

My dear lady
I was anxious
to thank you before your
kind letter of the 20th Dec.
I thank you for the inter-
esting details you gave
of what has thus happened
at Paris, but would not
do so sooner. Accept now
my best thanks & at
the same time the assurance
that the War Off. of Florence
is recovering from her

severe illness of which you
have heard I am sure.

We were in great anxiety
about her, but thank God
now begin to hope again
that her previous life
will be spared to us.

I have been also very
unwell with the peccan-
ting Influenza, but
am better again, tho'
not quite free from
Cataract. The King &
Princess thank God are

well, which is a great blessing.
They both charge me
with their aff. Compliments
to you & me all they
can think of remember
to tell the children.

I hope you have all
escaped colds & are well.

God bless a prudent
you ever, my dear
sister & prays your
aff. grateful
Friend

M.D.

O. B.
Jan 10th
1837.

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