

On board the French Steamer "L'Amérique" No 4
bound to Athens 1 June 1869.

Res & dear Christian Brother - dearly beloved Mr.
Morgan, & my sweet affectionate Children whom I
love in truth, Ann, Edith & Kitty.

Rarely has a day passed without some endearing
remembrance of your love & affection for the old Couple
glancing thro' my mind. On the Ocean & on the Land -
wherever we were, the memory of your ~~words~~ friendship
was like sweet Music to our Soul. It was pain & grief
to me & my dear Wife that we could not find one leisure
moment after our landing in England, to write to you
but our time was wholly engrossed with affairs & by the
hospitalities of our friends up to the very moment of our de-
parture for the Mediterranean.

We were met on the very hour of our arrival by Marks
of God's special favour: And without losing time in
writing to you about our Voyage - & other transitory matters
I wish to tell you at once, that the whole of that dark
Cloud

which threw it, shadow on us & was so deep as to en-
danger, were it possible, even the warmth even of your
large heart's Confidence. (but it was not possible) was
swept away as soon as we met face to face our dear old friend
at Wetherstone (W & W Braubridge), he recd. a Telegram
as soon as our Ship anchored in the Mersey, that was awaiting
us, urging us to come down immediately to 'The Hall'. & this was
followed on the same day by a most affectionate letter to the
same purport. Nothing could exceed the loving kindness of our
reception. & no one could have supposed that these were the
persons whom I had defended according to Miss Mary B
Palowin's statements made to our Pro. Committee & actually
believed by them in spite of our mutual assertions of the
entire falsehood of the charges. The next day W Braubridge
^{one of} as the Magistrate of the County, was obliged to be absent in a
neighboring town all day & not a word passed between us on
business of any kind. The next morning we came together
by appointment - & the first thing he did was so
wonderful a thing, that altho' it does not belong exactly
to this story, it throws such a light on the circumstances

Character of our old friend of 35 years, & shows in so very strong
light his unbounded affection & confidence in us, that I must
mention it. Without asking him, I may say, but merely
upon our stating some of the difficulties we had had to contend
against among our "dearly beloved Evangelical friends &
Brethren", he took up his pen & in an easy pleasant
way as if we were doing him an obligation - he at once
"Cancelled & annulled" a Mortgage Amount, with the
intent, to \$3500 (in Gold) - & as this could not be done
in legal form, in Exeter, he set off on the next
day to Birmingham for the purpose of executing the pro-
per legal document which he caused to be sent to me in
London thro' his Solicitor, all in due order that I might
take it with me!! - The next thing we spoke of to him
was Mary Baldwin's outrageous slander. It appears he had
heard of it, thro' the British Consul (a friend of his & mine)
who had communicated it to him ^{at the request of} the American
Minister, W. Tuckerman - & Miss Baldwin had been
very free, it appears, in talking of this & defaming me

to many Americans among whom, we understand, &
Admiral & W^m Farragut! during W^m Bell's absence
when their plots were got up for certain quarters not
unknown to us - & Miss B. acted as Chief of the band.

W^m Braebridge very quietly, took from his drawer a
bundle of papers marked "free", Hill's accounts -
& handing them to me said, "You can keep them - they
may be of use to you". They were the whole of my files
containing specifically all the monies paid in toward
by Miss Baldwin for the period she hired W^m Brae-
bridge's horse - until the end of her lease! W^m Braebridge
moreover said, "I never dreamed of making Miss Baldwin
& responsible for the rent, as she had paid it & you had
& accounted for it - & moreover it would have been rather
absurd for me to have considered Miss B.'s responsibility
or worth anything?" W^m B. had written to W^m Meritt
to refute this abominable charge - & I presumed ^{Mr} ~~the~~
Meritt had enlightened W^m Tuckerman (at all events, I shall
say Baldwin says, (it appears), that W^m Braebridge
has promised her to go in to Jaffa! until this matter
was settled! W^m B. never heard of her intention of going to
Jaffa - & has nothing to do with her or her movements.
I have all the papers, with you.