

16 Margaret ^{Maryanna} St. Cavendish Sq
London. June

Dearest William

I have two letters from
you to acknowledge — the latest dated
May 19th. In regard to the invitation
from Mr. Martineau it wd have
been better to have provided for
Cura, if possible, at his house & left
R., whose plans are so uncertain,
to be provided for at the last if he
can be at Birmingham; however
I think it very probable that he will
be able to open us two rooms & that
it will come all right.

We have got today a Chas. intersting
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of the reason of our receiving such
 a number of invitations from aristocratic
 circles. A series of Receptions, Garden
 parties, Excursions to Country seats with
 lunches ~~to~~ have been arranged to be
 given by leading people to the principal
 people connected with Col: Exhibition
 during the month of June, & we have
 been here ever since have had a
 charming time. R. very properly, is not
 in every case willing to take your
 place. he is however to day trying
 to arrange to take us to three of these
 entertainments before we leave on
 Tuesday — to a garden party at Ken-
 sington tomorrow — to Sir G. Brussey's
 Country house to lunch on Saturday

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to the Countess of Salisbury's on
Monday by the latter part of the
list of entertainments I shall send
at same time as this - please keep it -
you need not pay me to spend
your money freely, it goes like the
wind in spite of all my Care. I am
positively ashamed to tell you that
I have now drawn £70. still I hope
that will last throughout June &
beyond & a large portion of that sum
is represented by clothing for you, my-
self & other members of our family. also
Lucia's money up to date. London is
unusually crowded. The hotels are
conquering for bedrooms amongst
the private lodgings & the latter have
raised their prices in accordance

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with the demand. We are paying
 £3. weekly for two small rooms &
 half as much more for food in
 comparison with ^{what we save} ~~our~~ lodgings at
 75. We are very comfortable & if I knew
 how you wished to be in London &
 the dates I wd secure them for that time.
 I hope the meetings of the Royal Soc:
 passed off satisfactorily & that you
 had a most pleasant break in the
 monotony of Seamy's life. I had a
 kind short letter from him this
 week & judge that he has laid himself
 out with preparations about forwarding
 things to the E. We visited the E. for
 the third time last Tuesday & were glad
 to find the Canadian department greatly
 improved altho' it will have been

unfavourable comparison with
 both the Australian & Indian depart-
 ments. Yesterday Eve & I having in
 the morn- been to the Bank, St. Paul's
 & other business places in that neigh-
 bourhood took lunch & returned
 to Bond St. & refreshed & delighted
 ourselves by a long visit to Long's
 pictures. I think them much finer
 than Halman wants. Amos Dobson
 is still an Exhibition but some
 of his new ones are ever better.
 In the evg. after dinner we devoted
 ourselves to the homely employment
 of repairing R's Shisto. That is a spec-
 imen of a full day, so today we are
 at duty work till lunch time

& R. is going to take us to see
 Devonshire house wh., with one
 or two bits, is all we have in
 view for the rest of the day.
 I hope when you come over that
 you will be careful to avoid
 bringing anything that is not positively
 required & also arranging to have
 all ship clothes & wraps at the
 the Dominion Co's stores where
 we left ours. We intend to rid
 ourselves of our largest trunk by
 taking it with us to Manchester
 & sending it from the railway station
 there to Liverpool to be till we
 go there on our return to Montreal.
 I have been interrupted by a long

visit

from Mrs. Mulyan & Mrs. Cannon
which obliges me to cut my writing
sharp off. to avoid missing the
mail. Give my loving thanks to
Georgy for his letter and your chance
to be writing. I had hoped to write
to him at this time but the oppor-
tunity is gone. Please also to give
much love to J. & W. I am sorry not
to write to them also but find this
impossible. Evee asks me to
include her when sending any
kind love to you. Believe me
love to be your affectionate wife

Maryann.