

Paris, 49 avenue des champs Elysees  
 Wednesday Second January 1856.

Dear Tales.

Supposing both Corsican Brothers  
 to be available, I think I should prefer being  
 Godfather to the one who isn't Kean. With  
 this solitary stipulation, I very cordially  
 respond to your proposal, and am happy to take  
 my friend's and sponsor's seat at your  
 preside.

I will write you word when I purpose  
 making another flight to London; for I must  
 come and see my boy, whether he file the  
 sparkling wink-cap (when I was in America,  
 an editor wrote me a note of invitation begging  
 me to come and "crush" that article with  
 him), or not. I am but newly returned  
 here, and hardly expect to be lectured over  
 for some weeks.

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When you repeat me at the Fort and are  
renouncing, think that on Christmas Day I had  
seven sons in the Banquet Hall of this apartment  
- which would not make a very large warm bath -  
and renounce my example.

Miss Dickens and Miss Hooper I unite  
with me in kind regards to yourself and  
Mrs Yates - as to whom I ~~now~~ <sup>now</sup> consider myself  
with much pleasure, a sort of relation.

Very faithfully yours

Charles Dickens

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