30 December 1830

Dear Jackson

I have been very unwell since I saw you. On Tuesday I began to feel a little better, and now I am able to get out.

I had yesterday evening a note from Lord Grey saying that the second petition was not necessary, as the first would be taken into consideration. Lady Cochrane had also a note from Lord Durham wishing to tell her something which he could not put on paper -and she is now gone to hear what it is.

The disturbances in Ireland &c&c &c are all in our favor; the more unfeeling [1]

folks are bothered the more likely they are to listen to reason and do justice. Let us hope

for the best

and believer me ever your most sincerely

Cochrane