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Hotel of the Congress  
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Madam!

Your philanthropic mind will have participated in the satisfaction excited by the daily progress of the antislavery institution of knights, liberators of the white slaves in Africa as well as the black, <sup>appointed</sup> ~~established~~ at Vienna on the 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec 1814.

No president there of I did not omit in the reunion held yesterday in this capital to make due & honourable mention of your benevolent exertions in favour of the Sicilian slaves whose lives were threatened in 1813 by the <sup>honourable</sup> ~~Duc~~ of Algiers. <sup>by</sup> the energetic & eloquent appeal <sup>which you</sup> made to the competent authorities in 1813

(through the medium of L<sup>rd</sup> Fleming) ~~announced~~ to those  
M<sup>rs</sup> Dickson

she could take cognizance of it, & you will have seen  
that the information you then sent forth to the  
world has been acted upon both at the time & since  
towards, not only their safety but their final liberation  
which has since been effected by the persevering  
& heroic conduct of a gallant Knight member of  
the antislavery institution, \* I have ~~felt~~ <sup>felt</sup> to forebear  
to mention your name publicly as the person whose  
persuasive pen stimulated the exertions of those  
nearst you & furnished them arguments by which  
they could excite similar sentiments in the minds  
of personages in power, and as long as I thought you  
still resident in Belgium I thought I ought in discretion  
to avoid identifying you with the operations of the  
Society.

antislavery institution; but since I have learnt  
the circumstance of your marriage & removal to  
Tripoli, under a government which has yielded to  
our benevolent influence by a change of system, I  
have no hesitation in conveying to you the public  
thanks of the society of Knights Librators unanimously  
voted to you yesterday, it being impossible for me  
to omit stating your claim thereto when the  
reunion was formed for the express purpose of  
making due acknowledgements to registering the services  
of distant members, coadjutors, adherents & correspondents.  
I beg therefore Madam that you will be pleased to accept  
the public thanks of the Knights Librators accordingly  
together with the accompanying medals & the assurance  
of the respect & esteem with which I have the honour to be  
Madam your faithful servant  
W. D. B. Smith