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Paris, Rue des Feuillantines 69.
March 13th 1875.

My Dear Mr Jones,

I thank yours for your kind letter and all the news it contains. I am sorry to hear that Major Adams is dead; the little I knew of him was quite in his favour — I did not know that Lieut. C. King had been suffering from rheumatism. I hope he will soon get well, and shall be glad to be remembered to him. — I always got on very well with Colonel Addison, and had a high opinion of him as a conscientious and kindly disposed man, and feel sorry to hear that he is going to leave. With regard to the Revd Rogers, I knew hardly anything of him, and therefore and therefore am unable to say whether his going away is a loss

and at any rate, they are powerless to shake the conquests of liberalism; the utmost they can do, is to impede for some time further progress in legislation. With us it is not so. A constitution is to be made, the very basis of our institutions is at stake. How will it end? I am very uneasy. I try to relieve my anxiety by attending now and then some lectures on arboriculture, and I only regret that I have not a garden.

Mrs Balaguer unites with me in kind love to all, and we shall be glad to be kindly remembered to Dr and Mrs Atkinson.

Very sincerely yours,

J. Balaguer

Many, many thanks for your letter.

to the College. — I am glad to see that the Eichborn trial has ended in the conviction of the claimant, for the first trial had already convinced me that he was nothing but a brazen faced swindler.

I called yesterday ~~at~~ Mr. Becquerel and saw his wife. I reproached her with negligence for not having sent you a receipt, and she told me she would send you one by the next post. She said she had no plates for you.

Dr. Hamy, whom I saw afterwards, told me he would send you a plate and manuscript within a fortnight. the drawing of the plate is ready, but as it has to be coloured &c. he does not think he will be able to have a proof before 8, 10 days or a fortnight at most, when he will forward it to you. He explained his not having answered your letter, by the desire he had of sending you the proof at the same time. He also told me that he had seen M. Sauvage and M. Milne Edwards, and that both prepared something for ~~the~~ you.

I am very pleased to hear you are all well. Mrs. Balaguer has been lately suffering from rheumatism in her arm. As for myself, I feel tolerably well, and should not complain, if the absurd and abominable policy of our rulers did not cause me the greatest anxiety about the future of our country. With you the last elections have been very unfavourable to the liberal party, but the triumph of the tories can be ~~but~~ but temporary,