Broomfields Cheetham Hill

Manchester. Sept 26. 1874

Revd Sir — I thank you very sincerely for your favour of the 10th — you have laid us as a family under great obligations by your prompt and self-denying attention on behalf of the late calamity which has so suddenly plunged us in deep affliction — We were anxiously looking for the details which you have so fully supplied — The painful fact had been communicated to us through the Revd. the Patmos letter to my Son in law the Revd G. Hutton — We were, as you may suppose, deeply concerned for the safety of the dear Child, and the interment of its Parents — your kind & successful intervention on behalf of both, has been a great comfort to us — and we feel grateful to his Excellency, Mr Weiss, the Vice Consul, Mr Merlin, and indeed to all who so zealously exerted themselves in the investigation — We approve of all you have done with so much consideration as both to Dead, and if the dear infant has not yet been baptized it will be a great

satisfaction to my Son & Daughter to be present at the Rite, and to become Godfather - You will be aware probably, from our letter to Mrs Reeves, that Mr & Mrs J Fletcher with my Daughter Mrs Fletcher had determined to proceed out by the Steamer from Marseilles of this date, and I trust before this ~~this~~ reaches you they will have been introduced to you - They left us previous to the receipt of your Letter, but I forwarded it after them, and they would find it at the Post Restante Marseilles and be made acquainted with the details of your kind intentions - They will be glad to avail themselves of your further kind advice as to the arrangement necessary to be made, with the sanction of the Authorities, both for the care of the person of the Child, and its secular interests - We shall receive the infant as a sacred deposit from our Great and Good Father - In the dangerous and critical state of Mrs Reeves, in giving birth to this Child, it has been supposed with that if

death supervened the child might be committed to the care of her sister Mrs Fletcher. Under this circumstance, my daughter feels it to be her duty, to be as a Mother to the babe, and to bring it up "in the nurture and admonition of the Lord" - The penalty of the law will probably be visited upon some of these wretched men, but we have, as a family, no vindictive feeling towards them - the Father pray that it may please God to grant them true repentance, and that through faith in the one great sacrifice their sin may be forgiven - - We trust whenever you and Mrs Hilo may visit England, we may have the pleasure of seeing you at Broomfield - It will be a gratification to us all to have you as our guest, and to express to you personally our obligation for your truly Christian exertions on behalf of our lost children. Amen

My dear Sir very truly yrs

Saml Fletcher

Rev. Dr Hilo

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