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Seyra, 7th February 57.

Reverend Sir,

Want of perspicuity in my last letter is perhaps the main cause that induced you to advise me to forget the Past & to decline lending me your aid in the last step I took. My restored health must, however, convince you that I have not been pining ever, convince you that I have not been pining ever since I grew diffident of the sincerity of others. nor have I been inactive in thought and in deed, even while in a convalescent state. Be sure, therefore, that I have long ago ceased to be lovesick. I should have also ceased to think of the lady in question if a doubt had not fixed me between then my first and my last impressions. Now my mother's benediction offered such an excellent opportunity to ~~show~~^{use} the whole truth denuded.

of all delusive palliations; and hence-
forth I shall think of the Past as of a
long dream that shortened my real
existence, leaving sad recollections to the
waked mind. - I should have never request-
ed you to aid me in my last step, had I
not the certainty that your announcing
that the lucky occurrence, had rid them
of a persecutor would be so greeted that
they would fairly return my unfortunate
writings, if they exist, or assure you that
they have been destroyed. In fact it would
have ^{been} the strongest proof of the obliteration
of every trace of feeling or of thought re-
lating to the Past, and, consequently,
the greater service to them who anxiously
longed for such a result. - I cannot in-
sist, however, if you think it an obnoxious

task to undertake.

I am writing to Mrs James, and you may imagine how my whole soul is intent while addressing a lady who is distinguished even in her own country (the country of the first gentlemen & the first ladies on earth) & who repeatedly warned me against English duplicity. - I shall never forget, however, I owe my present existence to English gentlemen & ladies who took the greatest interest in my education, and I shall attribute any change of character in the individuals of that great nation - the English - to the change of circumstances and times. - I hope I shall live to be a member of the American community, and if my health be fully recovered,

I trust I shall not remain unnoticed
even in that proud land, for I have a
great deal of both scientific & worldly
experience, which, properly imparted,
may produce the desired impression;
Then, I promise you to insert an episode
relating to the present subject, and you
will see that, in the opinion of the great
people, I am not wrong. - In the
near time, I shall improve my reader
and complete my undertakings. Were
you will gladly lend me your aid, I
know; I, therefore, request you will be
kind enough to give my best regards
to Mrs Will telling her that I shall
feel greatly indebted to her if she
will kindly send me by Mr. Valletta,
the Scotch Reader. Believe me
Rev. d Sir, your most devoted servant
and Friend
J. Cassinatti