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La Spezia Piemonte

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Dear Miss Carpenter

General Garibaldi would  
renew your note the evening  
of its arrival for it was sent  
immediately to the Comandante  
through whose all communications  
must pass, no answer has been  
sent to me so it probably has  
gone direct to you, though I fear  
the General is not very able to  
write. I should have written  
to you before but I wished to  
know if there was any thing  
that could be sent from England  
that would be of use to him



At first he was very ill off indeed, for he arrived before any preparation could be made to receive him, but now I believe he is as comfortable as the case can admit of, and the English Medical gentleman seems to have been satisfied with all that has been done, but they say he will be confined to bed for months to come. We feel the greatest sympathy for him, but intention was good but unwise for had he succeeded in reaching and driving the French out of Rome it would not only have led to a new occupation not only of Rome but of Naples and Sicily which I much fear is still the Idea.

I was not at all surprised at the death of Lord Betcham as I knew

he had been long in a hopeless state, but it was sudden at last and very painful for his sister for they had been walking together in the garden at Wimbledon when he burst a blood vessel and was dead in few minutes after, since that I have heard nothing nor do I know any thing of the heir except that he has been travelling every where.

I trust my very dear friend Miss Cobbe is in better health, she wears her strength out by over work and thought, and I know you are united with her in all good works and charity in which I wish you every success. I earnestly hope that a more fortunate petition may be offered to the Council of the London College - but expect for nothing beyond our sphere but that the talents God has given us may be developed to the best advantage, I trust your brother to whom I beg you will offer



My best regards will give us his  
powerful aid - Believe me dear  
Miss Carpenter with the highest  
esteem Yours sincerely

Mary Somerville

celebrated Mathematician &  
astronomer.