

Versailles May 29<sup>th</sup> 1853.

1. Rue Neuve.

My dear Marsh,

Here we are in the old world once more, in this quiet old city of the past, its very dullness is refreshing after the glare, dust, and noise of New York, which we left on the 7<sup>th</sup> & reached Havre on the 19<sup>th</sup> of this month, in the good steamer Humboldt after the smoothest passage I ever made, notwithstanding which Mr Healy was sea-sick day and night & I was on the point of being so several times from sympathy. We had the happiness of finding our dear children, their Grandma & Dubourjal quite well, on the morning of the 20<sup>th</sup> the very day we wrote telling them to expect us. It is our intention to remain here until the Autumn & then Mr Healy will go to Paris, while I visit the East to make those studies of which we have talked so much. I saw Rossiter in New York he was to sail yesterday for Liverpool, he intends leaving Naples with his party of which, I am to be one about the 1<sup>st</sup> of December we hope to