

W. D. Cupper.

Albany House  
St. Gaudens

Sept. 22. 1863.

Dear Mr. Gates,

I take a shot  
at your whereabouts; - I am sure  
of hitting you, for Edmund Gates  
would find you the world over.

And my errand is only this.

I have just received from  
America a German Illustrated  
Paper, containing a print or  
two - of Charleston, Sumter,

W. S. Cupper.

to both, which I judge may  
 possibly be of some use to you  
 as a writer in - or for aught  
 I know Editor of - the Illustrated  
 Times. At all events, &  
 whether of any service or not,  
 these presents may come  
 to prove goodnick from my  
 father's son Pyne father's  
 son: so accept the same

kindly as I mean them.  
 I conclude you have returned  
 Pyne postal duties, after  
 Mr. Harold Powers' translation.  
 I saw you both with much  
 amusement & due commendation.  
 Let me know <sup>when</sup> this reaches you  
 from yours truly  
 Martin F. Cupper.

Edmund Yates Esq. NO. 91

G. S. Whyte Melville.

Wootton Hall  
 Northampton  
 Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> 1863.

Dear Sir

I regret that it is not  
 in my power at present  
 to accept your flattering  
 offer - I have nothing  
 ready in MS. and  
 could not undertake  
 to begin a work of  
 the profound nature  
 at quite such short  
 notice. Thanking you  
 much for your kindness

I remain  
 your very obediently  
 G. S. Whyte Melville

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