

Bordeaux 22 Novem 1831,

My dear Sir

An absence from home has prevented me answering sooner the letters you wrote to me, on the subject of the monument to be erected near the Lac de Gagne to the memory of your departed Son & daughter. On receipt I wrote off to our agent who is charged with seeing the same erected & in answer he informs me that in spite of his endeavours the Sculptor has not yet finished his task, he tells us to have patience yet another & that he has every hope it will soon be finished when it will be put up; it is true he observes that the winter (there very severe) may put an hindrance in the way but early in the Spring he is sure the whole will be accomplished.

A sketch of the Tablet with the inscriptions & situation will be sent to you as soon as done.

I am very sorry that the negligence of the Sculptor has delayed the thing so long but we have our last letter to him and wish him to keep his word.

Believe me My dear Sir your very affectionate friend  
A. M. J. B. M.

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