

Letter from James McGrigor (to a fellow medical officer?), dated 2 June 1814, re travels in the south of France, and disposition of medical officers around Toulouse

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TOULOUSE 2nd June 1814.

My dear Sir,

I strongly recommend to you to go to Paris by the way which I have lately travelled. I was delighted with my tour. I had two nights. The first ^{night} and compare notes with the French Medical Chiefs, the other to visit Montpellier, the oldest medical college in Europe, and now the principal medical school in France.

I ^{from} saw the French Medical Headquarters at Carcassonne, I went to Narbonne, and skirted the Mediterranean to Montpellier. I got a most flattering reception from the Professor? Don being my interpreter, all of them visited me and showed me very kind and pleasing attention. At Nimes the Roman antiquities are in better preservation than at Rome or in any other quarter. From Nimes I went to the stupendous aqueduct at the Pont du Gard, ^{Crossed} the Rhone at Avignon, went to L'Islet, ^{to the Vaucluse} then on to Vaudun - turned to the left at Cavaillon in the vicinity of [&] ^I ^{revisited} ^{our} ^{kind} friends at Montpellier, ^{returned} and by the of Langender. ^{Languedoc}

We were most fortunate in the weather, the country was in the highest perfection, and our tour was ^{rendered} and peculiarly interesting by our having gone in ... of the ^{tricks} ^{of} Buonaparte and of the ^{Popes} in their last travels. I learned a number of curious particulars of ^{these} their celebrated personages.

We move for Bordeaux on the 4th. Lord Wellington will be with us on the 16th then. ^{there} ^{the} it is of the last consequence for me to be home at the present moment, I fear much that two months will elapse before I can expect to be there. The Guards go ^{soon} to St. Jean ^{de} near Luz. I thoughts of matrimony. Walker ^{not} when Alexon goes ^{Nixon} Alexon is ^{you know} not entirely ours.

I want from you and as soon as you can make it, the continuation of the ^{reports} of your ^{operation} on the 1st instant. None of them have yet escaped from you and I could wish the result of them to be followed to St. Jean near Luz. - that it may be seen what kind of a job you have made of the Battle of Corthez (?)

On after thoughts it will be well to send Dr. Walker down immediately. I will write Alexon this day, that he will all duty but the Guards, who are going away, Alexon doing the same.

Believe me ever,

I hope you had late and good accounts from Mamma.

My dear friend,
Truly yours,

J. McGrigor.

Did you write a public letter for yourself and your officers.

in after breakfast, & will be well, & send Dr. Nathan
down tomorrow. I ride with him this day. But he
will take home, & will duty but the General, who are
going away, & Nathan along the same.
Order me love

My dear friend

I hope you have told
me accounts from
Marianne.

Did you receive a public letter
for yourself & your office -

Rome 326

Toulouse 20 June 1814

My Dear Sir

I strongly recommend to you to
go to Paris, by the way which I have lately travelled.
I was delighted with my tour. I had been expected. The
first to see & compare notes with the French Medical
Chiefs. The other to visit Montpellier, the oldest medical
school in Europe, & now the principal medical school
in France.

From the French head quarters at Carcassonne. I
went to Narbonne, & thence to Montpellier & Mont-
pellier. I got a most flattering reception from the
Professors. The Roman being my interpreter, all of
them visited me, & showed me every kind of friendly
attention.

attention. At Arles, the Roman antiquities
are in better preservation than at Rome or in
any other quarter - From Arles I went to
the superintendant agent at the Port de
Garon, crossed the Rhone at Arles, went to
St. John & then to Vaucluse - turned to the left
to Carpentras. I began in the vicinity of Gressilles
occupied the Rhone at Tarascon, I visited our
kind friends at Montpelier, & returned by the Channel
of Languedoc.

The more most favourable in the weather, the
country was in the highest perfection, & our tour was
rendered peculiarly interesting by our having seen in
the heart of the heart of Buonaparte & of the Rhone in
their last hours. I heard a number of curious

curious particulars of these celebrated personages.

We move for Bordeaux on the 14th. Lord Wellington
will be with us on the 16th then. This is of the
last consequence for me to be home at the present
moment. I fear much, that two months will
elapse before I can expect to be there.

The Guards go down to St. Jean de Luz. I
have some thoughts of returning to the Rhone near Bayonne
where I have gone. you know I have not actually
gone.

I want from you, & as soon as you can make
it, the continuation of the whole of your Narrative &
in English. to the 1st part. Some of them have not
escaped from you, & I can see the result of
them to be forwarded to St. Jean de Luz - that it
may be seen, what kind of a job you have made
of the battle of Gettysburg.

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kind friends at Montpelier, & landed by the Channel
of Langedoc.

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country was in the highest perfection. I over land was
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their last hours. I heard a number of curious

curious particulars of those celebrated persons.

We move for Brindley on the 4th. I am expecting
will be with us on the 16th then. This it is of the
last consequence for me to be home at the present
moment. I fear much, that two months will
elapse before I can expect to be there.

The Guards go down to St. Jean de Luz. I
have some thoughts of returning to the Rhone near Brindley
when I can go. you know I mean to not actually
over.

I want from you. & as soon as you can make
it, the continuation of the whole of your position &
in relation to the 1st unit. Some of them have not
aroused from you. I could wish the result of
them to be followed to St. Jean de Luz - that it
may be seen, what kind of a job you have made
of the battle of Brindley.

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down immediately. I will write again this day. But he
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going away, I mean along the same.

Believe me ever

My dear friend

Yours truly

I hope you have had
& good accounts from

J. M. G. P.

Mamma. ad.

Did you receive a public letter
for yourself & your mother -