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Paris
from Nov.r the 30th 1819. to March
the 30th 1820. —

Tuesday Nov.r 29th 30th —

I left Waldershare with my Brother & my Niece Mrs Douglas, we embarked at Dover on board the Lady Jane James, a private Packet at 9. o'clock A.M. The wind not very favorable and the sea very rough, we landed upon the Pier at Calais after a passage of about 5 hours at 2 o'clock P.M. and proceeded to Mon.r du Croc's Hotel, where we got a very good dinner and very comfortable beds, & rather more of his conversation than we wanted —

Wednesday Dec.r 1st —

we left Calais at 9. o'clock A.M. and got to Montreuil by 4. P.M. we went to the Hotel de l'Europe where they gave us a hideous sort of an English dinner, & noisy Bed Rooms, I cannot imagine why this Inn is so much admired

by all the English travellers, the Book in which they write their names is filled with eulogies upon the merits of this Hotel, none of which we could discover—

Thursday Decr 1st 2d — We left Montreuil soon after 6. a.m. and got to Grandvilliers about 6. p.m. we dined & slept at the Hotel d'Angleterre which we found a very comfortable little Inn, better deserving the praises of Travellers than that at Montreuil, we had a good dinner good beds, and were waited upon by the three daughters of the Landlord all of them, good looking, good humoured obliging Girls—

Friday Decr 1st 3d — we left Grandvilliers at 6. a.m. and arrived at Paris before 6. p.m.

We found the road from Calais to Paris much infested by Beggars but I think that they were neither

quite so numerous, nor so importunate as I found them when travelling this road two years ago, some of them were very wretched objects, but others were very amusing, especially two little girls at Hampont, who danced Fandaille steps, remarkably well, to their own singing, splashing in the dust mud, in their wooden shoes, with their caps flying, in high glee, but stopping every now & then, to whine out, in the true French Beggar tone, "pe-tit sous, Ma'adame pour la Da'anse" — I was much struck by the superiority in beauty of the French Men, over the French Women, almost all the young French Men are handsome and not half of the young French Women, but when they are pretty their beauty has more effect than the beauty of an English Woman as they have more individuality

of expression in their countenances and much more smartness in their air, a poor, old, French woman is, I think, the ugliest thing in nature — Upon my arrival at Paris, I went immediately to Lord Glenbervie's at the Hotel du Danube, where I dined, and then came to Miss Berry's at the Rue Basse du Rempart, where I am now seated —

Saturday Decr the 4th to the Colonel, and staid at home all day, Lady E. Stuart, and Mr Pigou came in the evening, Mr Pigou seems to be an agreeable, sensible young man, exceedingly unlike his Father —

Sunday Decr the 5th I dined at the Embassador's, with Ld & Lady Hamilton & her daughter, who is a pretty, sweet looking Girl, Capt. & Mrs Scott, Ld Balgonie, B. Newsha and my Brother, I went in the

evening to Harriet –
Monday Decr 8th 6 wrote to Lady Sheffield, and began reading "Notice sur le Caractère et les écrits de" "Madame de Staël" – walked in the Tuilleries with B. North, dined & spent the evening at L^d. Glenbervie's there was a very tumultuous debate this day in the Chambre upon the subject of l'Abbé Grégoire Miss B. who was there gave me an account of it – instead of debating upon the grounds of the illegality of Grégoire's Election the Coté Droit, proposed that some mark of indignity should be put upon him; at last the question was put, whether they chose to receive l'Abbé Grégoire as one of their members, and it was carried against him with only one opposing vote – nobody could regret this exclu

-scin of Gregoire, but many are alarmed & displeased with the manner of it, had it been decided that his Election was not legal that it seems it was not, on account of his not having been domicilié, no one could have objected to his exclusion, and then a law might have been passed to incapacitate Regicides from being Elected, but no such law now existing, this mark of indignity may be put upon Members duly Elected, if ever they should prove to be disagreeable to any Government, that may be stringency to carry such a measure —

Tuesday Sept 4th — called on Bourrienne and then went to Paris with Mlle B. in the morning — we dined at Lady D. Hamilton's, and went with her and Lady E Stuart to the Francais, where we

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saw, "L'Ecole des Femmes, and Edmund en Ecosse." I was exceedingly amused, the Play, though not one of Moliere's best, is very entertaining when the Stage, more so, I think, than "Le Misanthrope" "L'Avare" & some other of his better compositions, it was generally well acted, and Mad.lle Mars was, as usual, quite perfection in the part of Agnès, but her character in the second piece showed her superior talent to still greater advantage, "Edmund en Ecosse" (which is the story of the Pretender's escape from Scotland, is a very interesting Drama —

Wednesday Nov. 8th 8th — walked down the Boulevards with Miss B. then called upon Mad.me de Montjoye, Mad.me de Dolomieu L.dy G. Sullivan, Mrs West & Barrie

Agnes Berry & I, dined at home,

I went to the Opera with the Scotts in Lady E Stuart's Box, we saw "La Caravane," and "Nina" The Opera, was magnificent shewy, and discordant, as usual The Ballet of Nina, was charming and Bigiotini's acting delightful her madness was very affecting & interesting, without being at all disgusting, as it frequently is upon the Stage, Albert, Paul & Mad.lle Noblet are also admirable Dancers —

Thursday Dec.r 4th I finished "Notice sur le Caractère et Ecrits de Mad.me de Staël." it is a very entertaining book and generally very well written, tho' the style is sometimes rather too metaphysical the Author's judgement of Mad.me de Staël, writings appears to me to be very just, and what she says of her Character may be so too, as she of course, judges in silence our her conduct as a Wife, but she is certainly partial to her Friends, when she tells

of her, "gestes nobles & gracieux" et "ses poses pittoresques" — The Scotts, B. North, & Mr Pigou dined with us, we went in the evening to Lady E Stuart's Soirée, which was like any crowded English Assembly —

Friday Decr 10th called on Bowrie and read Auguste de Staël's Pamphlet "Du Renouvellement Integral de la Chambre des Députés" I think it is very sensible, and clearly proves, that if they keep to the strict letter of the Charte, they must give up the spirit of it, which is the preservation of a limited Monarchy, and a representative Government, neither of which can long subsist without some alteration in the Law of Elections — George Dawson, & Ld & Lady E Stuart dined with us, I went with Ld Glenbervie in the evening, to Mad.me de Rumford's & to La Princesse de Vaudémont's —

Saturday Decr 11th we went this morn.g

to Gerard's the Painter, where we saw his large Picture of the entrance of Henri 4 into Paris, it is a very striking and very interesting Picture, its fault is being rather too glaring as the light falls too equally upon all the figures, of which there are a great number; we also saw, his Cupid & Psyche, the figure of Psyche is perfectly beautiful, I did not like Cupid so well, it is cold & the attitude not well imagined, Gérard is a very clever, agreeable man — Lady Tancred dined with us, and Ld E Stuart came in the evening — Sunday 4th 12th. began reading "Esquisse Historique et Fragments Inédits sur les Cent Jours" — called on Barrit, two Mr Dundas's dined with us, I went in the evening with Ld Glenbervie to the Palais Royale, where there was very good music and a pleasant party, & afterwards to Mad.me de Flahaut's —

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Monday Dec. 12th 13th wrote to Lady Huff to Lds Anne Barnard & to John, called upon Miss Burney's, Mad.e de Salis, Mad.e de Portalese, Lady D Hamilton, & Mrs Boneage — B. North dined with us, Mrs W. & Mrs L Lock, and Lt Stuart came in the evg. Tuesday 14th finished "Esquisse historique" — it is an interesting Pamphlet, and bears the stamp of truth, it gives the best account of the conduct of the Chambre during the Cont Jours, that I have yet met with — we dined with Lt Stuart, and I went to the Francais in the evening, where I saw "La Fille d'Honneur, and Les Jeux de l'Amour & du Hasard" the Play is interesting & very well written, Dames Acted well, and Mad.e Mars was incomparable, the Afterpiece is very amusing, & Mad.e Mars's acting quite exquisite, Perrard was also very entertaining — Mad.e Mars is quite perfection in all parts either of feeling or finesse, but she looks too clever and too old "pour les Ingenues" —

Wednesday 15th begun reading Memoirs de Genville wrote to my Brother and called with Agnes Berry upon Mrs Alice, Lady Salborough

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Ladys. Smith & Lady Westmorland – dined with Harriet
went in the evening with Ld Glenbervie to Madame
de Caze's, where I had the pleasure of having a
long conversation upon the theatres with my beauty
Mons. de Caze, went to Mad.me Portalese's, to the
Bouche de Dieu, and to a party at Lady
Sidney Smith's – Thursday 16th I went in the
evening with Mrs Scott, to the Spectacle de la Cour
at the Tuileries, given in celebration of the Baptême
of the Duc de Berri's little Daughter – it was
a most splendid sight, the Salle du Spectacle
is very handsome, and it was very well filled
by the Court in the centre, the presented Ladies
in their court dresses sitting all together on
each side, the Corps Diplomatique, the Ministry
and the Marechaux in their Box's all in
full dress, the Men in the Pitt, also in full
dress, and the non presenté Ladies, of which
I was one, in the upper Box's – it was curious
to see assembled together, the Court of the Bourbons
Marshalls, Davoust, Suchet, & Oudinot, and
Mad.me La Roche Jaqueline, who was in an upper
Box opposite to us – they gave "Athalie" avec les

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Choeurs" in which Talma, La Bord, and Mad^e Duchesnois, played very finely, in the parts of Joad, Abner & Athalie, the Ballet was "les Noces de Gamache" taken from Don Quixote. I was much amused, for it was a sort of spectacle that I never saw before and am not likely to see again, and seemed to transport one back to the days of Louis 14 and Mad^me de Maintenon, in which days, however I am most happy that I am not living — Mrs Scott & I, saw very ill and were horribly crowded, having been shouted out of our good places, by a party of French people avec toute la politesse, et tous les egards possible — Friday Sept 17th Prince Galitzin, the Duc de Valombrosa, Admiral Tchichakoff, Sully, Auguste de Staël & Ld Westmorland, dined with us, went in the evening to the Bouffe de Dino, & afterwards to a very good concert at Mad^me de Rumford's — Saturday walked in the Tuileries with Agnes Berry, stayed at home with a violent headach the rest of the day —

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Sunday Decr 19. walked in the Tuileries with Mr. Gordon, went to Harriet in the evening
Monday Decr 20th. wrote to Mr Fazakerley to Lady L Stuart, & to Anne Holroyd —
dined at Ld Glenbervie's, went in the evg to some very good music at the Prince de Vaudimont's —
Tuesday Dec 21st had six Leaches but when my temples — Harriet & Mary^t dined with us, staid at home in the evening —
Wednesday, wrote to Dr Holland, dined with a large party at the Comte de Tolis's, went in the evening to the Duchesse de Broglie's and to Gérard's, where I was informed, by a learned man, that there is a Province of France "nommé la Bretagne, dont les habitans s'appelle des Bretons" —
Thursday, walked in the Tuileries with Berry, Mr Cornwall, Mr Lawson, Mr Pigou Mr Hutchinson, & Mrs & Miss Herbert dined with us, I went with Clint & Mrs Scott to the Francais saw, "le Misantrope, which delighted me much and "le Chevalier de Pommerars" & petite

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Piece, taken from Pommenars adventure in Madame de Sévigny's letters - in which the dress's make the principal merit - went afterwards to Ldy E Stuart's Soirée. Friday wrote to Lady Sheffield, dined at the Embassador's a great dinner for the young Prince of Holstein, went afterwards to Mad.me d'Esmar's, and to Harriet -

Saturday Christmas day, went to Chapel at the Embassador's, and afterwards called upon Mad.me Craufurd - Capt & Mrs Scott, Ldy Suncroft, & Charles Legge dined with us, Ldy Westmorland & Mr Pigott came in the evening -

Sunday 26th

walked with Miss Berry in the Tuileries, called upon Mad.me de Grefulhe & then Harriet - dined with Lady E Stuart, and went in the evening to Mad.me de Gontaut's & to Mad.me de Flahaut

Monday 27th wrote to Lady Cowper, and to the Pr. of Wales, called when Harriet, dined at Sir Hugh Hamilton's, went afterwards to Music at the Princesse de Vaudémont's -

Tuesday 29th 20th dined at home without company and went with Capt & Mrs Scott to the Italian Opera, which is a very agreeable Spectacle the theatre is clean & gay, and the Singers are generally very good, we heard "Le fantatriccé Villane" very well executed — went afterwards to Lady Aldborough's Ball which was very brilliant & crowded — Wednesday, went to buy Toys, with A Berry & Lady Tancred, write to Marid Guilford dined with Barrett, and went in the evng to the French Opera, it was Olympie, a very noisy, magnificent Spectacle, with two or three good Chorus's, beautiful Scenery and admirable Dancing — went afterwards with Miss Berry to the Duchesse de Broglie Thursday 30th 31st walked with A Berry in the Tuileries, Prince Edmond de Beauveau, Auguste de Staël, G. De Roos, Mr Latinos Lady E Stuart dined with us, I went to the Princesse de Beauveau's in the evening —

Friday 31st 1st walked in the Palais Royale

with A Party, Bonaparte & Legge, to see the Shops that were not much worth looking at, Mrs Scott dined with us, I went with Mary & the Francois, sat, "Cinna", and "le Chev. de Commenges" Talma, acted very finely in the first of Auguste, Mad. Duchesnois was very good in the pathetic & tender passages, of Emilie, but disgusting and vulgar in the violent parts, her ugliness added to this bad effect, and took all excuse from Cinna, rather felt that would have murdered Augustus to avoid marrying her. Mad. Mars was as usual charming in the after piece, She is the most perfectly agreeable Woman of Fashion that I have met with.

Saturday Jan. 1st 1820.

I finished the Mémoires de Joinville it is a very entertaining Book, and contains a very curious account of the first 10 or 12 years of the Reign of Philip

Y: 5th of Spain - I went to the Grand Convent, a tiresome business enough, but a sight to see once in ones life, I waited two hours in the outward room in order to be allowed to pass through the room where the King dined, which ~~was~~ is a magnificent Gallery, no body dines with him except Monsieur, Madame d'Angouleme, the Duc d'Angouleme & the Duc & Duchesse de Berri - the Ladies were covered with Diamonds, and looked uncommon well, but the King seemed quite as much at his ease as if he had been dining alone, he was eating very heartily, with his napkin tucked through his button hole in the true Alderman style - my ticket which was a common one, only entitled me to pass through the room, some people have tickets that entitle them to sit in the window seats or upon an Estrade at the end of the room, but they are obliged to remain the whole time of the dinner

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I dined at the Embassador's, and went with A. Berry to the Francais, where we saw "le Malade Imaginaire" incomparably acted by Baptiste Cadet and "Joinette" by Mad.me Demerson — it was accompanied by what they call "la Cerémonie, in which all the Actors & Actresses walk in procession dressed as Doctors, this ceremony begins, by some of the inferior people about the Theatre coming on the Stage as Apothecaries, with Syringes in their hands, with which they do the manual Exercise, the whole of this performance was very laughable but exceedingly blackguard —

Sunday Jan.ry 1st 2.d —

went to the Embassadors Chapel, and afterwards visited, Mad.me de Souza, Mad.me de Flahaut, Princesse d'Hinin, Mad.me de Rumfort, Mad.me Crawford, Mad.me de Talis, & Barrit — when I returned home, I found Mad.me de Coigny ~~[illegible]~~

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with Miss Berry, who made a very good jeu de mots, Monsieur de Serre le Garde des Sceaux, who is one of the Doctrinaires or Metaphysical Prudens, was said to be too ill with a cold to be able to speak, she said, "n'importe, il parlera toujours en tout-sens tout-part" — dined at home and went to the Bal Masqué d'Opera in the evening, at the Pavillon de Flore in the Tuileries, this Assembly was given in an Apartment much resembling a series of Water Closets both as to smell & size, but the Water Closets were beautifully fitted up — I began reading "Hallam's Europe during the Middle Ages" —

Monday Jan. 3rd. walked with Bowcit in the Bois de Boulogne, wrote to Lady Sheffield, dined at home, went to the Odéon, saw the Vêpres Siciliennes, a new Tragedy, written by Casimir de la Vigne, the story is well conceived, & the characters are well drawn, and there are some very

good lines in it, but the Scenes are ill conducted, I did not admire the famous Actor Joanny so much as I had expected, he rants too much and barks like a Dog, but Victor pleased me extremely - the lines against the tyranny of a Minister, which have been applied to Mons. de Lacze, were applauded prodigiously and the Actor was made to repeat them twice over - The Odéon is a magnificent Theatre but too glaring & gaudy - we drank tea afterwards with Lady C. Stuart.

Tuesday 4th

walked with Barriet & Mary in the Bois de Boulogne, Lady Sancred dined with us, went to the Bruneau, Salle Britannique, Salma's Nurse was very fine, and in general the manner of reciting at this Theatre is much better than at the Odéon, the Afterpiece was, "Les Bourgeoises de Qualité" a very stupid thing -

Wednesday 4th 6th walked with Miss Berry to a Bookseller's in the Rue de Bourbon – dined with Ld Glenbervie, and went with him to Madme de Portalise to the Duchesse de Courland, and to the Duchesse de Broglie's –

Thursday walked with Harriet in the Bois de Boulogne, and went to visit Madame de Grefulhe, Madme de Castellane Madme Falconnet & young Arthur Legge – dined at home, went in the evening to Ld Glenbervie's & to a Ball at Lady D. Hamilton's –

Friday, wrote to my Brother, went to shops with A Berry to buy trimmings, read "la Bibliothèque historique", Gino Capponi, Ld Glenbervie, Mr & Mrs W Lockhart Dawson dined with us, I stayed at home in the evening

Saturday walked with A. Berry in the Tuileries, called upon Miss Meeu's, dined with Lady E Stuart, and went to a party at Lady Harriet Sullivan's –

Sunday 9th wrote to Lady Sheffield, walked with Miss Berry in the Tuileries, dined at home, went to drink Tea with Lady E Stuart. ×

Monday 10th wrote to Miss Turner, dined & staid the evening with Harriet -

Tuesday dined at home, went to a Ball at Lady E Stuart's - finished the last of the published numbers of the Bibliotheque Historique, they are very entertaining and contain many curious original Papers, but they are written in very bad principals both religious and political -

Wednesday - was ill, staid at home all day, Admiral Tchichihoff & his daughter & Prince Galitzen came in the evening -

Thursday, was worse, Mr Pigou dined with us, Mrs Scott & Mr Cornwall came in the evening - Dr Gyde came to me -

Friday, kept my room all day,

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Dr Hyde, Harriet, Mary & Mrs Scott came to me, began reading, Précis de la Revolution Francaise par Sacrételle

Saturday, was better, Dr Hyde came to me, dined down stairs, Lady Glengall Sally, Monr Gallois & Auguste de Staël dined with us. Monr. Gallois is a remarkably pleasing old man, particularly sensible & well informed, vain about England, which is very rare in a Frenchman — he is remarkably gentle in his manners, tho' reckoned violent in his political opinions, which are letter libérale. Auguste de Staël is in my opinion altogether the most agreeable young man that I have seen at Paris, he is reckoned pedantic, I cannot imagine why for ~~in my opinion~~ I think, his manners are perfectly unaffected, he is very sensible frank & good natured, he narrates remarkably well, and his stories are always clever, short & to the purpose — Mr Cornwall Mr Pigou, Capt & Mrs Scott came in the evening Sunday Jan.ry 16th read a pamphlet that is

just published & also just suppressed, called "Pensées et Maximes de Buonaparte", This Book professes to contain a collection of Pensées & Maximes, that Las Cases had written down from what had dropped at different times from Buonaparte, during his residence at St Helena I believe them to be genuine, because had they been written for the purpose there would have probably been more order in the arrangement & more equality in the thought they bear the stamp of having fallen accidentally from a Man, who sometimes thought with much originality & acuteness, and who at other times uttered very trumpery, common place things, as most people do, when they talk without thinking that what they say is to be recorded — I cannot imagine why this book is suppressed, as it does not appear to me to be at all likely to produce a favorable impression of Buonaparte. Monday — Sat for my Picture walked upon the Boulevards with Miss Berry, Harriet, Mrs Scott, & Mr Cornwall.

in the evening — Mr Cornwall has a bad ton, and deals in paradox's & profligate sentiments in general, but this evening he was very agreeable, he is clever, to a certain point, and talks well upon the Theatre, I hear that he is a good Actor, & I know that he is an excellent Mimic

Tuesday, drew in the morning, & began Scott's Novel "Ivanhoe," Mrs Scott dined here, Miss B & I, staid at home in the Evening, Mr Pigou & Ld Glenbervie came —

Wednesday, dined at the Embassador's, went to the Duchesse de Courland's & to the Duchesse de Broglie's —

Thursday — Benjamin & Mad.me Constant Mons. Gallois, Edmond de Beauveau & Gino Capone dined with us, Mons & Mad.e de Flahaut, Mr Cornwall & Mr Pigou came in the evening — B Constant is extremely brilliant in conversation, much more so, than any body that I have yet met with here, he is persiffleur, but there is so much good humour in his persiffla

B Constant told us several enter=
=taining stories about Mr & Mad^me Seward
She woke her Husband one night,
exclaiming in a tone of great affliction
"Ah mon ami savez vous, que je"
craint bien que je ne vous aime plu"
upon he answered, "ne vous affligez
"pas ma chere cela reviendra"
"Oh mais je craint aussi que j'aime
"un autre" "n'importe mon Coeur
cela passera"

that it is not offensive, he speaks very openly upon politics, but does not seem to be too much absorbed by them to talk upon other subjects, he is red haired & has light blue eyes, over which he wears Spectacles, yet with these disadvantages he has the appearance of a very clever man —

Friday, took my first lesson of drawing from Monsr Bourgois, walked with A Berry and Charles Legge in the Champs Elysees, dined at L^d: Glenbervie's, drank tea with Eliz^th —

Saturday, walked with A Berry, in the Tuileries, dined with S^r W^m & L^d: Hamilton, and went with them to the Francais, saw, "le Philosophe Marié, remarkably well acted, and la Jeunesse de Henri 5" —

Sunday Jany the 23^d — walked in the Tuileries with Miss Berry, dined at home, went to the Opera, Les Danaides, and then to Mad^e de Flahaut's

Monday, wrote to Lady Sheffield, walked in the Tuileries with Lunt & Mr^s Scott

Chateau, a certain set of fine ladies & gentlemen, who have constituted themselves at Paris, into what was, the ton and is now, the Exclusives, in London — that is a set of people, who without any superiority in beauty, rank or talents chuse to vote themselves the only persons fit to be lived with, and

dined at Lord Glenbervie's and went
afterwards to Elizabeth's
Tuesday, I was Cupped, B. North dined
with us, staid at home with Misses
Berry all the evening
Wednesday finished Ivanhoe, this
Novel is in a different style from the
others by the same Author, the scene
is in the Feudal times, the manners
of which are described with perfect
correctness & great spirit, of course
it does not possess those humourous traits
of character that are to be found in his
Novels where the scene lies in later times
and in his own country but there are
some characters powerfully drawn
especially that of Rebecca the Jewess —
dined at Mr de Greffulhe's with
a large party of the Chateau, went
to a Children's Ball at Mad^me de
Portalis's & to the Duchesse de Broglie,
Thursday, walked in the Bois de
Boulogne with Harriet & Berry

who shew their good breeding by their impertinent manners to all who are not of their own set — this Oligarchy is not narrow so oppressive in Paris as in London because there are so many different societies, that one may live not only in perfectly agreeable, but in fashionable society, without having to do with the Chateau, which after all, does not consist of more than a dozen or fifteen women and about as many men —

dined at home, went to Mrs Cadogan's & to the Princesse de Vaudemont's

Friday dined with Lady C Stuart & went to Benjamin Constant's & to Mad Rumford's I was very much amused with the Soirée at Constant's, where there were assembled the Chiefs of the Cote Gauche & many of the Authors & Artists of the present day, it is impossible to conceive more Raggamuffin looking set of people, or any thing that had more the appearance of a meeting of Conspirators, but some of the individuals to whom I was introduced were both good looking & agreeable, in particular, Manuel a distinguished Speaker in the Chambre, who has a particularly ingenious, good humoured countenance, I was also introduced to Mr Jouy, Author of l'Hermite de la Chaussée d'Antin & various other works, he appears to be a very agreeable, entertaining person Alexandre Lameth, with his powdered head and courtier like appearance, looked

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like the Spanish Embassador among the Conspirators in Venice Preserved —
Saturday wrote to Ld G. & to John, walked with Miss Berry, Capt & Mrs Scott & Lady Tancred dined with us, I staid at home in the evening —
Sunday, Jan. 30th walked with Miss B. on the Boulevards went to church with Harriet — Ld Clare, Mr Benar, Mr Hall, Mons. Denon & Mons. de Sabran & Gino Capponi, dined with us — Mr de Sabran is by way of a Genius, because he has written a very dull Poem, and Denon is by way of a great Artist, because he draws very ill, Gino Capponi is rather a sensible, pedantic Florentine Liberal, Mr Hall a Scotch Bore, but altogether the dinner did very well — Madme de Montjoye & Mrs C Fenge came in the evening, I went afterwards to Ladyp Stuart's —
Monday went to see the Hotel de Carnavale and the model of the Elephant, that is intended for a Fountain upon the site of the Bastille, dined at Ld Glenbervie,

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and went to the Princesse de Beauveau's & to the Princesse d'Hénin's in the evening Tuesday – heard the news of the death of the King, at the Ambassade, where Miss B & I walked this morning, the account came by telegraph to the French Govt. This event is stated to have taken place on Saturday last, dined at home & went to see les Petites Danaïdes at the Porte de St Martin, it is a very entertaining parody of the Opera & the Spectacle I thought finer than that at the Opera House, Potier was very diverting –

Wednesday, wrote to the Queen, dined at home, went to the Francais, saw "Eclipse" and never was more delighted than with the acting of both Talma & Mad.lle Duchesnois, Miss B & I, went afterwards to the Duchesse de Broglie's –

Thursday, dined at home, went in the evening to Mrs Douglas & to Eliz.th Stuart –

Friday, dined at the Ambassade, and went to the Francais with Eliz.th saw "Les Templiers" which I think is a cold, dull Play, Talma acted

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finely in the part of the Grand Maitre, Mad.lle Paradol who play'd the Queen, is a handsome Giantess, & plays with feeling, tho' at present she is an awkward Actress — I went afterwards to Benjamin Constant's, found there the usual party of Conspiracors & was introduced to General Foy, and to Mad.me Gay, who wrote "Le Marquis de Pommenars", Miss B. & I, went afterwards to Mad.me Rumford's, Saturday — called upon Eliz.th Lady De Ros, & Mrs Douglas, dined at home & staid at home in the Evn.g, Mr Pigou came to me —

Sunday, 26th wrote to Lady L. & to L.d & A. B. and to John, went to Church with Mrs D. dined at Mr Mercer's and went to Madame de Flauhaut's in the Evn.g —

Monday 27th walked in the Tuileries, called upon Mad.me de Montjoye, Mr Bonnar dined with us, we went in the evn.g to the Vaudeville, saw "Les Gascons", "Le Somnambule" & Mon.r Touche a Tout" — I was very much amused, this is in my opinion by far the most agreeable of any of the

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little Theatres at Paris, The Acting is really admirable, Philippe, Joli, Gontier, Mad^lle Minette & Mad^me Perin, are all excellent in their different ways, and the Pieces were lively & entertaining, and gave complete the idea of the French national character. Tuesday walked with Miss Berry's to the Pont de Jena, dined at the Embassade, went in the Evening to Madame de Bouffler's to meet Mad^me de Genlis, she is now a very old Woman and I should suppose never could have been handsome, as her features are hard & plain & rather vulgar, she had on her head a very large Bonnet, which I observe is here the outward sign of a Lady's being en dévotion. I had a good deal of conversation with Mad^me de Genlis, upon the subjects of poetry Ld L^dy Byron, Actors &c — upon all of which she was very clever, entertaining, and shewed a wonderful memory, her manner is neither coaxing nor hypocritical nor affected, but she shews that she has a high opinion of her own talents, upon the whole I think

who directed the Censure should be responsible for all that should be inserted in the Papers under their Censure.
The 4. first Articles were passed this day — The Speakers were dull except Constant, who made two short animated Speeches — Mrs & Miss Herbert, Mr Crosby and Mr Bonnar dined with Miss B. & I, went in the evening to the Princesse de Vaudemont's —
Wednesday — I went with Miss B. & Mrs Scott to the Palais Royale, to buy a Pelisse, & to the Boulevards to buy a Parasol — dined at home, went to Harriet in the evening —
Thursday — wrote to Lady Sheffield, called upon Mad^me de Salis, then went with Miss B. to sit in the Champs Elysées to see the carriages drive by to Long Ch. I dined at Mr Mercer's, came home in the evening, Mrs Fox, Mrs C Fox, Mad^me de Sa. the Scott's, and Mr Hall came —

Long Champs, it is the custom for all the Parisians, to go on the Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday, in the Holy Week, to Long Champs in the Bois de Boulogne, where there was formerly a Convent, at which a Sermon used to be preached on those days, the Convent & the Sermon have disappeared, but the people still go there in their best Carriages & Liveries & new Bonnets but the Gentlemen no longer drive their Mistress's there openly as they used to do before the Revolution.

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radox's & profligate sentiments
this evening he was very
clever, to a certain point, and
in the Theatre, I hear that
Actor, & I know that he is an
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in the morning & began Scott's