

Bordeaux 28<sup>th</sup> December 1837.

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Dear Sir,

Doubtless you will have been expecting for some time to receive an answer to your's of the 20<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> but it is only a few days since we have been in possession of the information we wished to send you relative to the melancholy subject on which it has already been our painful duty to address you.

We regret to inform you that it is too late this year to erect the Iron Railing; as the quantity of snow which fell towards the end of September has since rendered the road to the lake impossible; but our friend assures us that immediately it has sufficiently disappeared that the work shall be put in execution & when finished, you shall instantly be informed. Our friend whom we employ in your behalf on this painful subject thinks that a donation of 5 to 10 francs from time to time to the poor fisherman will suffice.

The way by which the monument is profaned is by the visitors cutting their names and breaking off pieces merely as a memento of having visited the Lake.

We remain,

Dear Sir,  
Your very obed<sup>t</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>  
M<sup>r</sup>. Johnston & Son.



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