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my opinion is a circumstance not at all
likely to happen. Every obstacle that now
presents itself is light as air compared
with those which stood in the way a
twelvemonth ago. If the British Government
had been so generous, or even so politic
as to have allowed me in return for the
grants of Napoleon, now & then to have
sent back a French Officer a captive on
our shores; I could have wiped away
the tears of many a suffering family.

It grieves me to tell you that Mrs. Jackson
after escaping from the danger threatened by
the late inclement weather, was seized a
few days since with her old complaint in
the chest in a very severe way, which brought
on a slight spitting of blood. She is still

confined to her bed, tho' better in some respects,
but prohibited from seeing any of her
Friends, even her Brother who was coming
here but for this unlucky occurrence.
As it would be tantalizing for you & Mrs.
Davies to be here, while Mrs. J. is in this
state, I must beg you
to postpone your intended
visit to us. As soon as

she is sufficiently recovered, we shall be all glad
to see you. The last is still with us, & appears
now free from all complaints. I thank you for
your attention to poor G. J. - it is really mel-
ancholy to see him. My endeavours shall not
be wanting to procure him a living, but it
is the destroyer of human life & not the pre-
server who have the best interest. Remember
us kindly to G. Father & Mrs. Davies - She has
acted wisely in giving up suckling, as you know
from experience the Baby can get supplies from