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Dear Uncle

Mr Charles P de Menou a young gentleman of good family and [illegible] acquaintance of [illegible] [illegible] some of the principal towns of New England, requested an introduction to some of our acquaintance in Connecticut, therefore at the request of my Feyther I have taking the liberty to recommend him to your attention.

He travels for information respecting the country, which he leaves for Europe in the spring. as you have so much general knowedge of these kind of things he will no doubt be indepted to you if you will impart any interesting particulars to him. — viz — natural history. or any thing relating to the country which would be interesting to a traveller.

I know nothing of the form of introductory letters as you may see, but any thing which will serve to insure the poor young man attenton and politeness is sufficient & will answer the desired purpose. with a deal of love to the family I am your

affectionate Laura —

Note. that my drawing master is a french gentleman of the name of Binsse — I like him wonderfully —