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No. 2 Oriel Place, Cheltenham
Febry 26. 1847. —

Dear Sir,

Your kind letter of Jany 28 and the Pamphlet respecting the Gibbs family arrived in due time, by the last Boston Mail. I am greatly obliged to you for the trouble you have taken in procuring for me so much information on a subject with which I have latterly been very much interested. After a long residence of 40 years in the active profession of a Physician in the City of Bath I had for some time retired to Cheltenham, when most unexpectedly a Gentleman called on me, & gave me the first intimation of a property of consequence in Devonshire, requiring a person of the name of Gibbes, with arms, the same as mine, who might come forward with every chance of success to displace the present occupant. This information led me to investigate my Genealogy, & being an idle man, I hunted my pedigree in every direction, & I can only tell you for I might write a Volume of the Romantic history that has accrued, that the family of Gybbe, Gybbes, Gybbys, Gibbes, Gibbs &c &c the patronymics varying as much, I should suppose, as their Faces, is a very extensive family, occupying very respectable positions I might almost say in the four Quarters of the Globe. The Old & The New World teem with them. In the Midst of this Inquiry, Mr Morgan Gibbes dropt from the Clouds, on Cheltenham, & from his accidentally meeting a Friend of mine, (& mentioning his wish of learning something of his own family) to whom I had imparted my genealogical pursuits, he was immediately introduced to me, & thus I am indebted to him for the new & very extensive field of North America, wherein I can disport in my Pedigree pursuits. —

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