied with our ship, our captain, and all inhabitants of the boarding time, as well as with our passage which, altho it has been rough, was very short, and brought us in 24 days to a meeting, as above, with a part of my family; the remainder I have found here. We have been very kindly welcomed by the people. Obstacles thrown in their way by government have misled their eyes and proved unavailing. I am now surrounded by so many friends that I had only time to offer to your father, to you, to every person of your family the tender and respectful sentiments of my children, Mr. de Tracy who is with us, the ladies; I wish as yet to pass before the seas west. Remember me to the members of the University, to all friends, particularly to Mr and Mrs Madison when you see or write to them. and receive, ad of you, my most affectionate wishes and friendship.