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To Baron W. von Humboldt

[Jan.^{y} 21. 1828.]

Sir –

I beg permission to introduce to you one of my young countrymen, M^{r} J. Burton Harrison, who is about visiting Europe, with the hihghly |*sic*| laudable desire of improving himself in ancient & modern learning.

With that view, he is desirous of seeing the eminent men whose science and literature have conferred a lasting honour upon the present age; and among those illustrious men your name has been too conspicuous, both in Europe & America, to be overlooked.

M^{r} Harrison comes recommended to me by friends of the highest authority; and among these I may be allowed to mention my friend M^{r} Ticknor, of this city, who travelled in Europe a few years ago & who while in Rome had the honour of frequently seeing Madame de Humboldt during her residence there. If it should happen that I have been too ready to gratify the very natural wishes of <an American, in giving> him this letter to you, I hope you will find an apology in the motive which prompted it.

Boston, United States of America,
Jan.^{y} 21, 1828.