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You may prepare for your European trip, as a messenger from the blind goddess has just apprised me of her continued regard, & no doubt meditates ere long a brilliant visit to her favourite at Poverty Hall. In other words your ticket in the grand lottery came up a prize of \$13. and thinking it would meet your wishes I had it renewed in a half & quarter tickets.

There is nothing of news here other than the expected arrival of a Minister from Mexico (his suite having preceded him & made known the facts) with 13 or 14 millions of dollars to be expended in a Navy for the use of that Republic whose Independence either is, or is expected to be acknowledged by the Mother Country — Jeremy Munroe, it is hoped, will not be governed by his fears on this occasion but readily receive his Excellency, who it is further stated is authorized to negotiate a Commercial treaty with our Government — This with an account of an earthquake from Petersburg, an occurrence

which has caused but little sensation here. owing
I presume to the many shocks lately felt by
the poor people of this Borough, is all that
I have to communicate.

Now my dear & much respected friend,
permits me to apologise to you for not having
at an earlier date thankd & reproved you
for your very friendly letter. — Thankd you
for the sentiments of genuine regard therein made
manifest, & reproved you for thinking or
advising me to lay you under contribution for
an occasional visit. — Accept my most
heartly thanks for your friendly & able efforts
in the improvement of my sons mind, and
the thought of his being with you & conduc=
=ting himself well is to me most cheering.

I will not trouble you farther but

Subscribed myself
Yrs Truly

J. Cooper