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My Dear Sir

Camp 1 1/2 leagues from Toulouse

I was very agreeably surprised on the 5th by the presence of Tom to dinner at Plaisance, he had just that moment come up from the rear, and scatted the greater part of the way his pony having knotted up and died on the way what is by no means a singular circumstance, in many places when the road was very dirt they were laying in half dozens - Tom is quite well & I think will now continue so, he did not go into the town of Arge, as directed fearful of being detained so long and there being no post from where he was he could not write to you, I should have informed you sooner of his joining, on the 6th however we crossed the Garonne, which suited so well on the evening we were obliged to take off our bridge of Pontons, and we consequently were in want of our baggage till last night ^{when} the river again fell sufficiently to admit of our establishing our bridge, and we moved on here in expectation of a grand fight to day, & are now laying on the ground with tents struck ready for anything

Marshall Sault, the most beautifully posted and
fortified in position in front of us, I think
has lost his grand chance, not attacking
& destroying the small proportion of our Army
that crossed the first day than the world only,
have had a part in place of the whole to
contend with, Lord Wellington is very active
upon or being now (12 o'clock) I fear the day is
to far gone however to display it actively
now, at day light tomorrow I hope we
will begin our operations, and your crosses
being at your feet sides need not doubt the
Swiss. I am now writing you in the Gen
eral's Wagon calling me to go & act in case
of a move, I trust I will very soon write
you again from the grand city we mean
soon to get into, Sault has 30000 Saults,
• The one I am now on the look out for
a pony for Tom, without it he will
knock up on Sunday we moved at 10 at
night and marched till 5 on Monday ^{evening} when
he is not able to do & you do not mean
he should

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by the loss of his baggage he is now in want of
several things. Mrs. Rich, thinking as they
are not to be had I will give him a parcel
of mine, to make him comfortable till
we get a little tranquil what I think
his battle may produce, we know the
allies are in Paris - & the friends in the
neighbourhood say all is now over with
them, all the fine Chateaux here
are gutted & uninhabited - except
the dragoons - their horses - the
friends after the battle of Orleans sent
all their cavalry here - & they have com-
pletely destroyed almost all the fine houses -
and in their rout - made the inhabitants
of Toulouse cut down all the fine trees
on their Promenades - & throw in to the river
the hopes of carrying away our bridge
I am now with me, he has not the
opportunity I have of writing - but will do so
soon - with best regards to all your good family
yours truly
James Allan

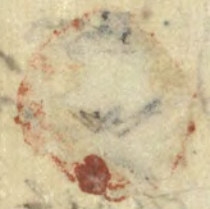
We have now no other necessary business
and a want - dearly which please
more mind - dearly our effort
fringe - for - which will make a vacancy
your hand - now you'll be set off for hand

Jas. Allan

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London - dearly what our dearly
by Capt. Arthur - dearly dearly
to hand on the other side - dearly
you have from dearly dearly