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London 13 May 1858

My dear friend,

I fear you must have thought me most remiss in not having written to you now for upwards of 6 months. I hope you will believe me when I say the neglect has not arisen from not thinking of you.

But chiefly because the state of money matters during the last 9 mos. has been such as to absorb one's thoughts and feelings to an almost undue extent. At least I plead guilty to undue anxiety on this subject. It is impossible for two countries so closely connected in trade as ~~yours~~ England & America are, not to feel either the prosperity or the adversity of ~~the~~ the one; and the panic in your Railway securities was and is still very deeply felt in this country. We in our business have been pretty largely concerned in buying and selling your Railway bonds, and when the fall came, we

Mr Sheil

Sollum be imparted for Mrs Sheil's sisters.
Bedline Mrs's kindness very offensive
Sam Morris

well informed part of the community will rouse themselves to action.

25 June 1858

My dear friend, I had written the preceding when I received your letter of the 27th May, giving me an account of your illness, and of your having been a sufferer from the money difficulties that have swept over your country. I am almost ashamed of having alluded to myself so much, when you have been a sufferer to a much greater extent. I do indeed sympathise with you and pray that your soul may be filled with the consolations of the Holy Spirit. God can make all things abound to us through his mighty power, but we are slow to believe this and cleave to the things of earth as containing some inherent virtue and excellence in them — still it is a great trial to be stripped of what in our highly civilised condition is so necessary to our comfort. Pray let me know how you are: whether you are gaining strength & whether you are still in Chest