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C^t Henri Bombelles
Sec. of the Imperial
Prussia

Vienna February 24^r 1836.

My dear Foster

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You have always been kind and true
to me, & your very friendly letter of the
2^d instant is a new proof of it. You are
right to regret us a little, as you are
certainly foremost among those, whose
parting with, is ~~certainly~~ painful to us.
as I shall now be a prisoner for many
years I cannot flatter myself of meeting
you elsewhere, & must therefore hope
to see ^{you} once appointed an ambassador
at this post. I will not trouble you
with any ^{long} reflections upon my new appointment,
a very confidential & honorable one indeed.

What you heard of the late Emperor having
fixed his choice on me, is the exact truth.
How could I then have thought of refusing
to comply with this wish, ~~to comply with~~
which I must consider as forming part of
his last will. I did not therefore hesitate
in accepting this great trust, & as you say,
the opinion of so good a judge gives me
some courage to undertake it, & some hope
of succeeding in it. — I do not speak
of the sacrifice I make of my independance.
I have already made up my mind to it.
My poor wife cannot yet boast of the
same self-denial. She thinks it very hard

to be the whole day separated, as well as
the children from me, but I hope the
things will not turn ^{out} to bad as the fancies
now. As for my boys I expect to be
still able to superintend their education,
& as to their prospects in life they cannot
certainly loose by my new situation. These
two children did not indeed forget
you - nor the key making, nor the
goose berry feed, nor the merrygo round
at the vigne, where yours & lady Albinas
were so kind to them. Gray remembers
may me most kindly to her & also to Miss
Robert & to Mr Boyse, Mr Wombell

besides me to aid her ~~kind~~ best
remembrances. She also would have
written to Lady Albion, but being not
quite well today, she will do so by next post.

Now believe me ever yours very
sincerely

J. Mombell

Flaxer who is going to leave us on
leave of absence for London begs to
be remembered to you & presents his best
wishes. The advice you gave ^{him} by me
was very useful.

