Louvain Hotel du Sauvage
Sept 2[illegible] 1826

My beloved Parent

Your most kind and interesting & welcome letter I received this morning on enquiry at the Hotel de Cologne just before the sitting of Common — I thank you most heartily for it & that you may not lose a letter by missing a post (for understand when they come & when they go I cannot) I take up my pen that my get my letter in before 5 and it is now a good deal past 3 (I am just come from the Common) — after thanking you for your very kind & interesting letter, I turn to myself & proceedings as what you are most desirous to hear of — We get on slowly — I urge & push work as much as ever I can — we have finished 2 more witnesses since I last wrote — We have sat today from ½ past 9 to ½ past 3 — I wanted a little more so as to finish a witness tomorrow but could not carry it — Mr Martin jokes me about my quarter Sessions & how much I shall (I think) make there very pleasantly & kindly — I see now that we shall not leave this place before

we get there — but you see I cannot say whether [illegible] Sessions [illegible] I can get home by [illegible] I will as you have but it must be a little uncertain as [illegible] not knowing how many more witnesses are to be produced here or whether [illegible] between now [illegible] Paris — but I think [illegible] I shall be able [illegible]

And at Paris we sign & seal & finish — And you see I cannot but feel that a 5 or 6 weeks maintenance & 60 or 70 Guineas is a thing I have no right to despise — I trust I have worked a little for my money — I do I should like to complete & do all that can or ought to be done to be sure of getting it as far as one can — I must not tell you what is done in the Common by my oath — but I may say that Mr Stone Solor for the Pecks & English Claimants has found Entries in the Registers here which go almost to destroy the claims of the Nollekens claimant even if they prove all they wish or desire to do — but this cannot be used in evidence by the rules of Court on this Common & ~~[illegible]~~ shows only that Mr Stone ought to have searched long since —
As to dear Pope's question "as to my probable return" I think I have answered it — as soon as I can fix the day when we shall leave Louvain I will write directly — but no one knows — & so I will when we may leave Paris when

Quite well — thanks for your kind letter of 25 of Sept — such a pleasure to hear from you — Still here at Louvain

Quite well hopes dear Mama's cold is better & you all are well

franco Ostende
Louvain September 29 1826

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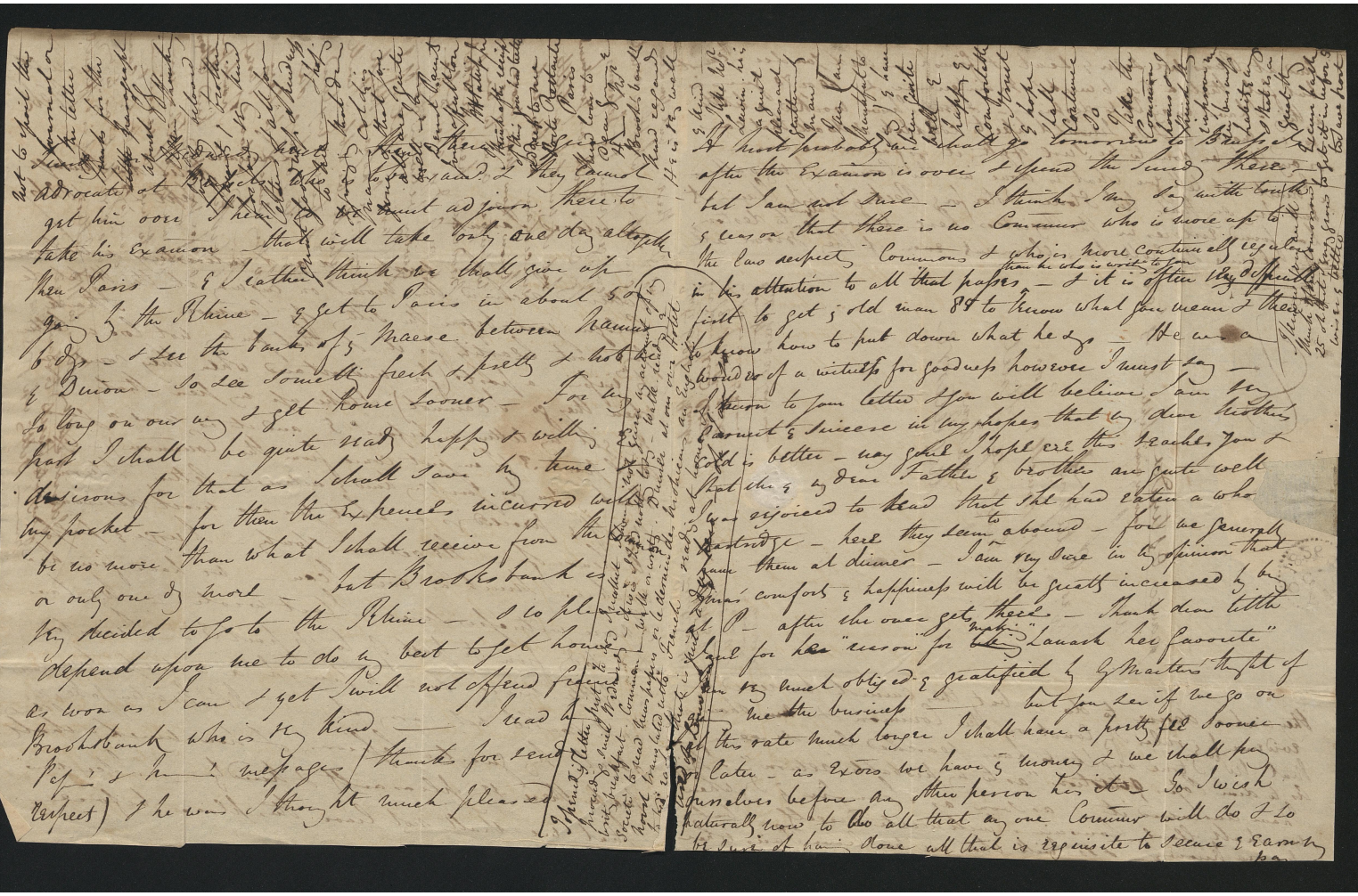
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