

London, June 22, 1871. My dear Mr. ...

I have just received your letter of the 20th inst. and am glad to hear that you are well. I am also well, and hope these few lines will find you the same. I have been thinking much of late of the state of the country, and of the progress of the various reforms which are now being carried out. It seems to me that we are passing through a period of great change, and that the future of the country will be determined by the course which we now take.

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