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Description: Anne L. Pierce letter from Germany

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where we enjoyed, more than any other,
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old Titian's - wonderful portraits
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To him who removed the most disgraceful of public evils, Idleness and Beggary, who helped Poverty Labor and Morals, who gave to the Youth of the Country so many Institutions of Education.

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