

Louis Philippe

Sire,

I wrote to ~~your Majesty~~ ^{you} in March. 1838 & my letter was presented to you by general Cass, minister plenipotentiary of the United States & I have not as yet received an answer. ~~why it I should have ^{overlooked} ~~imagined as I made a mistake~~~~

Since that letter was written I have been obliged on account of my health, to take a sea voyage, & came to Paris, where I have been nine months.

My family were blind, & consoling your Mother the late Duchess of Orleans, which was to the best of my recollection in the years 1794 & 5. - when she was separated from her children, & did not know where they were. My father & Mother at great risk kept up an intercourse secretly with her, through servants hired for the purpose, & recommended by count Otto, & had it been known to the chamber of Deputies which was the only government that existed at the time, ~~she~~ would have been ordered out of Paris in twenty four hours.

I am now in distress, in ill health, & in a foreign country, & I therefore appeal to your Majesty to aid me for a short time. If your Majesty would allow me a few rooms on the smallest scale in one of his numerous palaces in Paris, until my affairs are settled, I should feel myself under the

the greatest obligations. At present I am making every effort, to get my share ^{estate} of my late father's ^{estate} ~~estate~~ president of the United States, ~~estate~~. He left my brother in law sole executor, & he has kept the whole ^{property} in his hands, & I have not as yet received one cent. but to enable me to get what is literally due to me, almost all the little income left to me by my husband George Flay, Judge of the southern District of Virginia, is taken up in paying lawyers for opinions to bring the affair before the courts of the United States.

I regret extremely, that my mother, before her death, burnt, all her papers, which puts it out of my power to produce many letters written by your mother, the late Duchess of Orleans to her, & by the lady ~~that~~ who attended ~~to~~ her. If your Majesty would give me a private audience, I could explain many things, that I do not like to put ^{perhaps it is not necessary to} in a paper. I need not add ~~that~~ respect that the constitution of the United States makes no provision for the children of ex presidents. It is possible, that if your Majesty should extend his protection to me at this moment of distress, that it may be remembered by the people of America with gratitude as ^{justice will} ~~is~~ the daughter of one of the ancient chiefs of the republic, & by a crown head. They will feel it, & ~~perhaps~~ ^{perhaps} it will induce them to protect those who belong to

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I have been much ^{worried} ~~troubled~~ to find out how I could send this letter to your Majesty. I could not ask general cap as my first letter presented by him had not been answered. Therefore I must trust to the first opportunity that offers. I confess that I do not wish that any eye should see the contents but yours, ^{but as} I am told that no letter can be presented ~~seen~~ ^{read} by one ^{of your ministers of course} of the ~~ministers~~, if such is the case, I must ~~trust~~ ^{of course} send this in the usual way ^{both the procedure who has charge of it is acquainted is informed has read it}. If your Majesty cannot aid me I earnestly beg, that he will send me an answer, ^{as soon as possible} for suspense is the most dreadful state in which the human mind can be placed. - - I mentioned to your Majesty in my first letter ^{that I had lost my only child.}

My father left his Memoirs, & other Manuscripts, a large library, & an elegant establishment in London. County Virginia all of which I ^{with 3 thousand acres} your earnest retains, why his works are not published no one can tell. - - If your Majesty can aid me at the present moment it may save me from utter ruin. living in Paris in very dear house rent, & fuel is exorbitant, & if I could be for a few months be saved from such expence I may hereafter be made happy & comfortable, & repay whatever is now tendered to me