

Montes Sur Seine, 1^{er} mai 1816.
Lettre en answer dictée to M. Hottignies Beauquis
à Paris

My dear and honored Sir,

More misfortunes have been in this revolution for a second time of our short existence, the lot of my dear and distant family, ruin'd for a second time I am rather in a little tower at 15 leagues from Paris, and happily enjoy my dear son's society, who has lent his place as well as myself, thank god our lives have been without approach, and I had only render'd my first misfortunes useful to the young part of my family in August 1792, my habitation in Paris near the Thuilleries had been burnt and I lost three thousand found in two hours time - and the totality of my income, in ^{the} present accidents befallen to our country a great battle has been deliver'd on the adjacent ground of my farm the only producing thing I possess'd 200 Melons have been rotted, the cows eaten, 12 horses taken for the wagons, part of the farmer's house burnt, and for three years to come I am still depriv'd of my farm's rent. - in these unhappy circumstances the weight of my misfortunes, and the number of

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Secretary of States of the
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my years have rendered the- better Superior to
my physical force, and I have- Suffered for these
last four months a great disorder in the nerves of
my stomach, I am better now, and wish still to live
on account of my Dear and Worthy Son. - it something
ease both the numerous wounds of my heart it is
the loss- and remembrance of my good and sincere
friends, and for that reason I take the- liberty to
recall my self to you, my Dear Madam and Mademoiselle
and my Dear Scholar Eliza, I am happy when
I think of your peaceful residence, and that you
are so far from the old volcanic mountains of Italy
and the volcanic wars of our old country
Mr. Piddanville- nephew to my aunt Houpman, having
lost his place, has turn'd his eyes towards
France and towards your happy country. many
frank persons, send I from me letters for
my brother or my good friends in America

but I will only take the- liberty to intrude- upon
my relations & friends only in favour of members
of my own family or very intimate friends, if you
can Deem and honour I sh^d be useful to my
friend Mr. Piddanville. you will oblige us
particularly. - my tender respects and compliments
attend Madam- Mouton- and my Dear Eliza
I will be happy if I hear from them. Eliza
has been indispos'd of pains in part of her
body after her laying ill. I visited her in the
time she- remained that great event, and hope
my letter came- safe in her hands. the
Doctor I consulted ^{on her account} told me, that the- wearing
of flannel Shifts, and our medicinal Waters
in France, were the proper remedy. - they
have no knowledge of your Waters, but certainly
you must have- some- on the new continent which
bears some analogy with Pessage's Waters
in the Pisnieis. adieu my Dear Sir, you and
good and honourable family think sometimes of your
unhappy sister- and good friend your cousin.