My dear Sir,

London 20 June 1815

I should most certainly reply to your letter respecting the Loan sooner but that I wished to give it every possible chance Perhaps you can write to D. Crommelin & Sons & their answer they are a house of Capital & reputation & have done business with us on the most liberal Terms They have not assigned all the reasons that operate Sidlys Contract has occasioned unusual distrust and though they would not speak of it that is the Bar to every confidence which would otherwise be given to the Americans —

We might as well have sought after Golden Eggs as opportunity of obtaining money on Loan here on any Terms I really believe that no man here who has money to dispose of would part with it to the best Man in England under apprehension he would

as fast as I can make them and make them out I am extremely obliged for your reminding me of these things I am not idle but shall always be the better of your direction & information. —

Your information of my good friend Mr Lee & the little Ones is pleasing indeed — It is near three weeks since I had letters from Liege when my little friend was perfectly well & happy. —

Jan Bills say two of 100 each 5 May has been daily accepted — Why did you not take Money from Stoddart — Present me with all possible friendship to the Best Woman in the world I believe and to be faithfully & affectionately

Your most obliged

A H Gallatin

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Gen. Smith
June 20th 1815

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