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My dear friend,

My time has so much been taken up by my business occupations, that I hardly had time, since I came here, to write any private letters, except to my wife, which of course, could not be missed. But now, when the new year, which I wish you as happy as you could desire it, has set in, I begin to feel more at leisure, & gladly begin or rather resume my correspondence with you. I will write you regularly, whether I receive answers or not,

admitted I have time A 9 day  
of you, should you feel inclined,  
and me or few words, May with  
advantage be most welcome to  
me. The box containing my  
book & your parcel of mine, as  
well as Mrs Williams parcel, arrived  
to day, or last the next day  
arrived from Liverpool & I  
had the bill of lading. Mr  
Young is in charge but his  
work is being printed, through  
his agent. I was pleased to  
learn, some time ago, through  
Rev<sup>d</sup> Gr Lee, the great paper;  
King George the I. now there  
a magnificent state of things.

is inaugurated, I shall be  
glad to receive from time to  
time your views & hopes for the  
future of our beloved Greece.

In regard to American  
affairs, matters look hopeful  
& the Confederacy shows signs  
of waning in. The policy of the  
administration seems to be  
now different from that pro-  
claimed at the beginning  
of the war. It appears that  
the radical view of the case  
is now the favourite one &  
one being in this dreadful  
dilemma, they prefer to cut  
the Gordian knot & have done  
with slavery for ever. I believe  
the peculiar institution of the

South is doomed, only time  
will show the practical results  
of such an extreme measure.  
The only thing is, colored people  
are getting so impertinent, that  
they are absolutely intolerable.  
The army of the North will be  
increased again & the Navy has  
increased amazingly. Abraham  
Lincoln seems to like a further  
residence of 4 years in the White  
House, but Chase, with his green  
back is a terrible competitor  
chance for Edward. My wife  
wrote me she spent a charming  
evening. My sons, some time ago.  
Please accept my thanks for  
your courtesy & her. My regards  
for Mr Hill & the Marions.  
Yours very sincerely  
J. M. Mason

Mr. Chapman

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