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# The Travel Journal of A. Barlow of Middlethorpe Hall

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## **Introduction: The Travel Journal of A. Barlow of Middlethorpe Hall**

This journal describes two journeys made by Squire Barlow of Middlethorpe Hall, near York – the first to Holland and Belgium, the second to France and Italy. The journal ends during the second tour. The presence of armed troops across Europe at this time is very obvious and overwhelming to Barlow. He gives details of his meals and provides a running commentary on Napoleon's actions. He gives a clear picture of Europe during the Napoleonic Wars through his descriptions of people, conversation and food.

There are sixteen water-colours in the journal, though these are not reproduced here.

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### **Editor's Note**

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**Narrative**  
**Of a journal & from Middlethorpe**  
**In the year 1814 commencing**  
**The 1<sup>st</sup> January**

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**1814 1<sup>st</sup> January**  
**Middlethorpe Hall**  
**Grimstone Lodge**

Middlethorpe Hall the seat of A Barlow Esq. being  
Let for a certain number of years to a worthy gentleman  
from York – I took a pretty good lodging – consisting  
Of a Dining Room, the Bed Rooms, and a Kitchen  
In a house, called Grimstone Lodge, on the Hull Road about  
Three miles from the city of York. Resided  
There for two months, which were the wettest, and cold weather  
For a long time remembered, and only able to hunt  
Three or four times, which consequently did not stay well  
The reef of my cattle... therefore I resolved on  
A tour, but to where of what place, I could not determine  
As far as London

(Hull)

My baggage being sent to Lacartero, My home  
To grass, and my servants provided for, enabled me  
After settling accounts with my Bankers to move  
Lightly, as follows – myself and Man with two or  
Three post masters, for Lowan?, by the highflyer at 5  
O'clock in the morning – instead at the highflyer it was  
A coach that set off from Mrs Clarks the black at  
Six o'clock to the best of my recollection for Hull.

At Grimstone I picked up my [unknown] and  
Proceeded to Hull, in which place I had not  
Been above half an hour, before my man informed  
Me, there was a vessel going to Loch in an hours tome  
Provided I was willing, he would, three Births  
Which from the novelty of the scenery, and the expected  
Advantages we might desire from the sea air  
Besides necessary considerations, I readily agreed  
To embark, but thought it advisable to order something  
In the way of a dinner or cold collation, which might  
Quickly be served , - however the traitor, a sly  
Rogue interested for his Master, was determined not  
To bring us anything – tho', I rung the bell half

A Dozen times to say we had not time to wait for  
The dropping of anything, and insisted on only  
Having cold meats, which after much to do, and  
Just at the expiration of our time, came in, - therefore  
To be even, with the landlord, we drank all the  
Malt liquor and paid for it, walking away without  
Eating anything – this was, I trust serving him  
Right tho' it turned out greatly to our disadvantage  
- For it so happened, that Captain and his crew had  
Denied and consequently nothing was served out  
On board til the next day.

(At sea of Spurn Head)

We weighed anchor about two o'clock and  
Made but little way under light winds, which

[1a – illustration of Middlethorpe Hall]

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### (Off Grimsby)

Tho' nothing much could be expected in the way of  
Comfort on Board a two masted trading vessel  
Yet there were fewer than I laid my account  
For, and as there appeared but little chance of  
Making any way – we came to anchor off  
Grimsby in Lincolnshire, which turned out to be a  
Fortunate circumstance for us, as a most violent storm  
Came on, and many vessels and lives were lost, as  
By [unknown] - we sent out a Boat the next morning  
And brought on board several juices at the  
And towards the evening when the sea became calmer  
The captain man'd his boat to go on shore at Grimsby  
Where I had an opportunity at purchasing a few bottles of  
Rum and Brandy – which I found to be no bad  
Thing as the old Commandant had but a little rum, which  
He kept to himself like old Gold.

After remaining in there said Grimsby Roads  
For about a day and a half – the wind proved somewhat  
Favourable, when we weigh anchor again – tho' not  
Without great apprehension of our being obliged  
To come back again with the tide, as there was  
Scarcely wind sufficient to send us out to sea &  
It being considered dangerous to anchor anywhere  
Else between the open sea and Grimsby Roads, -

However it so happened we were favoured and got  
On very well indeed, and performed the Voyage  
From Hull to London in nine days.

The amusements on Board were chiefly Cards and among  
The passengers, there were one or two well informed ,  
And quietly dispersed?- nevertheless I had quite  
Sufficient of the luxuries of a sea life and took the  
Earliest opportunity – after a coach being called for,  
Wishing Captain Hinly and his crew a good By – and  
So mounted my coach and above off to an Inn  
To dress and make myself comfortable, after which,  
Had good Beef steak and some bottled Porter  
Which certainly was a great relief after nine days deprivation of  
Comforts – however there is an old saying, which is very true, you  
Can't both eat your cake and have your cake ergo had I  
Spent more money than I did which was a guinea.. per  
Head? – To provide me with Porter and other luxuries on board  
I would not have made so cheap a voyage, or should I  
Have cherished the porter so much – after landing, hence  
We may conclude to appreciate the real comforts of this  
Life is to be frugal and sparing in the enforcement of them.

My baggage being arranged and the Bell  
Paid, and a coach called I proceed to No 98 Gloucester  
Place to pay a visit there for a few days, after which  
I take a lodging at a Boot and Shoe Makers in South Street  
For a fortnight at [unknown] per week and though not the cheapest

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Yet were extremely neat and very comfortable with  
A great willingness in the host of the Landlord and his wife to oblige

29<sup>th</sup> March

At the expiration of my fortnight in the before  
Mentioned lodgings, I meditated a journey to near  
market to see a Jusnous Race to be seen, between Smolenska  
and Liger and accordingly after settling every affair  
to the satisfaction of my Landlord set of on  
Tuesday morning twenty ninth of March eighteen hundred  
and fourteen at 8 o'clock in the morning by a Cambridge  
coach. The day was a beautiful one but  
Extremely cold which I felt more severe, being on the  
Outside of the coach – a solace in my opinion  
Far more preferable than the inside in fine weather.

Peticury Street, Cambridge

We took the Epping Road and passed some very  
Desirable seats – one in particular. Warmstead house?  
Well worth the observation of the traveller and arrived  
About six o'clock at the Red Lion Inn Peticury Street  
Cambridge where, I ordered Tea, Bed and Breakfast, all  
Of which was very good indeed – the Breakfast in particular  
There being everything one might possibly wish for  
The very [unknown], as it cost me three pozents?  
Before I mounted another coach.

30<sup>th</sup> March  
Nelomarket  
Burry st Edmunds

Visited most of the old colleges I had formerly  
Spent some very pleasant days in and the beautiful  
Walks along the [unknown] - but forgetting none of  
My old friends residing in the town excepting  
Old Moot the [unknown] - I took the coach at  
3 o'clock for near market intending to remain there, but  
On my arrival, I found the race between Smolensk and  
Liger was not to be run for a fortnight or three weeks  
And no kind of accommodation in the town, therefore  
Proceeded on to burry st Edmunds, and put up at  
The x cise from not one of the cheapest places to be at  
As it cost two [unknown] for supper, Beds and Breakfast.

The town is very clean and an uncommon well built  
Tho' a small one and not interesting enough to remain at longer  
So leave it.

31<sup>st</sup> March Ipswich

St 3 o'clock in the eve for Ipswich and after a most  
Agreeable journey, in company with a very interesting young  
Lady, arrived about seven o'clock – having lost an  
Umbrella on the way off the [side?] of the coach.

The eating at this place and sleeping is not the  
Cheapest as I had two Guineas to pay and I determined  
To leave it for Harwich.

1<sup>st</sup> April Harwich

Embarked on board a Harwich packet at half after eight  
O'clock in the morning, and in company with a very  
Pleasing pretty young woman, who was going to join

Gen Grahams army [General Sir Thomas Graham], to send all the comforts she could to her beloved husband, whom she said she had Not heard of since the facture at Bergen op zoom.

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This voyage if so it may be termed was a most Interesting one indeed and though we have occasional Showers – yet the scenery was uncommonly Beautiful as we looked down the river.

### **3 Cups inn Harwich**

Arrived about one o'clock and had only to pay Three shillings for this [unknown], was accommodated at The three cups in a very elegant manner and Moderately cheap. The lady talked so much After dinner of the pleasure she should have In going over the water, I was half inclined to Accompany her, particularly as she gave the Invitation with such lovely animation there Was not resisting the pleasure.

### **April 2<sup>nd</sup> 1814**

As soon n as breakfast was over I proceeded to take a Look at the town and on my way met a young Mr Ravik who said he was going over the water with his Father and that they would be happy if I would accompany Them this being a second inducement I passed My baggage through the different custom offices tho' experienced some insolence from one fellow but could not reset it therefore was obliged to grin an bear it. Dined with old Mr Ravic to day and settled accounts for the passage.

### **Embarked on board a packed for Helvatsluice [Hellevoetsluis]**

Paid as follows for self and servant 5" 9 & 4 shillings to the custom house servants for disturbing my [unknown], and at half after seven o'clock we embarked for Helvatsluice [Hellevoetsluis] and found seventy five passengers on board, and but twelve births for the whole , - this was agreeable enough - but there was no help for it and best plan to be observed was to consider one self comfortable and be so. The weather was uncommonly cold indeed, and forced passengers all

below. When such a scene could never be imagined by anyone excepting those who were of the party. The wind being pretty brash there was a great motion in the bond? And those who had snugly stowed themselves in the side Births, soon began to feel the effects and cascaded upon their friends and Brother sufferers, slipping on the Decks below them. The Deck below was too small for the party and actually many were laying the Bread and Butter, for him, And with the heat of the Cabin the Black of the boots had doused the faces of some and others in the pains of sickness overturning a pat – and no chance of getting out as the door of the cabin had about half a dozen people sleeping against it. My friend old Mr Ravic was extremely pressing for me and his son to take some tumblers of seawater But could not succeed, tho' he offered to give his son a guinea to take a glass and drank one himself to set an example.

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### **3<sup>rd</sup> April Helvotsluice [Hellevoetsluis]**

About one o'clock arrived sae and sound at Helvotsluice And immediately embarked and proceeded to an inn Tho' but a very indifferent one and took some refreshment after which ordered a coach and commenced a journey to Rotterdam but had not got many miles on the road before one of the [unknown] was shaken off , from behind it was not discovered for some miles, however as soon as it was discovered we halted and sent back for it and it, when again it was latched back on and we proceeded through a flat and so very interesting country – passing through a very beautiful small town by the name of Braiet, to the Herry over maesluice [maassluis].

#### **Braiet**

At this Herry we had to remain some little time as we changed carriages and it being Sunday we had the pleasure of seeing all the pretty [unknown] of braiel walking on the riverside, which is certainly a most beautiful scenery one could wish to see.

#### **Delft**

On arriving on the other side of the river, there was no Carriage to be procured immediately – therefore young Mr Ravic[unknown] and man walked on, and waited for The carriage to overtake us, on this pedestrian performance We were stop'd at a turnpike gate and made to pay for Going through, however the carriage soon overtook us



And we proceeded to the town of Delft we arrived about 12 o'clock and obliged to stop there the very contrary to our inclinations - the House being a very bad one, no accommodation, and a most stupid insolent landlord, who was very unwilling to give us anything to eat or procure us beds, which latter accommodation, however, he had but two – therefore we were obliged to sleep as well as we could, Mr Ravic and his son in one, my man in the other and myself on the floor, an I believed the best birth of any.

#### **4<sup>th</sup> April Rotterdam**

Rose after being tolerably well refreshed and a Carriage being ordered, we were about to proceed but unfortunately a great coat belonging to young Mr Ravic have been stolen from the carriage, and the trying to recover it, detained us a considerable time, and without Being able to get it back. Set off about nine o'clock and arrived at 12 o'clock at Rotterdam, when we put up At the Marquee at Wellington Inn facing the river Have a good breakfast afterwards done together When Mr Ravic and Son after giving me some letters of Introduction, and introducing me to several people in the town, set off for?

#### **5<sup>th</sup>**

Not wishing the grass to grow under my feet, set off

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#### **Haigue Marshall Tavin Hotel**

By water to visit the Haigue the royal residence Where we arrived about seven o'clock and put up at the Marshall Tavin Hotel. At this place met two Irish Gentlemen, one by name of Hemming and the other, not Knowing can't say, however becoming acquainted, as Travellers, we proposed to [unknown] together, which we Accordingly did d spent a very agreeable evening.

#### **6<sup>th</sup>**

took most of this day to look over the town, and waited opposite the palace to see the stockholder and Royal Family who had just arrived from Amsterdam, after about one hour, had the qualification of seeing the prince of \_\_\_\_\_, his Mother and a young child, & received

a return compliment from the young prince.

The town of Hague is a very pretty place and  
The square where the Royal palaces are is a very good  
One and well planted with trees. There is a country  
Palace, about three quarters of a mile from the town  
Belonging to government, but it was not letted  
out at this time for the exception of any of the family  
therefore no one was in it- but the approach to it  
is through a very beautiful avenue of trees.  
Parted with my two Irish friends, but not before  
we had a good laugh at [unknown] the Landlord  
who, [unknown] brought a book to us at Dinner  
to put down our names – places of residence and  
what we were about and age, for myself and Man I put  
down the births of [unknown] a Connaught, from  
Europe aged seventy-five years, on a voyage of discovery.  
Returned to dinner a Rotterdam.

### **Rotterdam 7<sup>th</sup>**

To keep moving, at 3 o'clock took the Swan Packet  
Boat for Dort which was crowded with passengers, and  
As they most of them smoked, I was in self defence obliged  
To make use of a new pipe I had purchased, however  
It was no such very great hardship, being a new plaything  
And after dinner, for I had my dinner to be got  
ready at half past one o'clock, and during the time  
it was cooking I paid my bills, called upon Monseau  
Chabot the Banker, residing in Lecuive Haven to get my  
Money & upon Mr John Roche at wid Petrw Roches  
[unknown] the get some money at the  
Xchange. And to proceed – we at last arrived  
at Dort having sailed up the beautiful Muine or  
rather down about seven o'clock in the evening of the  
same day, and put up at the Belle Inn when  
I went to deliver my introductory letters to a Mr Decker  
Whom I found in a very bad stated of health, however he  
Was of some service to me and processed some other  
Letters to my next visit, and I returned to the town. When  
I met my two Irish friends again with whom I dine and had  
Another pleasant evening. Slept an breakfasted at  
This place and afterwards took a coach and tour at  
Half after nine o'clock, and passed a flat country  
but rather pretty, studded with very good farm houses

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### Bais Bofs

#### Hollands Delft

And saw mills, until we arrived at the water called  
Bais Bofs, where we were obliged to leave our coach  
And tour to [unknown] in a boat. At this place  
there was a four gun battery, called Hollands  
Deeps.

It took us an hour and

A quarter to [unknown] and the Boat Man said the  
Distance was four miles to the place we should  
Land, which was at the village of Laarge Iwaluas  
From which place, we again took a carriage and four  
To proceed to Breda – passing through a pretty  
Considerable village by name Terhyden, where we  
Gave some bread to the horses, and a little water I  
Then set off again, and at four o'clock in the evening  
Arrived at the memorable fortified town Breda  
And put up at the prince Cardinal Hotel, where  
Again I had a pleasant evening with my two Irish  
friends.

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my two Irish friends leave at five o'clock in the  
morning for cise le Chapel

Breakfast and proceed to deliver my letters  
of introduction to cece zyon excellence Deer Lieutenant  
General bun der plaat der hatch governor de Breda  
And to the post master General, and for which I  
receive a letter of introduction and pass post to the  
Dutch camp before Bergen of Zoom.

The Landlord of this inn was a very good old man  
and understood English pretty well amused  
us with a story of the famous town being taken  
by [unknown] Cossacks – as follows, The French being in [unknown] of  
the town, and having thrown out works and batteries for the protection of  
it, were taken by [unknown] at the appeasement of some  
Cossacks, whom they little calculated were in the  
Neighbourhood, and these Cossacks had given out  
That they were the advance guard of many thousand  
Along with Russians, Prussians and Germans, and brought  
A little small piece of ordinance, with which they

Opened upon the town and began to summon it  
When the French began to play all their artillery  
During the time they were packing up their plunder  
And moving off by another gateway – this the  
Cossacks found out and followed them and came  
Up with a good number of their followers, killed  
Many and took a great deal of their Baggage  
When they returned to the town, to enjoy their  
Well earned treasure.

The town is rather a [unknown] place, has a

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Good large church in it and we went to the top  
Of it and had a very extensive view of the country  
For many miles – Antwerp, Bergen op Zoom,  
Dort? Gorcum and several other places, and the  
Country about, considering it being flat, rather  
Interesting.

Rosendale (Roosendahl) Wouw Bergen of Zoom

Set off about half after 12 o'clock in a port  
Comide or Cabriole for Bergen op Zoom, - Baited at  
Etter a village half way, passed through Rosendale (Roosendahl)  
Where the Baggage and waggons (wagons) belonging to Gen?  
Grahams army were and several English troops.

Took such a dinner as we could get for here it  
Was catch who can, The diner was Eggs, Cheese, Bread  
And Butter, when we mounted the cabriole again  
And proceeded to Wouw a village, situated about  
three miles from Bergen op Zoom, and where we were  
directed to remain – it was as full of troops as ever it  
could hold and, I began to fear I should not be able to  
get any accommodation – particularly as it was seven  
o'clock before we arrived, - however I went and  
paid my respects to his Excellence, Barron Gen.  
Perponepor? (check), to whom I had letters of introduction  
He was very civil and very Gentlemanly Kind of a  
Man asked me to dine, whereit from the knowledge I had  
That he already had dined, I refused, but took  
Tea with him, when he called for some of his orderly  
[unknown] to wait on me at any time in the morning  
to go down to see the [unknown] - he asked me if I

had got quarters, to which I said I had not, when he sent an officer to procure them for me, however they were so bad, I was obliged to get them at another house, and had two beds in a room [unknown] left and over an ale house, filled with troops, Drinking and smoking all night.

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Rose early to go and visit this [unknown] place, which was the cause of so many of our brave country Men falling – accompanied the officer and a party of soldiers and got very near, within [unknown] of the works, when we were discovered and the French fired a [unknown] at us that did no harm – remained for about  $\frac{3}{4}$  of an hour and returned back by a long sandy road having a large Chasse reserve on one side, and at the end of which there was a new Battery or Port [unknown] , against another attack by Our troops. In this wood there was a great deal Of game, and the Peasantry said that the French Officers, sometimes came out and took a little [unknown] \_ but that I could not credit, as we all

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as soon as my curiosity became satisfied at a sight of the French soldiers start up in a Fort?, and the report of a gun found in hostility, I began to think of returning particularly as I was urged to do so by the officer of the party we went down with, - but cut myself a Black Currant walking stick, very close to the feast and Much nearer than any of our party went, which I was Able to do, by crushing under a Garden Hedge. Mounted this Port Cumide again and proceeded by the same road to Bredamwhen on our arrival we heard news that Bonaparte had resigned the Government of France.

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Very early this morning, The Prince of Nange Made his Entre into the town, and was met by Gen Graham and several officers of distinction for The purpose of inspecting several thousand Dutch Troops which the Prince was going to command in Person.

The News of Bonapartes resignation was publicly

Announced by the Merger of the town, standing  
On a chair in the market place and a discharge  
Of cannon, the ringing of the musical bells of the  
churches and in the evening illuminations.

This famous news induced me to think of  
Proceeding to Paris, and I retired to Bed, sleeping  
On the thoughts of visiting that Great city.

Tuesday April 13<sup>th</sup> 1814

At 6 o'clock in the morning set off in a Post carriage? for Brussels  
And on the roads and heard the neighbouring Host? Guns, open in honor  
of the great news. Breakfasted at a village by name  
Ouxdtrecht, but a dirty uncomfortable place to put ones head  
in to. Proceeding on this road, were [unknown] signs  
of Bivouacking parties, and the March of the troops, trees cut  
down, Marks of fires, Pots and Pansand dead Horses  
towards the village of Saint Leonais about 12 miles from  
Antwerp, the road becomes deep and sandy, with trees  
On both sides, but the lands very indifferent, tho' the farm  
Houses are neat. At 12 o'clock we halted at a village by name  
Oostmelle where there was some better accommodation, and  
Took som refereshment and set off again, passing the remains  
If a large house which had been burnt down by the French  
And many dead horses – Baited at a village by  
Name of 1<sup>st</sup> Hoven rather a pretty place, and proceeded to  
Lier a large fortified town, which had some English Dragons  
In it, and san a Dragons Ball, with the fair sense of  
The town. Here, we were able to deliver in our Paso Ports  
To be inumined? and signed by the commandant and Merger of  
the Town. The market place and the Stad house are  
the only places perhaps worthy of observation. It is 33 miles  
from Breda.

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To keep moving we proceeded to the town of  
Mechelenn to seat for the night, and found the  
Accommodations much more congenial to an English  
Mans tastes, than we experienced heretoforth, and

much more reasonably as for 2 suppers ½ bottle Burgundy  
2 Beds and Breakfast, I only paid 5 guilders.

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup>

Rose at five o'clock and went to the top of the great Church, to look at the views – of Antwerp, and well Worth the trouble, and (&) afterwards set off again at 6 o'clock for Brussels passing several very interesting spots and (&) one in particular which was on the right hand of the avenue or road, leading to Brafoils?, denominated, to the best of my understanding Bamporlees his Lorchan which was the residence of that Brother of Bonaparte who was governor of at Holland, by way of a country house, was a very beautiful place and appeared to have its gardens? Laid out in the English manner.

Keep moving until we approached and entered The town of Brussels, which is situated on the declivity Of a Hill, and a very beautiful clean town – particularly the upper part of it, near to what they term the Park took apartments at the Belle vue Inn, Monseau Praft & Co close to the park and corner of a Square, in which there are many fine buildings chiefly after Roman Architecture, with a large church in the centre of the side, having Hotels as wings and each hotel having an Ordinary dinner every day at three or four o'clock, when every one ay eat at, on more reasonable terms that having private apartments and be amused with the much which invariably comes in towards the conclusion of Dinner, Men & Women playing on different instruments, but to my astonishment the Women play in the violin as well as the Men. – the music and singing is remarkably good and the means of easing a traveller of all his small change. At the end of the Park is the Court house a vey pretty building with wings, and long avenues leading to it.

At dining for the first time at there ordinaries, or table de Hotels, I was not a little astonished to see the Masters de Hotels and his family, as Carvers general however conceiving it to be the custome of the country and particularly as they wore very gentleman [unknown] [unknown] and understood the English language, I became very much [unknown] to their society. He mentions rather a curious story of the conduct of the Cossacks, during the time they honor'd this town, by way of apologising for the [unknown] of his Champaign

He said that the people were in such alarm at the arrival of these Lons?, they were obliged to bury most of their valuables in their Gardens, and that he had a vast quantity of most excellent champaign (champagne) but, that the Cossacks had deemed his House a worthy one to dine at and he gave them the but of everything he had for a considerable number of days , - but found that it was not their custom to pay for anything they got, and consequently began to find it rather a lessing honor they conformed upon him, therefore he tried to manoeuvre them by saying all his wines were expended but was much disappointed by receiving a letter from one of the Cossack chieftains, saying

Sir

We shall eat at your House on such a day and take care you provide us with the very best of food and wine you have, otherwise you will be Horsewhipped round the town as an example.

Signed

Don Cossack

Therefore he was obliged to save the amusement of being whipped – to provide them with everything they may wish for, and the quantity of champaign they demanded was (greatly increased), tho' they did not drink it, but their amusement was to eat the wires and give it a slap on the Bottom of the Bottle and divert themselves by seeing it all evaporate This story I can easily believe of them as they were all very great brandy drinkers, and their own manner of living, so totally different to civilised countries made them despise all comforts and [unknown] , particularly, witnessed in my room, in which the Cossacks had resided, there was a large looking glass, and they had completely destroyed it by a diamond devastating it all over. He said that the French were bad enough, but these people were worse for he remembered once Bonopartes passing through with his troops – the officers of some of the Reg (regiment) demanded one of the largest rooms he had,, and that he refused as there was some costly furniture in it, and he was fearful that it would all be destroyed or plundered – upon which complaint against the land land was made to bonoparte, and he ordered the Man before him, and passing heard what he had to say



Immediately ordered the room to be give up, but forbid his officers to destroy or take anything away this he said was honourably executed tho' very different to the English as they never paid for their dinner

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Continued.... Which I can easily conceive of the French, and indeed of all the Foreign troops, for during the time of my stay in this town , there were supposed to be 40,000 troops of different counties, under the command of the crown prince, and to the best of my information they were Buled upon each householder according to their means, but never paid excepting by promises, which were never fulfilled, and in one instance I was witness to the very great [unknown] those poor townspeople laboured under.

Purchasing some snacks? Of a woman who kept a shop and whom I was recommended to, as she was a [unknown] woman and a relation of a family by name I..... I know – there came a Prussian Soldier and, as he could not speak the language he made signs that he wanted some fruit – upon which the good woman, took down a pat and served him, when he walked out of the [unknown] again – on which I said I think it might be a lessing concern to give these people any credit and walked her why she did not take pay, when she said, - that it was no credit people in their way or otherwise they would immediately complain to their officers, and that by way of resenting her refused, she would be subject to have more when billeted upon her.

Friday 15<sup>th</sup>

Having heard there was a gentleman who had a very Fine collection of Pictures and that he was very Partial to the English – I procured leave to visit him And was certainly very much grateful indeed with his Exhibition – particularly with some of them – the Of our saviour having a wreath of thorns put on his Head by Pontius Pilat{e} – by Paul Daveriche and One of the wife of the painter presenting her child to a Monk at the order of st Francis

Went to see the Brussels China Manufactory And Lace Manufactory, both extremely [unknown] And ought to be visited by every traveller, tho' I could

Not help imagining, that some of our English manufactories  
Were so good. The valuation of the veils  
A full size, run from 15 to 25 £ each, which I thought  
Not very moderate, agreeable to present time, tho' formerly,  
One might have got cent for cent for the same  
article.

On my arrival at the Hotel met with my two irish  
Friends again, on their way back from circle? Chapel, was  
Very happy to meet with them and asked them to  
come up to my quarters and crack a bottle of wine  
which they were obliging enough to do, but true irish

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they would not have one before they invaded upon  
me to go to their Hotel which was Hotel De Angletere,  
to take some of their wine – therefore  
the congruence was, we piped a very agreeable  
evening.

Lady Castlercagh and Lady Clancharty  
Arrived at the Bell vue Inn this day, the  
former proceeding to Paris to her Lord and the latter from the Haigue  
accompanying Lady Castlercagh as far as Brussels, and to lay in a stack  
of Brussels lace, and return again.

18<sup>th</sup>.....  
Went to see a very pretty place which had belonged  
to Lewis Bonaparte and was much gratified  
by the sight. The house was a very grand one and (+)  
the Grounds laid out in the shape of a park  
much after the manner of the English taste.  
The story of tis House was, as I heard, that Napoleon  
on coming to the accession of that country, \_\_\_\_\_  
this place, as his county residence , when ever he visited  
that part of the country and allowed his brother the  
King of Holland to enjoy it when he wished to  
come to this country, but on his marriage to  
his later wife gave it to Josephine as a present.

Some of the rooms in this house were  
uncommonly well furnished, tho with stoves  
agreeable to the French style and not conjoined  
with English taste, and the Dressing rooms attached  
to the State Bed Rooms were uncommonly good  
wainscoted with looking glass, and having a  
looking glass wainscot Bath attached to the  
same, but from some circumstance or other, this  
place was ordered to be sold in the most advantageous

manner possible for the then \_\_\_\_\_  
and they were beginning to \_\_\_\_\_ it at it  
beauties.

19<sup>th</sup> .....

The amusement of hunting being much recommended  
by the nephew of the Inn \_\_\_\_\_, an the passing off  
the horses , as remarkable good one, I contend to go out  
and accordingly Horses were ordered, but the  
morning turning out raining – we were kept  
some considerable time before we could go –  
but at last the weather cleared up and away  
we proceeded.

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*Here is to be Bonapartes House at Brussels*

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tho' the weather, during our ride to covert, turned out very bad and we  
could not come up with the Hounds until the death of the Rose, however  
agreeable to my idea of Hunting I was just as well pleased, for in a wood,  
where noone can follow the hounds, but he dependant upon what they  
can see in the Corp avenue, I would not think it worth the keeping a  
Hunter for it.

The whole party assembled at a small inn near the wood in a village and  
had some refreshment which appeared to be the new plans of the days  
amusement. Here we have some good sport with a syringe ring, which  
had been filled full of water and slipped onto the finger, may attract the  
attention of a by stander, when you pass out your hand to let him or her,  
admire the beauties of it and while so doing squirt the water directly into  
their eyes.

19<sup>th</sup> ....

Retuned and wrote to my friend young Ravie for cash.

23<sup>rd</sup> .....

In consequence of the many rows kicked up between the Brusselians and  
the German troops and the Prussians by which one two or more fell every  
night – there was a grand inspection by the commander in chief and the  
troops to the tune of ten thousand marched away – yet, sufficient left in

the town to do much infamy. The crown prince who commanded this army, to be 40,000 strong, set off to Paris, to try and be in at the death of the \_\_\_\_\_, but I believe was too late.

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April 1814

Having been disappointed in my expectations of receiving money from friend and no letters arriving – I was obliged to accept of the Master de hotel his kind offer to advance me as much money as I wanted, to defray y expenses and prosecute my journey, and (&) give him a draft for the amount on my Bankers in London. Paid my Bill and at midday took my departure in the 1<sup>st</sup> public diligence that was \_\_\_\_\_ to run from Brussels to Lile, for it had been a scene of war on the road and consequently the diligences could not run. About seven o'clock arrived at Ghent where we suppered, Slept an Breakfasted.

Ghent or gand 29<sup>th</sup>..... Courhay

At a ¼ before seven, mount the public convergence again and keep moving

\_\_\_ \_\_\_ Dined at country about half distance to Lile which cost me for two, six franks ½ - including a battle of Burgundy.

Lille

Arrived at the Great town of Lile about seven o'clock and had a row with the coach office people who were very anxious to diddle me out of my place, but after much argument and aided by an English Gen who spoke French uncommonly well – I obtained my right of proceeding on to Paris. Here we were obliged to stop passed ports and (+) sleep.

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Thursday April 29<sup>th</sup>

Rose at 5 o'clock and set off in the Basket on the top of the Public diligence, as there was no other place to be had, but I think much more preferable tan any otger for one sees all the country as we move. Breaskfasted at the town of Currus between 11 and 12 oclock and proceeded on to a small town by name Ceninont where we were to help. The town was all alive, \_\_\_\_\_ works and illuminations, as the thing was expected to arrive from Calais. The supper very bad and the attendance worse. Set off again and travelled all night and towards morning passed some very pretty places on both sides of the road.

Chantilly

Chantillie a village, with a fine palac in it, is a very beautiful place and formerly belonged to the prince de conde. Here we met 400 Cossacks on their march, and some French man on the trip pulled out all their money as asked me and my man to take charge of it, as they were apprehensive, the Cossacks would plunder them but would not with us as English, - however they passed us very quietly and we kept moving – until we arrived in Paris about 8 oclock in the evening – pretty well shaken over the Paved roads.

Disappointed in procuring quarters at the Hotel de Portugal, as I had been directed, and therefore was obliged to go and hunt out a Monseau van Dooven a Banker, to whom I had a letter of introduction, and having found him, he was obliging enough to procure me quarters at the Hotel de Luide which were miserably dirty, but bad as they were, I was happy to get them, as the town was so full of soldiers it really was surprising any Beds were found.

Saturday morning I awakened after having enforced so powerful a sleep, from being much fatigued as to have been perfectly insensible to a colony of bugs which I found had been feasting upon my English blood all night - spoke to the master de hotel who was a Dutch man and understood English, and he promised he would make my quarters clean and free them of uch intruders.

Sunday May 1<sup>st</sup> 1814.

Began to feel unwell, which I fancy proceeded from being overfatigued. Monseau Van Doosen very kindly visited me, and was as good as recommended me some medicine which proved to be of use.

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Drawing of horse drawn carriage (diligence) partially painted.

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May 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday 1814

The thing makes his grand Entre into Paris  
The windows of the studs? Through which he had  
to pass, were crowded from the earliest [unknown]  
of the morning, and the people hung out  
of their windows all kind of coloured cloths petticoats,  
which gave that part of the town an appearance  
of the faire. In the procession – there were  
16 carriages and eight, - but not near so much \_\_\_\_\_

as I either expected or wished for – in the evening there was illuminations in the thulirie Gardens

4<sup>th</sup> May 1814

Called upon the Matre de Hotel to inform me how I was going to pay for my quarters and told him I wish to cut my coat according to my cloth which he did not exactly understand and immediately said – oh, if you want a coat, I will find you cloth and get it made for you

Heard that a grand pass in review was to take place at all the Russians, Prussians and Germans, with a few Cossacks, therefore hastened to witness, so grand a Sight when about 12 o'clock – the Emperor of Russia Emperor de Austria, King of Prussia attended, by Lord Cathcart, Gen Howard, Lord Castlercagh and many Nobles and chiefs arrived on horseback at the gate of The thulence palace guard, and dismounted and went up to the French King and his family, to sit at the windows, facing the river, to see the hoops pass by. I got a very good place and was much gratified by so glorious a sight – 84,000 troops the finest appointed men in the world – passing by in regular order, with their field pieces, colours flying and music playing.

The crowds of people were immense and I almost Despaired of getting a place – however it so happened By squeezing and pushing, I got a very fond one And my man told me, he got so excellent a spot That he was close to all the Royal Heads underneath Their window, and could hear every word they said. The French king would have been on horseback, But he was very bad in the gout. There was a grand Illuminations in the evening in the Thulerie gardens.

5<sup>th</sup>

went to see Notre Dame, in which were the robes of Charlemagne and Bonaparte, their swords and crowns And a piece of the crops brought from Jerusalem, which Looked like ebony wood. Visited the taps and the brass Monument, which had, had Bonaparte's figure on it, but Had been taken down. This square, in the middle of which The brass monument stands is called place Vandom and about As large as Portman square in London.

Wrote today to my bankers for money for nothing is to be done without that article.

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Went to see the invalid Barrack, a fine commanding Building and saw them all going to dinner In a very long room, each man having half a Bottle of wine per day allowed. – looked at the Church which is a fine building and had a folded Doom – more costly than beautiful

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May 1814

Looked at the foundation of the thing of rooms palace and the beautiful new bridge \_\_\_\_ and then went to dine at what they called the Spring Gardens after dinner there was dancing and Music, swinging.

Of all the beauties of Paris – The Louvre far surpasses Them whole – a Most beautiful Gallery about 400 yards in length filled with the first paintings in the world. The Corn Market is well worthy the observation of the traveller, being a very large round building lined with tin and a fine dome at the top, and when you speak, the sound vibrates back, as tho' someone was speaking in ones pocket the same kind of vibration, is heard in the Piana's below the Lova. Visited the Palace Royal and a most beautiful coffee house, which is kept by a once well known beauty. Ordered a glass of punch, in English, but the waiter mistaking my meaning a glass of punch for iced punch, brought a large bowl of the fruit iced punch, I ever tasted in my life. Received English letters on the 11<sup>th</sup>.

The garden plants being a considerable distance From the Hotel, I live in – I deemed it necessary to Take a Guide, and, by application to my landlord, one Old figure with a large cocked Hat presented himself To view and away we trotted – I was given to under- Stand he knew English, and entered into conversation

Whenever I had an opportunity as we walked along  
 The streets, for it is not the easiest task to perform  
 Walking and talking together, as for chance in conver-  
 Sation either you have a pole or a carriage run through  
 You or a Cabriole drive over you, or perhaps in the  
 Endeavour to avoid these – may come in for the contents  
 Of a pae de chamber. The menagory is a  
 Very good one in these Gardens, and much better kept  
 Than our Englis one and indeed the Museum altoge-  
 Ther far surpasses ours – besides which the traveller  
 Uses all these fine collections and curiosities for nothing  
 Which ought to be the case in England.

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I found my old Guide, was Sablionere?, who  
 Once kept the French Hotel in Leicester Square  
 And he told me that the reason he was obliged  
 To leave that situation, was – his wide behaved  
 Ill, mined? Him and went under the protection of  
 Some other.  
 My next Grand sight was to see a very grand  
 Procession of his Majesty and (&) Family and all the great  
 People proceeding to Notre Dame to Mass on account? Of  
 The late murdered king, - after which went to the  
 Turkish Gardens and the 'JArden Des Princes..'  
 Then the next day – took a carriage with some  
 Other Gentlemen to go to Versailles, distant from  
 Paris about 14 miles, on a good road, and looked  
 Over the palace and Gardens, which must have  
 Been most super, and upon an immense scale  
 Bunoparte, had fast began to make some \_\_\_\_\_ in  
 The palace, which certainly required it, for it was in a sad  
 Ruinous? State, and the walls had sunk in many places  
 From a circumstance of a Batch of curios Rats or 'Bandacotes'  
 (Bandicoots)  
 Having been sent from some of the French colonies  
 To Lewes (Lewis) the 16<sup>th</sup> as a present, and were let loose in  
 the park – by way of a game – and they soon  
 took to the Palace and never could be destroyed  
 since, having underestimated the walls once or  
 twice, and new foundations have been obliged to  
 be given. Saw the Room, from which poor  
 Lewes the 16<sup>th</sup> addressed the Mob, which had assembled  
 Round the Palace previous to the unfortunate  
 Termination of his life. Went to one  
 Of the Hotels in the town and took some Dinner and (&)  
 Afterwards, mounted our carriage and proceeded to



St Cloud, the palace of Bunoparte, distant from Paris  
 About four miles, on the banks of the river Seine, standing  
 On and elevated ground, commanding a very grand and  
 Extensive view. It was very late in the evening before  
 We arrived and the Porters were not very willing to  
 Allow us to see it, but the sovereign remedy the sight  
 Of some Franks, soon processed us admittance of  
 We proceeded through the house, excepting one  
 Room which was occupied by Prince Shwartenburgh  
 - Nothing could exceed the grandiose of the furniture  
 And the long audience chamber, which Napoleon  
 Issued all his Deemes? Was most magnificently furnished  
 With Pictures, and (&) bases of porcelain \_\_\_\_\_  
 And commanding a beautiful view of Paris.

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The Bed Rooms were very handsomely furnished  
 With curtains and covers? Of White Satin, and very  
 Broad Gold [unknown] . Bunopartes on one wing of the  
 House and the [unknown] on the other side, having each  
 Attached a most superb Dressing Room, a writing  
 room and Baths, both hot and cold, lined with  
 looking glass.

19<sup>th</sup>....

Dispatched English letters, Home and dined in the  
 Palais Royal, in hopes of seeing Marshall Blucher  
 But was disappointed, however had a good laugh  
 Over dinner at the expense of Monseur Delaville  
 A French Gentleman, just returned from England and (&)  
 Who was at our party.

Having heard much of the battle that had been  
 Fought at and under the Hill of a Mont Mast, I went  
 To see what kind of a situation it was, as a Post  
 For the protector of Paris, and must conceive  
 Tho' the number was supposed to have been 500 killed  
 That the French could not have made such a stand  
 As those situations offered them - or the fall  
 Of Paris could not have been so soon, after the appearance  
 of the allied powers.

Made an attempt to get into the Opera hosue  
 But, as all the Royal Family were there, the house  
 Was so full – there was no chance of obtaining a  
 Seat, and the \_\_\_\_\_ keeper returned out money.

Visited the Theatre st Frances, - admired  
Some part of the performance – but did not  
Think the house a convenient one, nor by any  
Means handsome or well fitted - and no great  
Change of scenery and no music.

21<sup>st</sup>....began to think Paris too [e]xpensive, & therefore  
went to the presinct? To get passes to proceed to  
England – but he would not give me them unless  
I paid 10 franks each- therefore I left him  
And went to Ld Castlenagh's office to get them  
Which I did tho' not without some difficulty  
As my name being the same as the American  
Family, they would not grant me papers until  
I procured a certificate from my Bankers that  
I was English.

23<sup>rd</sup> May....

At 5 O'clock in the Morning set off from Paris by  
A Public Diligence, for Rouon (Rouen) and arrived at

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that place, distant from Paris 63 miles about  
5 O'clock in the evening. We had much  
rain all the way, and was obliged to be  
that for a good deal in the Cabriole at the  
Dilligence, nevertheless, the country, as much  
As we could see in bad weather, was very  
pretty, and particularly near to Rouon (Rouen).  
Dined, slept, and Breakfasted for  
22 Franks which for 2 was very moderate.

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May....

Set off again at 8 O'clock in the morning for  
Dieppe, and tho' we had a very bad day  
Arrived at half past the o'clock, having passed  
A very pretty and rich Country wuth apple trees  
On both sides of the road for many miles.

There being no packet? boat going to  
Sail for England, and being by no means  
Well, dine early and go to Bed.

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Wind bound, and no getting out of Harbour  
Walk to the sea coast, to pick up precious  
Stones, but did not find many  
Worth looking at. The shore is a very bold one  
And considered dangerous.

26<sup>th</sup> Thursday

at 3 O'clock was roused out of bed to say  
wind and tide served and we must go  
on Board the Packet, which I was very glad  
to do, and we got on our way at half past  
four O'clock, with a beautiful morning and  
about nine o'clock a fine wind springs us on.  
My Passage Money for two persons amounted  
To £3" 3 – thou' the man asked me more

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> ...

At 3 o'clock in the morning disembarked  
And went to the ship inn at Brighton, when  
We were able to wash and make ourselves  
Comfortable, and walk to see the princes  
Stables. Town \_\_\_ and return to breakfast  
After which go to pass our baggage at the  
Custom house, and then mount a coach  
Which we passengers took ourselves to  
Proceed to London, when we arrived safe and  
Sound about 7 o'clock at the Golden X charing X.

29<sup>th</sup>...

Went into Lodgings no 18 High Street

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And would have took my departure from the gay town  
Of London, in a very short time, but the Grand Entree  
Of the Emperor of Russia, Kind of Prussia, Marshall  
Blucher and several other Great Dons, prevented me  
As such a sight, ought not to be avoided when an opportunity  
Offers.

Had the pleasure of seeing them all, tho' I did  
Not shake hands with the Emperor, as My Man did, on  
His coming out from Carlton House, the illuminations  
were very Grand indeed, But the Princes House  
by far superior to any and noted more spectators  
among whom, I was \_\_\_\_\_ of my Pocket Book.

Down with a lady to Dallington near Northampton  
During which journey, I was taken very unwell, but  
As nothing, never is in danger I soon recovered again  
And we spent a pleasant day or two at My Ryes  
And then remained a few days with the Rio? And  
Mr Baxter, where it would have been very pleasant  
But the whole party were sick, and added not a  
Little to their malady, by going to witness illuminations  
At the Town of Northampton in honor of the peace.

After a weeks visit in their Neighbourhood, I took  
my departure in a coach and four for York, determined  
to sleep on the road and not travel all night  
therefore was about three or four days before I  
arrived in York..

The illuminations of their city took place  
Shortly after – but I was so unwell I was obliged  
To keep my bed, and perhaps lost, nothing –  
Particularly as I had been a witness to so many more  
grand nights of a similar kind.

Remained most part of July and June in York, and perhaps  
Should have spent a longer time but mu Medical aid  
Having recommended Cheltenham to me, I left this  
Delectable town for London, but not until I had  
Made a water excursion to Salt marsh in my Boat  
Where I remained for some days, with that worthy family  
Visiting their warped lands. We had a very good  
Storm during the time I was there which was a very  
Picturesque scene and fortunately it came, before i  
Embarked, as the River at time is very dangerous.  
My worthy \_\_\_ having given me on board Porter, Bread, Butter  
And pickled \_\_\_ besides a fine Salmon and a lot of potatoes  
Very fine, which that country produces – I set off for Booth Ferry

## 23

Map of the United Kingdom depicting a general view of the roads in  
England and Wales.

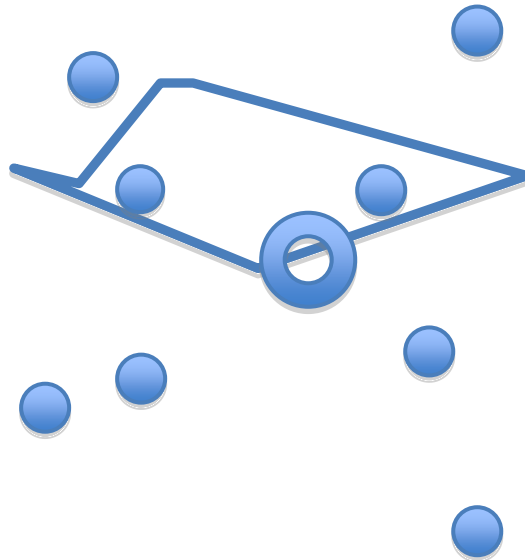
## 23a

Page split into 3 sections, first part is a coloured drawing of boats crossing the channel about to reach land, large manor house included in drawing.

Second part offers a map of the roads ten miles around Boothferry in the country of York in 1803.

Third part is some puzzles written by A Barlow, heard along his travels.

The first states "To fill up this, space, I will introduce some puzzles, given to me by a friend, which are very good ones. There were eight neighbours, living, near unto a well. 4 of whom the well belonged, and who lived furthest off from the well, and not being upon good terms with the other 4, were anxious to run a wall around the well in such a manner that they might get to the well and deprive their other 4 neighbours, from getting to it. The will 4 neighbours situated in the following manner.



In the york minster were found the following two lines, which were difficult to be made out, excepting by making use of the vowels, at your pleasure. (shown in the diary)

Another 3

I took to takings  
Heard you throw my.

A Valentine Puzzle 4

When all my joys are overpast  
Shall I for sorrow weep  
I mourn for those , whom I love best  
Lay awake and cannot sleep  
With aching head and heavy mind  
You may in this a question find.  
My.....  
Love.....

23B

5  
My back and my Belly are of wood  
My sides of leather. \_\_\_\_\_ in my wind  
All at once, and pass it out by my tail altogether

Soufflet

6  
Many heads in a night a devour, undigested, I quit them.  
The following evening, again, I devour as many the same

Mouchettes

7  
Full of holes and holds water

Pot crochet

8  
An address to a young woman, on a valentines letter, who lives in London.

To the Fairest of the fair  
With Flaxen coloured hair  
The daughter of a sprig  
In the thing of bird street  
The thing of a beasts square.

Eagle Street  
Red Lion Square

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10  
Neither in the house, nor out the House, but some where about the house

Fenetre (Windows)

11

Black Jam and much admired.  
And sought until both man a Horse are tired  
Charbon (coal)

12

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and arrived at York on Sunday about  
2 o'clock pm. Here I was necessitated to  
remain for a few days, in [unknown] \_\_, I had purchased  
in London, would arrive from that city, bringing  
my \_\_\_\_\_ down – however being disappointed  
by the \_\_\_\_\_ conduct of the coach maker  
employed, I was necessitated to set off without it  
at 5 o'clock from the York Tavern, for London  
when I arrived safe and sound at the white Horse in  
Fetter Lane, and went into lodgings the next day No  
18 Thayer Street Manchester square.

Proceeded to the coach master to enquire in to the  
Cause, why he had not dispatched my carriage, as he  
Was ordered and for which he had received money for  
And the fellow pretended to say he did not think  
I intended him to send it down, but to remain in his hands  
- when I asked him if so he thought, why did he charge  
me for the booking of it and the packing \_\_\_\_\_, which  
made him look rather foolish – so, I made him pack it up, and send it down to  
the Gun that Wharf Southwark, from Aldonsgate street, and dispatch it by  
water the booking of which cost me 10"6.

Understood there was to be no great doings on the 12<sup>th</sup> of  
August being the Prince Regent's Birth day, therefore  
Determined to remain over that day which I did, but  
Was disappointed, as were many others, therefore, determined  
To pass off again from this great city, for Cheltenham  
And take Spy(e) park in Wiltshire in my way.

Set off from my lodgings about 5 o'clock in the  
Morning, for Reading, and obliged to \_\_\_\_\_  
Those, as on my arrival, I found that we could not  
Take the coach until the next day at some time.

Dine and retire to bed and the next day, take  
 A look at the views about the town, which were very  
 Pritty indeed – particularly at that end of the town  
 Which has a little Hill commanding the Thames  
 River with its various \_\_\_\_\_ on its banks

Waited for some time for the Coach, when at last  
 It arrived, and the delay, had been occasioned  
 By it having been overturned at maidenhead, - but  
 Unfortunately there were no places to be had in it  
 For 14 miles further on my road – therefore after  
 Well weighing the business of the expense, remaining  
 At a place, I had seen sufficient of, with that of  
 Taking a port chaise? To catch the coach at the end of  
 14 miles – I determined on the latter and so ordered one  
 when the fellow drove, uncommonly quick indeed & (and)  
 overtook the coach, nevertheless it had had near one  
 hours start.

Dined at a house on the road too small to be  
 Worthy of notice, where, however we were very ill treated

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and proceeded to Calne in Wiltshire, about four  
 miles from the Representation in this Book.  
 Spy(e) park – the Seat of cal Thornton.

It being late at night we were obliged to tqke  
 Beds at this inn which was the \_\_\_\_\_ - tho'  
 Not the best in the place as they charged very  
 High and were not by any means accommodating  
 However we were better able to Stomach it, as the Land  
 Lodgers daughter was a very pritty girl.

At about 11 oclock in the morning – finding  
 The weather by no means calculated for a worth?, as  
 I had intended to go up to Cal Thorntons on foot –  
 Was necessitated to order a portchaise and  
 Proceeded, having much rain all the way, & (and) most  
 Irregular roads – if so they might be termed, but  
 in my opinion more fit for a goats to board over  
 than civilised people in Post chaises , however,  
 we arrived perfectly safe and sound and the  
 post boy did not forget to charge for his trip, which  
 determined me never to gave anything to do with that  
 town again. The cal I found not  
 at home – but in London and expected every day



down – therefore, I thought I might as well remain and ordered my Baggage to be taken out and converged to those rooms, which might be selected for me. Those were two Gentlemen on a visit there a Mr Gardner , a Bond that Lodger and a French Gentleman by name Morris, and Mr Brachen who resides at the house, as well a Mrs Donner, which made the evening pass pleasantly Enough away and after having enforced a Very comfortable refreshing night – the next Morning, took the amusement of Fishing, Walking, Driving [unknown]

25a

Drawing and watercolour of Mansion Spye Park, Wiltshire  
Seat of Col T Thornton

25b  
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The Cal after a few days arrived from London in a Post Chaise with a Doctor May, just in time for dinner A pointer Bitch with it head hanging out of te Window, by way of a sign. Plenty of laughing And good humour over our dinner, and a continuation Of pleasantry for some days – the amusements Of hunting being generally selected as the best And some very good suns we had – considering The time of year.

Mr Gardner and Dr May having asked Me to accompany them to Bath, I accept their invitation and remain two or three days with three gentlemen – having on out journey looked at the sat of Paul Mathain?. We put up at Sydney's – Gardens, belonging to a Mr Jessy and the hotel was rented by a man whose name was Lansdown and who had a daughter more beautiful and fair than the sun a noon day.

The attendance, Dinners and wine most excellent and each day amused with that old Eccentric man Dr trusler? And notwithstanding there were three of us and two men servants, Breakfasting, Dining and Sleeping

upon the best Bath could produce – our expenses only amounted to a Guinea a day

I was sorry to leave, so very pleasant a place and such graceful company – but as the Cal had invited me to accompany him to France and he on the wing – I made some purchases of fishing tackle, and took my departure from a place, which will be remembered by more than myself on account of its beauties and comforts.

On the road from Bath, about 5 or 6 miles off here was a small house on the left hand side I was strongly recommended to try some ale, which I accordingly did, and never drank anything half so fine in my life.

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From the immense establishment the Col was Devious? to take with him – it consequently took some days in making their arrangements, necessary for such a journey. The Refitting up of the boat carriage, the cleaning of the guns and selection of those he wished to take along with him, as also of Hounds and Dogs of every description. Horses, Deer, fishing tackle, Men and Maid servants, were sufficient to employ very amply, wiry and concerned in this March.

Everything being considered in a fair training for a start. Orders were issued by the Cal to that effect, however there were many affections made by the Domestics, concerning their comforts – some wanting an advance of wages, some their wives to proceed along with them, and others, written agreements that they should return again to England, which prevented the moving off on the day intended.

The huntsmen, the most refractory of the whole – perhaps because he thought himself the most valuable, at last, was satisfied in his demands, and orders again issued for the Heavy Baggage to move at 6 o'clock in the morning, - but at 6 in the morning – not a man was moving No dogs, no horses, no men, nor nothing ready And much to do yet any one to move – when

At last, news arrived from the Kennel that  
 The huntsman and his wide had taken French  
 leave and gone off no person knew where. This  
 was a most provoking and [unknown] business  
 and quite sufficient to try anyones temper, and  
 as soon as the Cal, is made acquainted with this  
 he storms and rages and has a good Row  
 with the whole of them, but at last succumbs in  
 getting the obstinate cattle to move about  
 eleven oclock on Thursday morning

1<sup>st</sup> September 1814

The Huntsman in the course of the day marked his  
 Appearance, and, astonished to find all his Hounds  
 Off, for he thought they could not be moved without him,  
 Asks pardon, saying he did not think they would have gone  
 Off so soon, and that he only had been to pay some past debts, ergo  
 The col forgave him and told him to follow – which he did.

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Drawing of 3 different forms of transport including a Boat Carriage, a park  
 carriage and a travelling Landauette.

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not the omit a piece of my good fun, I was witness to a little girl brought  
 some Neckcloths and pocket handkerchiefs, and as my man thought them for  
 sale asked how much she wanted for them, to which she said one frank which  
 immediately was given and he thought he has made a most capital bargain &  
 turned his wits to work, how to gain the pocket handkerchief for nothing, which  
 he did by selling apart to the other servants and waiters for 6 franks, but  
 unfortunately, about the time the Col was about to depart from Havre,  
 enquiries were made for this things which had been most [unknown] \_\_\_\_,  
 when it proved that those things which my man had purchased, were the  
 same that the little girl had brought to him and instead of exposing for sale as  
 he imagined, asked a frank for the working. This enacted much  
 amusement and fortunately were all recovered again, tho' not without some  
 curtly remarks from my Uncle, which however, feared but little for, as I knew  
 there was not the slightest cause for suspicion of dishonesty, but mostly the  
 thinking, that they had view some little things which had been left behind by  
 some person, and the little girl, wished to get what she could for them.

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Upon one of the Col horses and which he was to give the man to bring back,  
 who had been sent on the room of the Huntsman.

2<sup>nd</sup> September 1814

After a good breakfast we visited the col  
And his lady and myself in the Col own travelling  
Carriage. Mr Morris , the Col's man and mine in a  
Post Chaise, take our departure about ten oclock  
For Southampton – passing through Devizes  
and Salsberry (Salisbury) and after a most agreeable  
Journey – arrived safe and sound at 8 o'clock  
In the town of Southampton. Where we have a  
Good dinner and pass a pleasant evening, in spite  
Of the number of reports of disasters, which have  
Happened on the road to the establishment.

Saturday morning it appears that, this refractory  
Huntsman, who took the Col Horse to overtake  
The establishment, never did until they arrived  
At Southampton, and that he had nearly ridden  
The Horse to death, and when he did arrive he  
Had so poisoned the rest of the servants, as to  
Proceed upon the whole to refuse to go any further  
With the col – until, he would agree to all their  
Proposals. This created a great deal of confusion  
And nothing could be settled until an attorney  
Was sent for, who pronounced the law against  
the whole – upon their refusing to go – or breaking  
their contracts, when they all, excepting the  
Huntsman, agreed to embark – therefore the Huntsman  
Who conceived himself to be the most useful  
Person of the whole, was left behind, to trudge back  
With his wife, as he could.

The col looks after one of two Vessels, and fixes  
Upon one, but is dissuaded from taking it, as the  
\_\_\_\_\_ say it is not sufficiently large for his  
[unknown] , and that they will find him one, which  
will take him and all his Establishment together  
up to Rouen for 160 £, which after something to do  
and they taking off 20 £ - the col agrees, and on  
Sunday, at church time the whole party, began to embark, consisting of as  
follows.

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The col  
Miss Dormer  
Mr Barlow  
Mr Morris  
Mr Bracken

Mr John Chief Butler  
 Mr Todd Looker On  
 Mrs Marther ... Cook  
 Falconer  
 Thiefer  
 Coach Man  
 Dog Feeder  
 1<sup>st</sup> Groom  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Groom  
 120 Hounds or Dogs  
 3 Hawks  
 3 Carriages  
 10 Horses  
 30 Guns

All being well Birthed on Board, we weigh anchor  
 And get on our way before thousands of spectators  
 Who had assembled on the Pier Head, to witness  
 The novelty of the scenery. When fairly  
 On our way – the Col pulls off his hat to old  
 England, returns thanks to it for all the Sporting  
 Amusements, he has experienced, with a wish he  
 May never more put feet on it.

We had a pritty good voyage across, having  
 been thirty hours in sailing from Southampton to  
 Haure de Grace, - every one being uncommonly  
 Sick, excepting the Col who kept very well indeed.

On our arrival - the captain of the vessel, informs  
 The Col that he must disembark all his goods, as  
 The vessel cannot go up the River, she drawing too much water, upon which  
 the col, very naturally, complains and says he has been deceived, for he  
 understood, on taking the vessel, that he was to go up to Rouen, and that he  
 shall not pay the man unless his performs his contract. – the captain insists  
 that it was no business of his, and that he will have his money and complains  
 to some of the shipping officers about the business when they arrest his,  
 carriages and horses, for the payment, but the col more used to the business  
 of contracts than either the captain of the whole \_\_\_\_ together, shows the  
 case so clear, and, as it was impossible to take that vessel up the river and  
 the Unshipping and reshipping all the establishment, would he attended with  
 much trouble and danger, agrees and determines that for the disappointment  
 the captain deduct 30 £ from

off the charge, and the col disembark off his establishment at Havre, and exit  
 the nautical movements altogether. Mr Oaks, one of the shipping agents at

Southampton was the man to blame in this business\_ as he was the person, who recommended that vessel and positively, said she could go all the way up to Rouen.

A Mr. and Mrs Maddose dined today with us and we got a pritty good dinner, tho' the business of the captain of the vessel rather annoyed the party a little.

8<sup>th</sup> September

Transacted a good deal of business all this day – was visited by a captain Marry of the 18<sup>th</sup> Bengal Native infantry, who had apartments in the same hotel we were, which was monsieur Justin's hotel. The poor captain was attending his wife, who was on her deathbed. The col having lost his letter of credit no money could be procured and I was necessitated to take money, on the strength of my letter of credit from the house of Le Haile, when the col paid the people and we went to dinner, which was a very bad one, and none of us in the best of humour of spirits.

Drank coffee with Mr. and Mrs. Maddose upstairs this eve, but no fun, so soon retired to bed.

The establishment, under the orders of Mr Morris and Mr Bracen, move off at 6 o'clock this morning for Bourbeck (Bolbec?).

The Col, his lady and myself, about 12 o'clock set off in his travelling carriage to overtake the establiment, leaving our two servants to follow by the public diligence. The road a very good one and scenery uncommonly pritty, being most part of it, along the banks of the Seine, Met a gentlement carriage and four on the road, who having been informed that it was Col Thornton, travelling to Rouen – threw in a Book of roads, with \_\_\_\_\_ as he passed by.

Arrive at Bourbeck? About 2 o'clock and find that the Establishment had gone on some miles further. Put up at the Hotel de ville de Rouen opposite the church, and had pritty good apartments, considering so small a plan. The women rather pritty here, as well indeed they were at Havre. Our servants arrive about 9 o'clock and the Col send on his man to order apartments at hotel De Francis, Rouen for us against we arrive and my man to proceed with us in the morning.

10<sup>th</sup>....

Waked to Breakfast, tho' not much refreshed, having been bit with bugs all night.

As soon as breakfast was finished , we mounted the carriage all dressed in Scarlet Hunting Drepes and proceeded to overtake the Hounds, Hawks, Horses, Carriages, which we did not far from Rouen. On the way was very hungry and stopped at small public house on the road side, where I got one of the finest amulets I ever \_\_\_\_\_. Entered the town of Rouen at the head of the establishment, about 5 o'clock in the eve amidst thousands of spectators, who had turned out to witness so extraordinary a sight, many thought it was the prince Regent coming and some that it was the ambassador Anglee, and the whole town was in a commotion – however nevertheless, whatever they took

us for, we certainly did not get \_\_\_\_\_ apartments, or entertainment tho the Mater de Hotel, who was one of the most uncivil creatures I ever saw, took good care to charge very shamefully high for everything.

Miss Lodge, with the Anderson family were at this hotel and recognised me and my man immediately on our arrival, - when I went upstairs to pay them a visit, - they were going to remain the winter in this town, and I agreed to meed tem te nest day at dnnr at the table de Hotel, which, however, from a circumstance at the Col and his Lady having come in, there was no room for them, and they would not be at the party. Went tot the play, this evening – the Desertees. Music pritty good, but bad scenery. Friend Morris, was unsettled by a French Puppy in the play house, and who talked, a good deeds about running him through the body, with a small sword, but made use of such ungentlemanly language – though it best to to leave the insolent fellow to his own reflections.

12<sup>th</sup> went to see the view from he top of the great hill called, I believe st Catherine. Which are certainly very beautiful and grand and well worth every traveller going to see. There were many groups of Peasants dancing on the Top and very civily asked me to join them which I did and was much amused with the innocent \_\_\_\_\_ &

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after it was over, they finished by each saluting his partner, a ceremony, not by any means \_\_\_\_\_ as I had three out of the four, I had, younger, handsome but the 4<sup>th</sup> was about 75 years of age – tho very frisky.

15<sup>th</sup>... Rose early to take the amusement of fishery, and agreed to breakfast, on our way, with an old tenant of Moneau Morris' uncle's, which we did on fruit Milk, bread and cheese, and afterwards, went to fish, - but were not successful – therefore came home.

Went to see mr Morris' uncle's cottong manufactory, which was a curious sight, several hundred machines all working together and put in motion by one wheel.

16<sup>th</sup>...

At 5 oclock in the morning – agreeable to my orders for I became heartily tired of this place, I was awake to take my two places in the Cabriole at the Diligence, to proceed to Paris.

The journey was rather agreeable, tho' crowded and Hot. Breakfasted on the roam about half way between Rouen and Paris, a House, I will remain \_\_\_\_\_ being at on my way from Paris to Rouen, in the Spring --. Our breakfast was similar to the usual French Breakfasts, Meat, wines and Fruit, and tho' 12 oclock – yet having had nothing before – it was not so agreeable to an English stomach, as it appeared to be to the French both Men and Women, as they appeared each, to eat more than any two farmers of England, - however considering there was sufficient for any one to make a most capital dinner on, the charge was by no means high, as it cost me only for me and my man only 6 franks and half a frank to the waiter. Arrived in paris about 5 oclock

when I went to [unknown] to enquire for letters, but the House was shut up and he gone into the country, ergo I thought it my best plan to secure quarters, as soon as possible, for I understand, they were very difficult to procure on account of so many English being in town, there being reported to be 2500. – got a pritty good quarter in the Hotel de Suede again my old hotel, which had been much improved and done up since, I was in Paris in the Spring.

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17<sup>th</sup>

Went to the Bankers and the General Post office but no letter. Breakfasted in Rue Mont Mast on my way. Looked after a good Hotel for Col Thornton and Family and sent him the directions of one or two.

18<sup>th</sup>

Took a walk to the Thullerie? (Tuilerie) Gardens to see the King coming out from Mass? The weather uncommonly hot indeed, and the Reflection of the sun upon the hot, walls of the Palace and the dusty walks underneath, made it very disagreeable indeed to wait long in one place. This eve, there was some grand doings, Dancing in Chand Elusce, but I was too tired to go and see it.

19<sup>th</sup>

A very fine morning and the day which the colours, were to be consecrated and presented by the French King to some Regiments in Champ de Mars.

Send for my old guide, Sablionier, to look out for lodgings, which he did, tho' not exactly what I could wish, nor so cheap but at all events, I thought it both better and cheaper to have a good quiet lodgind, that live in a rioting Hotel.

My apartments, were in a private House, over the water opposite the Louvre, consisting of an Entrance room a Dining Room and a sleeping one. For 50 Franks for [unknown] an 9 franks to the Bed Maker, and I was to go into them the next day.

Proceeded to witness this Grand sight at the Champ de mars, and got a pritty good place upon a high Bank, tho' the Sun was uncommonly hot indeed however, one must i(e)ndure a little inconvenience to see every thing worth looking at on a journey.

The sight was very Grand, about 2500 troops cavalry and infantry drawn up in three sides of a hollow square in front of the Barracks, where the canopy of the King was, having an altar, on the top of a very fine flight of steps, under a canopy in the middle.

The King arrives with all his Suite, several coaches and eight and sic and many out siders, attended by the Duke of Wellington, Duke de Berry, Duchess de Angouleme, when he gets out from his carriage and eight and seats himself in a \_\_\_\_\_ and eight



and proceeds with the Duke de Berry and Wellington riding along side --- down the Ranks, round the square and, afterwards --- goes in procession to the Altar table to consecrate the colours, when each corps march up and drop on their knees, to receive the colours, under a heavy discharge of cannon and Martial Music. Thus ended this grand scene and the troops retired.

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Pack up my goods to proceed to my new lodgings but first go to the Bankers to get a 10£ note changed for which I got 10 Napolions and 12 franks.

Return and send Old sablonier for a Coach to convey me and my baggage to my new lodgings, when on arriving at them the Mistress of the house, said she could not think of allowing us to take the lodgings, unless I paid the whole of one month first down, - therefore I thought this too great and insult to English honesty and told her I would see her d\_ \_d first and ordered another coach, and my baggage to be recoached and return to my hotel again.

My old guide, either was, or pretended to be much enraged with the woman and kept up much abusive language against her, crying out – Great God, he would take care, she should suffer by it, all the way, until I arrived at the Hotel, and that he had too much pain for her conduct. This was not the only grievance I had to encounter this day for having given my new great Coat to the Mistress at the Hotel, she in the hurry of business, having some English man enquiring for a Great Coat, gave him mine, which my brother Country man, thinking it no bad exchange – walked off with it, - however after some enquiries, the gentleman was found, and my Coat recovered. My bill at this Hotel, including 12 Franks for washing from Friday the 16<sup>th</sup> at night , to Tuesday morning the 20<sup>th</sup> amount to 95 Franks “ 2 sous and 4 franks and 18 sous to servants, which made 5 Lervendors and 12 franks.

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup>

A very hot morning and determined to Breakfast from the Hotel, by way of Novelty, for nothing but novelty in this country makes the English Mans life, n the least, pass tolerably comfortable.

Got to a Biliard table and amused by seeing a new Game played, where every one, no confined to numbers, may put down his Frank and they are called from the first patting down his money to the last to play his best, which must be for the spoken the play his ball in which a way that his adversary can make nothing of it and who lives longest, wins the game.

September 22<sup>nd</sup> 1814, Thursday.

Try again for lodgings, and after a good long Hunt with old Sabliner, at last met with one to my taste in Rue des Merchie des Jacobinnes apartments in a

very airy and pleasant part of the town, and which had lately been occupied by a Cap \_\_\_\_\_, and another officer.

The man asked me 120 franks a Month or 30 franks a week, which I agreed to as the lodgings were remarkably neat, and tho' not very cheap, being 4 franks and 5 sous per day, odd, yet cheaper and ten thousand times more agreeable than the hotels, besides which I might have the use of their kitchen and the marke below the windows, I could get anything I might want and very near to the place Bandorme?, the most fashionable part of the town.

However after enumerating all the pros and cons, by way of comparison, I shall just give a fair and candid statement, of the expenses of a Gentleman and his servant, upon a moderate scale of living in this most fashionable resort, at this time.

The lodgings, consisting of two Bedrooms, a Dining Room, and Closet, with the use of a kitchen, 30 franks per weeks makes for every month....  $\frac{4}{120}$

and for every year 1440 (workings shown in diary) which divides by the present exchange at 22 franks per pound makes 72£ per annum and add for the house servants per annum 5£ will make a sum of per annum 77£ for lodgings.

Now to come to the eating department upon the same reasonable seal as above.

	Franks
Breakfast for two	4 per day
Dinner	6
Fruit wines etc	6

16 which multiply by 30 will make 480 and multiply that by 12 will make per annum 5760 and agreeable to the above exchange rate, divide by 22, and it produces the sum of English money 288£ per annum and add to which the lodging money 77 makes an annual sum of £365 a year, without considering any thing for clothes, servants wages , taxes , travelling, etc etc etc.

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September 1814.

My new lodgings being all ready for me, I thought I might, as well go into them, as well as live at greater expense in the Hotel de Suede and not so comfortable, therefore call for my Bill, and a coach to convey my baggage to No 32 Moseau Commissions Rue Merchie, Des Jacoboignes.

My bill amounted to 64 franks and 16 sous, and 2 franks to the Domestic of the hotel. 2 Franks to the Hackney coachman, and 5 franks to the old Sabloner for his assistance.

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Made some purchases, towards housekeeping as follows.  
 5 bottles of Cognac Brandy 12 Franks 10 sous  
 1 bottle Cream de H Orange 4 Franks

White powdered sugar 1lb	2 Franks
Six pears	0 " 16 sous
Eight peaches	1" 10 D
Four eggs	0" 12
A map of France published in 1814	2" 0

And as I was pritty well tired today – I retired to bed without dining, and awake the next morning much fresher than usual on that account, and think it would be a very good thing for all idlers, to fast one day out of seven which would be a very advantageous thing both for their pockets and constitutions, at the same time public good.

Have something like an English Breakfast, Clean cloth Napkins, My own Tea, Sugar and Eggs – The Mistress of the House finding me Tea things, cream, Bread and Butter and Hot Water. To be sure the tea cups did make a curious appearance, being of a large size with handles looked much like those earthen ware, m one under the poor people Beds in England, and exactly the same brown colour, but they were clean, which made up for their appearance, Made some purchases, after Breakfast, merely to get acquainted with the price of articles, and to have something in the House. 2 Large pies, one a fruit pie which cost only 1 frank and ½ sufficient for three people the other a howl pie, fully as large, for 2 franks, 2 Breakfast cakes for 18 sous, A salad, Eight eggs and half a \_\_\_\_ for one Frank, after which I flattered myself as I was no bad marketer.

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September 1814.

After Breakfast took a Cabriole from under the Tuileries Garden walls, to go to St cloud, the water works, being reported to be opened this day and a great annual fair to be held. This carriage cost me 2 Franks 10 sous, for myself and servant, not very expensive travelling for four miles. The gardens were opened and filled with all kinds of people, and every cost of amusement – there were many English people among the number, - but the say turned out so rainy and bad, it considerably decrease the amusement, and as, I could not get a carriage, I was obliged to dine there at a restaurant – and had a very bad dinner but got good wine, and the charged me 16 Franks 14 sous for the dinner which I thought was too much, however it was their harvest. Had much difficulty in getting a cabriole, as the rain had sent them all away across the bridge, or they were ordered there purposely, and obliged to walk all through the wet and dirty roads across the bridge before we could find one, and when we did the fellows wanted to charge us 27 franks, but there were...

several Englishmen , who all agreed, that if the fellows would not take us at a fair price, we would all walk, whereupon we all agreed, and the Coach Men soon came to and took us, but before we had got far on the road we were stopped by the guards, and after some little alteration we were allowed to pass to Paris.

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September 1814

Finding a want of cash, I proceed this morning to Monseau Perreause's and Drew 10£ to carry on with. – receive two letters from Col Thornton, which I answered by return of post this day. Have some applications from different people to get into the employ of Col T.

Take old Sablioner to a wine merchant to try some wine and order the following which I shall put down in order to remember the names and prices as follows.

6 Bottles d'tonnerre at 1 Franc 10 sous per bottle	
1 Bottle vin d'beaunne at 4" 0	
1 " " Pomard	4" 0
1 " " Vorne	5' 0
Total	22" 0

I then wish to try the old mans honesty, and devise him to make some marketing for me, in the catering department and compare his, with my own as follows.

Monseau Sablioniers

1lb powdered sugar	2'0
8 peaches	1"10
1 cold howl and veal pie	3'0
A salad	0" 6
8 eggs	0"14
onions	0"14
a Casson	3"0
	10"10

Monseau Barlow

1lb powdered sugar	2"0
1 cold howl and veal pie	3"0
8 peaches	1"10
A salad	0"6
8 eggs and half a dozen	
A casson	2"0
	9"10

Thus it appears for the same articles, I have purchased them cheaper by one Franc and half a dozen onions, therefore, I may consider myself no bad marketer and gave the old man 4 francs fro his attendance deteremining not to employ anyone to market for me and to do s much for myself as I possibly can without French aid, however I was not long in this way of thinking for finding myself a little unwell, I took a table spoon of mixture, which Dr May had recommended me, and given me a prescription for, and which I got made up by an apothecary in Paris, and laid down on my Bed. I took the Mixture in 10 grains of Rhubarb in a little Brandy and water, instead of white wine as I had been desired, but had not been in bed above half an hour before I got up to dress for dinner when I was siezed....

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in a most violent manner, in convulsions, eyes staring and extended limbs, and thought I was going to the other world and that the apothecary must have mistaken my prescription and that I was poisoned. I called out as loud as I could for Matthew, to my assistance, who came running into me and just

saved me from falling when I gave him to understand as best as I could, for I could hardly speak, my tongue, receding into my throat, that I believed I was poisoned and he had better send for a Doctor immediately, which he did as quick as possible but before any arrived I felt all the symptoms of a lock jaw coming on and was very bad indeed, my eyes getting so dim I could scarcely see anything - however presently two French physicians came in – the English Doctor whom I had sent for, not being at home, and to be sure bad as I was – the appearance of those two curious thin meagre characters coming into the room where I was held in the middle, on a chair was so laughable I could not contain myself and in the inclination to laugh, a convulsion fit seized me and they began to look much frightened and talked to one another, about, I fancy which was the best way to dispatch me or my illness - and one of them finding me somewhat more composed, came to feel my pulse, and just as he was so doing, another convulsion fit seized me and an involuntary roar, which so terrified the poor fellow that at one just he belted out of the room at least 10 feet, which made me much worse as I wanted to laugh and could not.

He however after a little was induced to return again to me when I endeavoured, as well as I could to tell him, I believe that what I had taken was poison, and begged him to look at the mixture, which he did, but said there was nothing in it, that could hurt anyone, therefore finding we could not speak sufficiently to these Gentlemen not understanding enough of the French, I begged, Matthew would go to a Mr Williams, and English Tailor, who would come and interpret for me, when in a very short time the good fellow came and, told these wise men of France of my case, but they did but little, excepting, recommending me to be Bled, and, and accordingly a surgeon was sent for and he began to bind up mu left arm and bled me , but no blood came, which he said was on account of my convulsions and tried my other arm, when it began to flow very plentifully, and they took a great quantity from me – the other gentlemen physicians, were consulting between themselves what they should further do, when one, cies out give him sweet oil, , another says sugar and water, another Cantor oil, another recommends a C... and so among them I was prettily handled, at last they took themselves off sending each his own apothecary, with those medicines and, which I was on the point of swallowing, and even had got down one tea cup of sugar and water, one of sweet oil and the Castor when the English Doctor Roberton makes his way and....

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asks if he may be allowed to enquire into my case, - to which I readily agreed and he puts much questions to me that I soon find him to be a very sensible man, he tastes the mixture, I have taken, pronounces it to be perfectly innocent, feels my pulse with him stop watch, sifts into my general habit of badly, what climate I have been used to, whether, I have been out in any wet, or taken cold, and various other questions, all of which he apologises for, but that he wishes to know all of these things before he can recommend me anything that will do me good. Having been satisfied by the answers to the questions he put to me, he says my feelings are produced by an inordinate degree of irritability of nerve, and the other powers not able to perform their

functions, and that it most likely proceeded from having got wet on my feet, which was the case at st cloud the last Sunday. Tis remark recalled to my recollection the severe distress I had a Middlethorpe under those valuable men Dr Bert and Lawson. Dr Robertson disapproved very much the bleeding but said the C was good as the bowels, required a shove to stimulate them into action, and ordered me two calomel? Pills, and after which a little Castor oil and then to take half hourly, some antispasmodic medications and not to be allowed to sleep, when he takes his departure assuring me there's no danger in my case, but that it is of such a nature that I may either get well very soon or may be a week in this way, before it takes a turn.

About one oclock, I began to move m fingers which, I thought a favourable sign and told my poor waiting girl, who would sit all night at my bed side, and she rejoiced very much, and insisted on my Man going to bed, as he was very much tired, and a good deal overcome by the late scenery.

About four in the morning I began to draw my legs halfway up in my Bed, which was a most gratifying sign to me indeed, and about 6 o'clock in the morning, I fell into a little slumber, after which I awoke and found I could move myself in any way I wished, and got out of Bed, and had fresh sheets etc etc, and went to Bed again, until 2 o'clock. When I got up and sent Matthew to pay off these two French Physicians, for fear they should come again, and the mistress of the House, who had been uncommonly attentive to me all the time came to see me, when I asked her what I should give them and she went along with Matthew to pay them herself. The English Doctor calls...

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again on me and astonished to see me up and so well, recommends me to take a little opening mixture which he prescribes, and takes his leave saying there can be no use his calling again as a physician, but that he will do himself the pleasure of calling on me in the morning to enquire after my health, so I wrap up two Napolians (Napoleon's) and give him it, which he pockets and bids adieu.

My expenses were as follows

Two French Physicians, Consultation included	20 franc's
One surgeon and his mate twice attending	6
Three apothecaries and their Bills	14 " 8
One apothecary again	3 "
One English Doctor	40 "
	83 " 8

I must no pass over in silence the very great attention I received from Moseau Mention, his mother and sisters who, discerning my distress, were, as attentive to one as tho', I was actually one of their family and one or other constantly, coming to see me, and render all the comfort they could, which was very

pleasing indeed, and, I shall strongly recommend any Gentleman, either married or unmarried to enquire for lodgings at No 32 Moseau Mentions Rue Merchie ds Jacoboignes.

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September 1814

A fine morning, awake after having had a restless night, full of starting and prickly heat, the Night being very hot indeed, as it generally has been this Month, from about the setting off the sun to about 12 O'clock at night. Sit down to Breakfast, but am Interrupted by old Sablioner, who some in, half blown Saying he has got a fine Horse, Presently for me To look at, which would do for all the Cols familiy And I could not make out what the old Boy meant Unless that he had got a very fine long backed Horse Which would do for the Col, his Lady and all his friends To get on and ride together, but on a little enquiry I found That I was to understand Horsesm for Horse and \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ For presently.

Ordered some Mutton broth to dinner to day As I was a little out of order – and walked to the Bankers to enquire for letters, where I found one for myself And one for my Man, and then proceeded down the \_\_\_\_\_, intending to go to the post office to make enquiries after the Col, whom I thought must have been lost and who should I see but a curios looking character in an old Green Hawking Coat, driving a hard bargain – but the very

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Man I was looking after, and after the usual salutations We proceeded together to various places until he nearly Knocked me off my legs, for I was very weak and by no means well, and took my leave of him, promising to dine with him at Hotel de Angleterre, where he chose to come to in preference to the comfortable Hotel I have procured him.

29<sup>th</sup>....

Met the Marquis de st Dennis at Col T's a fine Folly old Boy completely, one of the old Lehard Frank and sang and made merry - tho' blind – He gave me a very pressing invitation to go and stay With him in a visit at his country house, and said I should ride his favourite horse for which he had Given two hundred guineas

1<sup>st</sup> October

Engaged to go along with the Col in his carriage to  
 Hear some speeches on the state of the country -  
 Met with several English People there, but we found it  
 Only stupid work so came away and went to me  
 Some curious cloths for coats, which the man asked  
 From 5 lewenders to 20 & 30 per yard per – the col orders  
 One for 30but, I declined havng anything to say to  
 Such curious cloths, they were called Bearer cloths  
 And the Man being asked, why they were so clear  
 Said, it was because the manufactory was done  
 Also, and there were no such cloths now manufactured.

We afterwards go to a print shop in place  
 De victors?, where to col opens a large box of  
 Prints and shows them to the man – they were from  
 Gilpin Reynegal, Barrett etc etc. and much admired  
 When the Col allowed him one of each to exhibit in his  
 Shop and packed? Up the rest, desiring him to take charge  
 Of them until he wanted them.

The Col's carriage being dismissed, we  
 Had a Hackney coach, and the men kicked up  
 A row and a disturbance about his fair (fare) – the col  
 Having given him 2 francs for  $\frac{3}{4}$  of an hour – but  
 The man said it was no sufficient, and that the  
 Col had made no Bargain with him, nor had he looked  
 At his watch at starting, on which some bystanders  
 Gave it against the Col, and he was obliged to pay.

2<sup>nd</sup>...

Rose with a very bad rheumatism all over my bones  
 And scarcely able to walk. Dine with the Col  
 And meet Col Passess, a very gentlemanly man.

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3<sup>rd</sup>...

take a Hot Bath by way of curing my Rheumatism  
 For which I paid 1 Frank 10 sous – they were the Cracked  
 Baths near the palace royal, but not near so good as those  
 At York which were built by Col Thorntons Father and friends  
 They have no accommodation, such as towels, looking  
 Glass, Hair brush or anything, in fact, without  
 calling for such articles, and paying extra for them  
 therefore I was determined to trick them, and took the  
 sheet Off the bed and having dried myself and put it



on again and walked out as tho' nothing had happened  
 took a walk afterwards in the palace royal, and met  
 Col Hart and his wife there, who very kindly offered to  
 Take anything over to England for me, in the shape  
 Of letters, therefore I went and purchased some music  
 For Miss CB, intending to send them, but was disabled  
 From so doing by Matthew, who said that, as Col H  
 was going to Bath the Postage would come as dear  
 fpr the Music, as it could be bought for in England  
 so I determined to keep the said music until some  
 more feasible opportunity. Dined with the  
 Col to day and met MR Arthur Dixon and spent an  
 Agreeable day – tho' in much pain from my  
 Rheumatism.

4<sup>th</sup>...

Resolved to keep my Bed, as having Met Dr Robertson  
 He so rcommended me, and to take a \_\_\_\_\_ powder  
 But that I declined, as I was engaged to dine with a party  
 In the Bruhairs at Nicholes. Met major Abdee  
 Mr Dickson and the Col and his Lady – who all went to the  
 Opera afterwards. Disappointed today in getting  
 my pecuniary affairs settled with the col.

5<sup>th</sup>...

The Col hounds arrive to day at a village near Paris on  
 Their way to Vetre Sur Maine. This is the last day  
 Of the Louvair being open to public exhibition, before it  
 is cleaned up. Go to the Bankers and draw 20£.  
 Dine to day with the Col, and Gen Jnr James Campbell  
 Drinks his wine with us in the evening, a very pleasant  
 Gentlemanly well informed Man and great anecdote.

6<sup>th</sup>...

Dine again with the Col, meet with some French Men &  
 Women – Dinner bad as also wine, no attendance and  
 In the evening Gen jnr James Campbell and Lady Campbell  
 And the Marquees of Burepoint and  
 His son come to add to the confusion of the party.

7<sup>th</sup>...

Make some purchases off my Landlord by way  
 of Ornaments for the Ladie in Blakesheet as follows

Ornaments for the Nick 2" 16, and paid him his  
 Last fortnights bill, for Lodging, Bread, Butter,

Eggs and Water, the sum of 4" 16.

Dined to day at Nicholes with the col  
Major Abdee and Sr James Campbell. The dinner  
cost us 25 franks each.

8<sup>th</sup>

Packed up a Box of Articles, to send by Major  
Abdees Servant going to England, but was disap-pointed  
Walked to place de Grasse to see  
A woman guillotined for murder. The report was  
That she eat (ate) half her child and roasted the  
other half for cold, but having gone there, there  
was no such thing. Dine to day again at  
Nicholes and meet Major Abdee, Sr James  
Campbell, Col and Mr Groves came home in  
Sr James's Carriage.

9<sup>th</sup>...

Devise old Sablionier to inform the Wine merchant that  
He may have all his empty bottles back again, which he  
Mistakes, and goes, and orders me a fresh batch of  
wine, and I am obliged to send it back again  
This day the col had a grand dinner in honor of  
his wedding day, and I dined with sr James Campbell  
and his lady at the table de Hotel, Hotel de angleterre

10<sup>th</sup>...

Procured a passport from the Duke de Wellington after  
Waiting for some considerable time for it.

Dined to day at home by way of being quiet and  
wrote to John Clough Snr and Carmichael \_\_\_\_\_ &  
had some fish and rice and a most excellent dish &  
cooked myself, consisting of Mushrooms and onions  
stewed with claret, butter and pepper and a large dish  
of excellent Green peas.

11<sup>th</sup>...

Proceed to the col to day to settle with him, but as usual  
Disappointed, and I dine at home and cook myself  
A very grand dish as follows Mutton chops put into a  
pan with half water and half claret, Onions, carrots, Pepper  
salt Bread and Shallots and after an hours stewing  
served up to a table with Boiled rice. Receive  
an invitation from Sr James Campbell to go down to  
his country house to stay a few days and Hunt  
with the Duke de Bourbone etc etc

12<sup>th</sup>...

dispatched my packet of thick shoes, with letters to  
moseau Beaufaire, for his wife to take to  
London, as she was going the next day to that town to  
bring back a little girl from school.

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Disappointed again in sitting with the col, &  
Come to determine to take a Trip towards Geneva  
With Major abdee, who was anxious to make a tour  
That way.

The Col wishes me to get his accounts from  
His Bankers, that he may settle his pecuniary affairs  
And get them transacted, and take them to him  
But he said he could not think of settling any  
Thing until his accountant, could look over his  
Accounts, and see them all corrected, and that  
I must wait until that period, we then went to  
Dine in the Boulvairds (Boulevards) at a Miss Diserns, and  
Met major abdee there. Had a deal of noisy music  
And a heavy bill to pay, being 26 franks each  
Purchased two very warm and comfortable Flannel  
Night capes for 6 franks, at Gen Campbells, recommendation,  
As he said there was no greater preventative  
In France, against Rheumatism and colds, then  
Keeping the head warm at night. The col wishes  
Me to call upon him at 11 oclock to settle his business.

13<sup>th</sup>

Walk to the Cols agreeable to his wishes at 11 oclock  
But find his Room as full as it could hold  
Of all kinds of people, something like an  
American parliament – all talkers and no hearers  
And remained all day, so there was no business done  
Until the evening, when with much difficulty I get a  
Draft for a hundred, and not for the amount I had  
Assisted him with, as he said he ought to charge  
Something for dinners etc – but he could  
not exactly say what that might be, - but that the 20£  
due me might be more or less, and he would settle at  
some future period, therefore I wished him good morning  
with a pritty good grace whatever I might think.

Dined in the Boulvairds and had very good  
champaign at 5 franks a bottle.

14<sup>th</sup>

A Palic Royal tailor brings home two for travelling  
Pantaloons for which I pay him 3"10.

Receive from the Bankers for my 100£ draft  
110 Napolians, but think that too little and there  
must be some mistake. Pay for two places to  
Troyes said to be 120 miles, 60 Franc.

Have a visit from Major Abdee and another Gentleman  
To ask me to dine along with them at Briciccers Restaurant  
Houe Rue St frne. Our party was major abdee, Col T,  
Mr Curton, Mr Groves and myself. A pac de chamber being

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...called for a dozen times, at last was brought in with  
all due solemnity by the waiter on a saucer and  
he was going to put it on the table, for I believe  
the fellow thought we were going to make punch  
in it, but he was directed to put it in a conspicuous  
corner, and in the course of the eve, he was  
rung for to empty the said concern?, but he did not  
do it, and we rang again, and again, and at last  
he came in and said, if we required such \_\_\_\_\_  
dinary indulgence – we should ring for a chamber  
maid, for it was none of his business, and he  
would not do it, when the Maitre de Hotel was  
summoned, and interrogated upon such conduct, he  
said that the man was not used to the English luxuries  
and that the French, never used such articles, in a  
catering room, where upon Mr Groves, who was one  
of our party took it up – opened the window and  
turned the contents out, by way of showing the  
Landlords that there could be nothing derogatory  
To the feelings of a waiter to do such a job as that  
- however I am inclined to think it is an indulgence  
which we English might abolish.

15<sup>th</sup>

Went to see the catacombs, which are well worth seeing, they  
Are said to be 84 feet below the earth and that there are  
24000 skulls piled up there, and that the catacombs  
extend for many miles, under great part of Paris.

Dine at Restatuneer House on the Boulvairds on my

return and was charged 4 franks, for two quails.

Ocober Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> 1814

Contrary to my inclination, this was the day the coach  
In which I had taken to two places for Troyes, was to set  
off. Breakfasted, and ordered my Bill, which  
I paid and every think settled to the fullest expectations  
Of my Landlord and his family.

My Landlord knowing I was in went at a  
Watch, brought me some to look at, which  
I admired, and I made a bargain with him that  
He should take mine at three Napolians and I would  
give him 10. Which he agreed and have me a  
written guarantee of it being a good one.

Take dinner in Rue Mont Mast, opposite to where  
The coach starts from, and at a quarter before 4  
Set off in the cabriole, for Troyes. Myself, Man and a Yorkshire man  
A Nephew of old Mr shirk of ucomb. An agreeable journey tho' as  
Usual had a row with the conductor, about his wishing to turn me  
Out of my place. Travelled all night – once signum, -

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Water colour painting of a horse drawn carriage.

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17<sup>th</sup>

Halt at 10 for Breakfast, and then push on, passing  
The ruins of a large house, which appeared to have  
Been a magnificent one – was told that it had belonged  
To buonopartes Mother and was called Port la sur Laine  
And was destroyed by the allies

At a quarter past 5 o'clock arrived in this famous  
Town, I had heard so much talk about, as being the  
Capital of Champaign – I should live for nothing  
And bathe in Champaign every morning if I liked

Dine at the table de hotel, and have as bad a dinner  
As possible and bad wines. Champaign not good and  
5 frans a bottle, and attendance very bad indeed  
pay my travelling expenses, which amounted for two in the cabriole, with  
baggage 4"1.

Retired to bed, as I was pritty well tired with my journey

And not by any means contented with the appearance of this cracked place, in which I had been recommended to rest my oars for some time.

18<sup>th</sup>

Breakfast at a Coffee House and take two places for Dijon, for which I pay 3 francs. Change my hotel And get to one something better, where I have a pritty Good dinner.

19<sup>th</sup>

Breakfast and dine and set off at 6 oclock, having Paid my bill which was not high, as for example 4 dinners, 2 breakfasts & 2 beds – wine included = 25 francs The conductor wishes again to take one in by desiring one of us to get on the top of the coach, to which I objected, saying that I had taken the places two days ago and paid for the cabriole, I should have the seats, - but he said one belonged to the conductor, and there were already three in, and it only carried three, and one man had a prior claim as he come all the way from Paris, & that it was as much as his place was worth, if the proprietors saw the coach passing thro' the town, and the conductor not in his seat. I argued with him, that if he was so strictly honest with the proprietors, why should he so easily taken my money for places, he could not give me, and insisted on being justified in having my places, when the fellow said, he would be obliged to one of us turning out, only for 8 miles, and the seat should be vacated, and my Man Friday, turned out and mounted the basket above. The night coming on Dark, and nothing to be seen – we kept moving over very bad stony Roads, for some miles, the conductor having forgot his agreement until we came to a town by name Chatillon, when I found

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Monseau le Conductor had played me a Trick and instead of getting into the Cabriole Himself, as he said he was oblied to do, he Had put in an old woman with a great Boar Coat on, which together with herself weighed at Least 25 stone, and had given my man a place in the inside – kept moving along all night over very bad roads and much cram'd so there was no chance of getting any sleep.

Thursday October 20<sup>th</sup> 1814

A fine cold winter morning, and passing over  
 A wild country, very much resembling Salsberry (Salisbury)  
 Plains, in some places, the scenery was rather pritty  
 And particularly, one part, where the scene, taken its  
 Origin. The soil is of no depth and the  
 Whole country rocky and full of that soft kind  
 of stone, one sees about Ferrybridge in Yorkshire.

The cultivation is pritty general, but not very rich  
 And the wood but short and bad.

Arrived at Dijon about half past 6 oclock  
 In the evening, pritty well tired. Dined at the  
 Table de Count? At 3 oclock – wine very bad and  
 Charges high. Had very good Beds, however  
 Which were very acceptable. The people said  
 Lord M Binterick, had been there the day before, but  
 They did not know which way he had taken his departure  
 And that many English people had passed through  
 To Italy, Besancon and Geneva, which account for  
 Their gentil? Charges. Paid the difference of the  
 Travelling charge at the coach office, which amounted  
 In total 75 franks from Troyes to Dijon.

21<sup>st</sup>

Awoke early this morning by the screaming of a  
 large pig, under my window, which the proprietor  
 had brought out to kill, tied by one of its  
 four legs, when they commanded locking his fore  
 and hind legs together and then stuck him in the  
 English manner, when they placed him on his  
 Belly, with his legs stretched out and covered  
 Him with straw, which they set fire to, by way  
 Of singeing off the hair, which when sufficiently done  
 They swept away all the dirt and began to cut him  
 Open, from the nose, running the knife right down  
 Its back, on each side of the back bone, and took  
 It out, when they laid it open - & began to take

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out the liver, which they wrapped up in the coil  
 and they took out the entrails & the least they took  
 out and hung it up, and kept wiping the  
 part where the Blood flowed, with a cloth –

the whole of the job was performed in ten  
 minutes, from the beginning to the end & thus  
 there was an end of poor piggy.

Done to day at the count de Antois, at which  
 Hotel everthing was uncommonly well dressed  
 And the wine very good – tho' Paris Charges.  
 Vin de Hermutages 5 "10 per bottle – vin de Bourgonne  
 1"10 per bottle, which was not so cheap, considering  
 this town the Capital of Bourgouandy, however, as  
 the place had had so many My Lord Angleterre  
 passing through, upon the whole, the charge was  
 very reasonable, for my dinner came to, including  
 wine, only 11"6.

Went to the top of the great church, and  
 Had a most extensive view of all the town and  
 Country for many miles. The [unknown] \_  
 Of the country, was rather interestingly from the  
 Great hills or mountains of the alps which  
 Divide Switzerland from France, but there appeared  
 Not to be much wood. The town is a fortified  
 Place, not very strong, and in the shape of a diamond  
 Has several very good buildings in it, and some  
 Good squares, which make the town very air,  
 And in my opinion a pleasant town to reside at a  
 Short time, as the streets are not infested, with too  
 Many carriages, but the people, from what I  
 could learn, are more inclined for the interest of  
 Bonaparte than Louis the 15<sup>th</sup> as indeed they were  
 At Troyes. In going up to the top of the  
 Church this morning, I became very nervous, passing  
 A beam, over a place, which if I had slipped, I  
 Must have broke every bone in my skin, and, at  
 Last I got over, but was so giddy that I could not look  
 either on one side or the other, and to my great surprise,  
 a Blind man got up, drew a ladder after  
 him, walked across the beam and placed it for me  
 to go higher, and stood at the bottom holding it  
 for me. It was the most astonishing thing to see  
 but I fancy he knew every beam, in the building  
 he hopped about like a Bird in a cage and appeared  
 highly delighted at my tenacity, showed us  
 the clock work and how it chimed, when I gave  
 him a Frank and was glad to get down again.

Saturday October 22<sup>nd</sup> 1814

An English Gentlemans Post chaise, passed



By my Hotel du Gallerie driven by soldiers and  
I believe it was Lord M Binterick.

Took a walk round the Runports, and  
Saw an advertisement of a house and garden with  
70 acres and 14 centiarcs to be sold – went to  
look at it, but the man would not give me  
any idea, of how much the probable sum would  
be that it would bring, therefore I left him.

Dined again at the Hotel de Count  
Artois and had a very good dinner, and the  
champaign was very good, at 5 franks a bottle.  
When I came home and retired to bed.  
Had some fun with the ladies of the house who  
Were kept under fear of god and a broomstick by  
Their father.

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> 1814

Conditionally take two places in the public diligence  
For Geneva, for which they asked me 46 Franks  
Being calculated at 126 miles from Dijon to Geneva  
Dined again at the Hotel de Artois and  
Had, as before a very good dinner and good wine.  
Send down the baggage to the Coach office  
To be in readiness, to set off at 5 oclock in the  
Morning for Geneva. Pay my bill  
And retire to bed.

Monday 24<sup>th</sup>

Rose at 4 oclock, dressed and set off at 5 oclock  
In the morning by the public diligence for  
Doel (Dole?) for which I paid for deux: 24 franks Baggage  
Included- arrived at Doel, about 1 oclock  
Where we dined, and I found I have left my  
Green bag, containing many useful articles  
Among the number my journal, and remembered  
To have left it in the stable, where the horses  
were taken from, for the coach, at Dijon.

Gave the Post man 2 franks to forward it  
To me at Doel, for I intended to remain there  
But the conductor had taken 2 places, and said, if we did  
Not go to Geneva we should pay – therefore, desiring  
him to be answerable for the bag being forwarded to me  
I consent, and dine at this place, after which I mount  
A curios kind of jaunting cart, only holding  
3, sitting side ways, to proceed to Geneva.

This kind of carriage, I find is found more useful when  
The roads are bad, or when there are few passengers, but very  
Rough and unpleasant.

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Water colour painting of the cart described on the previous page.

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About 7 o'clock at night began to ascend the hills  
Or mountains, and soon felt the powerful  
Effects of the frost and snow – kept  
Moving on all night over rough roads, ice and snow  
And very cold, which I found had a very curious  
Effect upon my bowels, as well also upon a  
French, or Swiss gentleman, travelling along with  
us, whose breath was extremely offensive, as  
well also, from the jolting of the carriage he  
was continually emitting voluntary Posterior  
declarations, which, made the carriage so offensive  
one could hardly keep one's head in for \_\_\_\_\_  
together, notwithstanding it was snowing most  
tremendously all the way - these circumstances  
and the tediousness of the journey, took greatly off  
from the pleasure, one might have had,  
travelling over such Romantic & terrific places.

The road in many parts very narrow and  
Sitting with one's back to the mountains, we  
Looked perpendicularly down a precipice at  
least two thousand yards, and every now and  
then the carriage went over some great stone, which  
had been covered by the snow. The coach  
Man, was many times obliged to stop, as he  
Could not see a yard before him.

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One part was very curious, it was an arch  
Way, cut through immense mountains  
About thirty yards in length and quite dark  
Passing through, icicles, hanging from the top.

Begin to descend from the mountains about  
four o'clock and, encounter most tremendous  
rain – arrive at Geneva at 7 o'clock  
pretty well tired at the journey. Put up at Hotel  
L'ieu de Geneva, and order dinner.

Pay the Bill for passing from Doel to Geneva

Plumbs, included 5"2"14 which seen this as			
Follows.	Franks	Centums	
Place for 2 Baggage included	89"	20	
Plumbs of Scale to Baggage		3"	50
Coach Man	10"		
	Total	5"2"14	

Good beds but bad dinner.

26<sup>th</sup>...

awake after a refreshing sleep, and much amused by my quarter, being over the lake de Geneva or as they call it Lac Lignan.

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Breakfast and send some things to wash and Order a Boat Maker to rectify the mistakes our Boat had got into, walking at times over the Mountains.

Take a walk to Dijons Hotel about 2 miles from town, to try and get quarters at liberty – ergo- obliged to put up with the Hotel I came from. Having broke My watch glass, I find out a watch maker To put me a new one in, and by which means See a number of very curious Clock and watch Machinery that gives me a strong inclination To make some bargains.

Dine at this Hotel – but bad dinner.

Meet with a Mr Murry, per chance, who perceiving We were English, introduced himself to us, saying He should be happy to do anything for us, and Show us his manger, He being the proprietor Of the riding school and formerly was in the Service of his Royal Highness the Duke of Kent? At Gibraltar. Go to see his stables, which Were a good set and contained about thirty Or forty horses, dressed up much after the English Manner, tho' no bedding, which I attributed the Cause of the horses, being so rough in their coats. The general appearance of his cattle, was something Like what our casters cut in England.

The man was very civil and showed us the house Where the great philosopher lived in by name.

Who took 3 weeks in getting to the top Of Mount Blanch, and lost two or 3 guides in the Attempt being frozen to death. He also showed me The Barracks, which however, were not worth looking At. Purchase a very good Map of Europe

Off Monseau Montee the Italian for 10 Francs.  
Give Mr M. a dinner which tho plenty was very  
Badly dressed.

28<sup>th</sup>

The boat maker brings my boats home and charges  
Me 20 francs for putting them in order.  
Take a walk to the Riding school, an see the  
Marquis at Huntly.

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup>

Attend divine service at Protestant Church, as indeed  
Most of them are in this town, but the service delivered in  
French, therefore I could only judge off the delivery  
Of the discourse, which I thought much the same as  
Our clergy in England, only not so graceful.

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Order dinner soon to day, as it is very stupid  
But as usual a very bad one, and enquiring onto  
The cause, I find that the Matre de Hotel  
Being a Geneva, the waiting Hollanders, and  
The cook French all hating one another  
most cordially, each was determined to get  
blame attached to one another, by which means  
the customers, were the only sufferers, therefore  
under which circumstances, I think of leaving  
for Italy- particularly as every article  
was charged as high as at Paris, and not  
much inducement to remain long.

Get my papers, signed by the prefect to  
Pass through Italy.

Looked at the Swiss troops, reviewing, and  
They looked very well, their uniforms, were  
Light French gray, turned up with Black velvet  
And a pritty neat cap, with a red feather.

November 1<sup>st</sup>

Try a dinner to day at a restaturer? House, which  
Was no great thing, however it was cheap, being  
9 francs including a bottle of Claret.

2<sup>nd</sup>

Have a visit from a gentleman at Geneva, wbom  
Mr Murry introduces to me, by name Hubert  
A great drawing admirer and fond of animals

Painting, and perspective. Found him a  
Very gentlemanly man, well informed and  
A great friend of anecdote.

He proposes a walk into the country to see  
Some fine views, after which he shows us a  
Watch maker by name                    who has  
Many curious music seals, snuff boxes,  
Watches etc etc etc. Met the Marquis at  
Huntly there and several English people.

3<sup>rd</sup>

Go to the watch maker and purchase a new gold  
watch, giving my own, valued at 15 Naps and 18  
more, making 33, a great price, but he warranted  
it.        Purchased also a gold musical snuff  
box for 25 lenedors.

5<sup>th</sup>

write letters to Paris and take lodgings for  
two months, resolved to leave this house...

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...for it is a very bad one to remain at, and how  
the Marquis of Sunderland can remain at this  
place, is astonishing, but he is very young  
and perhaps does not care about trifles  
as perhaps, being so great a character, the  
people are more attentive to him.

Dine to day at the Hotel de Balance, which  
Cost me 13"55 centiems and 10 sols the waiter, having  
Had a very good dinner and plenty of wine, in  
Company with Mr Brogden a gentleman  
Who had been travelling with Sr Walkin Mr Winne.

Go to sleep in my new lodgings to night  
For the first time.

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November 1814.

Go to Church this day and sit with old Riffleberg,  
In his new, in his pen, after which return home and  
Find a present from a gentleman of a large  
Basket of grapes, saying, he will do himself  
The honor to play at cards in the evening with  
Us, if we shall be at home, I thought it rather odd  
But consented, as I found it was no uncommon thing  
For the Geneva people to pass away their Sunday  
Evenings in such a manner and lended an ear to

the old saying – When at Rome, Do as Rome does.

7<sup>th</sup>

Get in a cask of St George wine, containing two Measures for which, I was to pay at the rate of 11 sous Pr bottle.

8<sup>th</sup>

Visited by Mr Hubert and Riffleburgh this eve to [play] Cards. Went to see a Printing office this day tho' nothing worth mentioning.

9<sup>th</sup>

Having been charged more by my old cook than She at first made a bargain for, which was 6 franks A day, I call a council of war, and came to a Resolution not to give her more, the wanting 7 franks pr dish. Mr Hubert calls upon me to say he wishes to take my portrait in a hunting Dress, in the morning, to which I agree.

10<sup>th</sup>

Take an equestrian tour for some moles round The country in company with 3 or 4 gentlemen At Geneva – and they are not a little astonished...

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...at the Hunting manner of Riding which they considered as very dangerous, - they being accustomed to an old womans gallop, sitting like spread papers on Horseback.

Visited in the evening by Mr Hubert, who amused me with several anecdotes, and particularly one in the remarkable instinct of the canine species. He said that there were many English formerly Used to be here, that is at Geneva, and they spread The taste for hunting, when an excellent pack Of hounds was purchased from England and A man sent purposely out with them, to deliver Them safe, having come by Calis, and on their Arrival, were shut up and not taken out for some days, after the men had returned and the 1<sup>st</sup> day they opened the Kennel Door to take the diversion of Hunting, and Get fairly out of the town, the Dogs began to Seen, and the Geneva gentlemen thought that There must be a Hare, they had got sent on

And rode, but could not keep pace with  
The Hounds, which went so far ahead that  
They were quite out of sight and never returned  
And the party came back, much surprised  
At these English dogs, and at last heard  
From the inn keeper at Calais, who  
Formerly had had the dogs in his stables  
When they came over, saying that the Dogs  
had been running about the town for  
many days, in great distress, and he took pity on  
them and sent them back to England, to the land  
they had been purchased from.

12<sup>th</sup>

Purchase a gold watch today for 12 franks.

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup>

Have four friends to dine with me today

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sat for my picture in Hunting uniform, with  
one hand on Lord Huntlys Horse deceiver.

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My old cook sends in her Bill, which she  
Had over charged, therefore I decline paying  
It until she rectifies the same.

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Order in some wine and Brandy from my  
Wine merchant to try, as follows.

3 bottles Her mitife red 3"10 pr bottle

3 Do....Cate rote at 2"10 pr Dp

1 Champaign..... 5"0

2 Do Cognac 25 years old at 5"0 pr bottle

16<sup>th</sup>

Have a letter of information about my Green  
Bay. Set again for my picture

Bad news from Paris

The Marquis of Bate died at Dijons hotel  
Near Geneva.

17<sup>th</sup>

After sitting for my picture, take a good long  
Ride nearly as far as Mont Blanch.

Worse news from France of a great conspiracy (conspiracy?)

Having been found out and that 500 officers

have been implicated and Gen. e. Savery Minister  
Of police, vandamme, and Sovoist also.

Gen.e..... who joined them for the purpose of quizzing information, who were of the party gave information. One of the kings body guard was murdered, and cut into three parts and his head stuck on a ple, and planted where the last king was guillotined, and the rest of his body served up in a clean cloth, indicative the intentions of the people to the present king.

18<sup>th</sup>  
sat again for my picture

19<sup>th</sup>  
The old woman becomes troublesome for harmony  
But I send her away again, determined not to pay  
Her until she makes a deduction

22<sup>nd</sup>  
Dine to day with Mr Hubert living in the  
Same house

21<sup>st</sup>  
Take 50£ from a Banker by name Clasendine

22<sup>nd</sup>  
Pay Bills this day and settle with the old cook.

23<sup>rd</sup>  
More humerous stories from my friend  
Mr Hubert as follows, - in Rome there  
Resided a Princess of France, who had one of the  
Largest noses of he seen, but and uncommon Proud woman  
Fond of show, and never walked the streets without...

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Several [unknown] , footmen at her heels, and one day  
Walking the streets, - she was insulted by a well  
Known impudent lounge, in the following indecent  
Manner. My fair Princess, you Nose is so  
uncommonly large – I would not have it my –  
four thousands, upon which she ordered on of her  
attendants to follow the young man and find out  
who he was, which the footmen did and after a  
good long run overtook the young man and reported  
to his princess who he was, when, she went to the prefect  
and made a complaint, that she had been insulted  
in the streets by such a young man , and insisted upon



redress. Whereupon the young man was summoned and interrogated, as to what he had said, when he mentioned every circumstance to the prefect, who told him he had better take some opportunity of asking the princesses pardon, for what he had said. So the young man, straightaway went to the princesses palace gained admittance through crowds of people, she having a very large party, and went up to her sitting in all her glory, amidst many fashionable beaux and having made a most sacramental bow then addressed the princess that he was very sorry for having offended her this morning by saying what he did, and now he craved her pardon and she was at perfect liberty to put her nose in whenever she wished. The princess was so astonished at this last speech, which she took for real simplicity, that she forgave him, and was very glad to get rid of him, as soon as she could.

The young man, went back to the prefect, and Told him, what he had done, - when the prefect Ordered his carriage and went off cock tail to the Police, to tell him the story, which when he heard it He actually laughed so heartily, that he past Himself, considerably, which was a real fact and now very well known in Rome – but however good a joke it may have been considered in Italy I think the young man ought to have suffered Mostly for his vulgarity, and want of sense, for Though he was considered a very ready, and witty, yung man Yet certainly in want of modestly is a want of sense.

Took a long walk today to meet 300 swiss forces coming In to Geneva under the command of a relation of st Geroge And who formerly had been employed as commandant Over Buonopartes Parisian forces, for the

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Subjugation of our eastern professions, - but gave It up in disgust – there was a great deal Of pomp and parade, in their \_\_\_\_\_, being Met by all the principle people of the Town, some miles off and – saluted at The gates by Martial music marching Through the town guards, under a discharge Of cannon. The Col is a man very much Esteemed in this town, and perhaps, more So, at present, as the Cantons fill themselves

By no means contorted, with the decision of the  
Congress at Vienne, with respect to Switzerland  
And, are happy to be on good terms with one  
Another in case it becomes necessary to  
Proceed to arm, which they begin to expect  
Will be the case, and if it should prove so, I think  
They will find a different game to play, to what for-  
Merly they might, when they were all, strongly  
Interested for one another, but Bonoparte has broke  
The link and given freedom to the people, which  
Lately has been, attempted to be destroyed, at the  
Canton of Bonne, since the peace, but objected  
To very powerfully by the people, and they have  
Lost many lives in some late battles they have had  
In that neighbourhood.

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November 1814

Receive English Letters this morning bearing a date  
the 19<sup>th</sup> October 1814, which cost me 11 Franks odd.

26<sup>th</sup>...

Rose this morning, with a full determination to bend  
My \_\_\_\_\_ to a warmer climate, for the weather begins  
To get very cold. The good people of this town  
Take every possible means to prevent travelers passing  
Thorough by representing the roads, impossible, or strongly  
Infested by robbers, murderers, and the Devil knows  
What, and that your baggage will be opened, at every  
Little town you pass through to Italy. This they do  
In order to make you spend your money on their  
Town. Which in my opinion is as dear as Paris and  
Not so comfortable, the attendance is miserable, because  
They appear as tho' they had never been used to serving the  
English. The country very confined and cold, the town by no  
Means lively, and the wines being new, very bad, - yet the  
People of Geneva speak very highly of their country.

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However to come to the real case of the difference.  
The English have so many more luxuries than other  
Nations, and not being contented, with their own  
Seek imaginary comfort in foreign countries, which  
They never find and consequently become dissatisfied  
With that which affords care and happen up to their  
Neighbours. – Hence perhaps some good  
May be derived, from neighbourhoods as they  
may go back and [unknown] \_ know how to value  
their own luxuries, and die, contented with

a country that cant be surpassed by any  
excepting climate.

My friend Mr Hubert calls upon me, as usual  
With some funny story or anecdote, the following  
curious letter from one gentleman to another.  
A gentleman by name De Chambre, invites  
his friend to take Pot luck with him, and writes the following

Monsier.

Voules vous me faire. C, honneur de  
Venir Diner de Main des ches moi ou hazard de  
Pat cahmbre.

Went to see a carriage which went by steam, and I  
took a ride in it – it certainly was very curious  
and the peasant, who made it, deserves a great deal  
of credit, for I was told, he was, really nothing  
but an uncultivated peasant from under the  
Hills, and he had inventend and made this carriage  
Without any assistance, whatever.

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Watercolour painting of a carriage which went by steam.

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Saturday November 26<sup>th</sup> 1814...

Sat again for my picture this day  
Bad dinner, and resolved to change my  
Caterer? (supplier?)

Got to a card party this eve, and amused  
Afterwards with Italian songs.

27<sup>th</sup>

Take a good long walk with a lady into savoy and  
Go to see Port Napolian, a bridge half finished  
Which is over the Rhine, and was intended to join  
The Canton of Geneva, to the savoy country, but  
Which, now our journey? Will not be allowed to be finished  
As there's no great friendship between the King of  
Sardinia and the Swiss. Return home and  
Finding my throat very uncomfortable , I go to an  
Apothecary to ask him for some garge , and he

Recommends Mr Morasia Surgeon to me, who  
Examines it and finds it above the \_\_\_\_\_  
And recommends an emetic, as the best thing  
and to go without my dinner, therefore, an emetic  
is brought, which, had the desired affect.

28<sup>th</sup>... My Green Bag, which I left behind me, makes its  
appearance, and I recover everything but one necklace.

29<sup>th</sup>... Having been much annoyed by my caterer, i  
turn him off and employ another one, who  
undertakes to dine me for 5 franks.

30<sup>th</sup>... Receive and English Packet, dated 19<sup>th</sup> October  
Hear, I can't proceed to Milan, as the roads are  
Stopped up with snow, therefore alter my route.  
My new caterer? Informs me she can't provide  
me with dinner for 5 franks, and must have 6 –  
which I agree to, as I am not going to remain long  
in this town.

Thursday December 1<sup>st</sup>...

Find out a famous miniature painter by name  
Aserlaud living at No 11 Chanocines street a Geneva  
And deliver the col message – saw his performance  
Which were very good indeed.  
This evening a man brings me a fine piece of  
Music, which, I make a Baragin for, and finish  
the evening with cards and singing.

2<sup>nd</sup>...

Order a box to be made, to send some articles down  
To Paris, for my baggage has become something like the  
school boys snow ball.

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The col of the Swiss guards, being so obliging /  
Has given us a letter to his brother, to obtain /  
Leave to go and see King Joseph's /  
House and pictures. I agree to make /  
A journey there, it being at Nione /  
About twelve miles from Geneva, tho' /  
Do not much like to be stuck up in one /  
of the Geneva carts, and shall rather go /  
on the outside of a horse. /

Have a card assembly this eve, and /  
A large fire, for the weather is becoming /  
Uncommonly cold indeed. /

Saturday December 3<sup>rd</sup> 1814.

Draw 50 Naps from my bankers, by name /  
Hentch, and return home again, as fast as /  
Possible for the weather is too cold to be about /  
from the fire place for a moment. /

Employ a tailor to make some alterations /  
In my good coat, and presented with my /  
Wine Merchants Bill – all very pritty amuse- /  
Ment for a cold day. /  
Went to look after my surgeon, as I wished /  
To pay him for his trouble, but could not find him /  
Tho met with a wife on the street, who dopp'd down under my feet, as below. /

2 pictures potrait, and map.

After dinner received a letter from Matres Perriguard& co respecting my money.

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A Partis of Geneva fashionables returning from viewing Mont Blanch to Geneva Dec 1814.

Water colour painting of carriage

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[End of Amanda's transcription]

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Sunday 4th December 1814

Rise at seven in the morning, to breakfast early, with /  
a party, in my quarters, /previous to proceeding to /  
Neian[?, a place]  
to see King Josephs, ----- and ----- /

Arrive in good time about 12 O'clock at Neian[?] [ a place], /  
distant from Geneva about 15 miles, but unfortunately Col Prescott[?], a  
brother of the Col commanding the Swiss Guards /  
in Geneva & from whom we had obtained a letter of introduction, to his  
brother, at Neian[?], he is the only man King Joseph admits to his presence,  
was/

gone off to Geneva, before, --- convinced, as conce- /  
 quently could only see the stables & carriages, for /  
 the King had given out, that he would not be seen /  
 by anyone, nor was the Castle to be shown. /

In the stables there were about 25 or 30 horses /  
 One of which, was a slight Black Horse, half blond /  
 And -----, which they said he had given equal to £800 so far. But one great  
 things, the best in /  
 his stables. He had 5 chestnut carriage horses, large /  
 ---- -----, -----, from the Norman Breed one of which, a mare, I would have  
 done him the /  
 Honor to accept, had he been civil enough to have /  
 Presented it to me, in a handsome manner, after /  
 Riding so far to see his cattle.

Return home to dinner, as I have a party this /  
 day at 5 O'clock. ---. Dinners very /  
 bad. In the evening the music man brings /  
 home my box, for which I give him 10,,10, /  
 Invited a Mr Provert[?] a – of Sir George's, to dine /  
 With me, he having been brought up at a school near /  
 --- and, very well acquainted with I Belcombe of /  
 ---, ---- his brother was taken ill and he was obliged /  
 to send an excuse. Shared the evening very amiably /  
 With music and cards, ----- it, being Sunday.

Rumors in the French papers that Napoleon is to be removed from the --- -- ---  
 -, to some /  
 Place of greater security, as a greater correspondence /  
 Between him and Austria, has been kept up, this is /  
 Considered prudent.

King Joseph, -----, not to be allowed to remain /  
 At his castle, - for he had, since his purchase /

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of his very fine Stable from Col Prescott[?]; the brother /  
 Of the Col, commanding the Swiss Guards at Geneva /  
 Began to make great improvements, making /  
 Parks, building houses, walls, and /  
 ----- in the middle of his ----, from some /  
 Circumstance or other, but most likely by a ---- /  
 Of -----, that he should not -----, so means to /  
 ----- . Several people lately know /  
 send their horses to N----, in hopes that the Theory[?] /  
 would purchase, but the Master of the horse /  
 gave the answer, that his majesty, rather /

than purchase, would sell any, or the whole /  
of his stud.

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December 1814

The morning, is very rainy, to my ----, for I have /  
To transport a great deal of -----, previous to /  
My leaving this town, which I shall not much ----- /  
Being a very ----- place, all up and down hill /  
And by no mean calculated for ----- -----s /  
As on ---- Gentleman