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My dear Prince

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Your letter has duly come
and I am greatly obliged to you for it,
but was somewhat disappointed at your
saying so little about yourself
another time. I hope you will tell me
something of your gettings on - what
you are doing or hope to do; but of
course I shall expect no secrets.

It is most gratifying to know that Mrs
Marsh is improving in health

We have remembered you as requested
to the Brevins, who are still here, after
having spent the winter in Rome - They
return to Mrs Marsh and yourself
their best regards

For some time, I had to lay aside all
proceedings with the file machine, for
which I have as yet no patent but
many patents for the file itself, are
being taken out in England and
France. The first steps are already
taken. It will be time enough for the
machine when it is done and pro-
viding alterations may be necessary. but I
do not think they will - for every
thing is so simple and clear to my
mind, that I cannot see what more
could be done - It is of course some-
what complicated; a thing not to be
avoided in a machine so comprehen-
sive in its requirements - You will
perceive this, when I state, that it
will receive a plate of steel from
an other metal from inches to 20
feet long and of any breadth short
of 6 inches - and will fit with holes
and teeth without handling at all,
It will receive its plain - and deliver
it finished - and of any grade, from
the size of a Cambric needle to $\frac{1}{4}$ inch
hole - the hand from steam or any
other power will move it, but the