The correspondence has been divided into sixteen chapters, each having about an equal number of letters. It is not surprising that the volume of James's correspondence increased as he became more famous and involved in public affairs. A short introduction to each chapter has been provided to give the reader some perspective or setting before the details are read.

To preserve the original flavor of James's writing, with few exceptions an attempt has been made not to alter his style by modernizing his punctuation, by translating the foreign words used, by supplying italics for the title of books and for foreign words, by expanding abbreviations, or by changing his spelling. With regard to the latter in particular, the reader should not think that typographical errors have been allowed to creep into the text. James used simplified spelling at times in his letters, though seldom in his published works. However, since he often wrote his letters in great haste, he at times left out the date of the year. It is hoped that these missing dates have been accurately supplied. Also, in some few cases, James assigned the wrong year.

The words James underlined for emphasis will be shown in italics.

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