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2 Ferry St, Manchester
2 March. Thursday

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Yours with best wishes,
R. W. Emerson

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EMERSON, RALPH WALDO (1803-1882).
Poet and philosopher. Manchester, England

A.L.S. to "My dear Sir." 2 Mar. [1848].
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He cannot come to Birmingham until he goes to London, and he is setting out on the day he writes. Speaks of the exciting political events, and thanks his correspondent for sending him some papers.

The letter is probably written to a Mr. Evans of Birmingham, with whom Emerson was known to have corresponded while he was in England. The letter is printed in *The Letters of Ralph Waldo Emerson*, ed. R.L.Rusk (Columbia Univ. Press, 1939), IV, 29. The political events referred to are the French revolution of 1848.

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