



HywORTH TOWN
Feb 8th 1846

My dear Madam

Accept my cordial thanks for
your ready compliance with
my request and for your thus
permitting me the pleasure
of becoming acquainted with
you as far as the dates permit

by letter - Our new arrange-
ments in the Post Office in Eng-
land speak this intercourse
very agreeably by reducing our
postage to very little - Your coun-
try was always most liberal &
convenient in this respect & I
am glad for the honor of our
country that we have in this in-
stance at least followed at last
your good example

The book you have sent to



will on every account be
most valuable to me - and
when I cease to exist it will be
valued by my family who will
prize it ever while they exist
~~is that~~ It is now in this library
and in the hands of one of my
family who is an enthusiast
in admiration of the character
of Washington

This life presents him to us in
a most amiable light as one to
be loved as a private individual
as well as revered as a
great statesman & most unblem-
ished of all public charac-
ters recorded in history - The
account of the emotion felt by
him & his brethren in arms and
in council when he retired from

which I beg your acceptance

May I hope that whenever
any of your connexions or of
your countrymen or women
come to these countries they
would as the Mordecais have
done take the trouble of visiting
us at Edgeworthstown?

A line of introduction from you
would ensure the most hospita-
ble reception and power to give

M^{rs} Edgeworth begs me to press
this upon your consideration
with her best respects - It is doing
a favor & service to people who
live so much retired as we do within
our own circle to introduce to
us cultivated persons from your
great world

Believe me dear Miss Gratz
Yours obliged
Maria Edgeworth