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instant. I had before received those of Sep. 17. & Dec. 11.
The severity of the winter has been beyond all example in
every part of France, even Marseilles. at Nice however it
has been fine, and we do not learn that the cold has been
remarkable in any part of Italy. as health is your object
I should suppose there could be ^{no} question but that you would
prefer Naples to Rome. The climate of Naples is clear & warm
that of Rome foggy, cold, and rendered extremely unhealthy
by marshes. I inclose you a letter of recommendation to
young Mr Cathalan of Marseilles which will answer all
your purposes there. he is our Agent at that port. I have
no acquaintance at Naples, but am intimate with a Neapo-
-litan here from whom I will ask & send you letters. I think
you would do well to try to fall in with Mr Short and Mr
Atledge now at Rome, & soon to go on to Naples. we have
no news from America later than October. 11 states had
accepted the constitution and all was going on well.
I shall be happy to hear from you wherever you are, and
beg you will ^{always} faithfully inform me of your health. I sail
for America in April, to return in the fall. I shall be at Boston
in the course of my tour. I am with great esteem Dear Sir
your most devoted & humble servant

M^r. Tho^s. Paine

J. J. [Signature]