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- one or three
- other
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My dear Father,

I enclose three
notes from your report, your
knowledge. Since then letters
which I must have read
Hong Kong, and I think I must
have left, were found in
afterwards, and over to about
before the other day (had),
as I was nearly decided to do,
changed to the local sea and
spent six months in running
from Hong Kong to Yokohama,
in order to see something
more of Japan, I should
have received them rapidly

27 enough, and I would have
looked for more by the
same route, which already
is the fastest & best to Japan,
& when the new ships are ready,
it is likely to be the route for
passenger travel. I had
heard of a very early one indeed
to be made by Gillet's death. How
sad and unexpected its end.
I had been hoping that I might
meet him at one or another
of the different calling places
en route, or that he might
have found it suit him back
to come with us part of the way.
We have so many good
men who have the time & means
to do as he did, & devote himself
to work of public utility &
to the advancement of the
country's welfare. I always

liked him; so very modest
& unassuming, - and shall
long regret his death. What
was the trouble do you know?
I suppose Typhoid from
irregular use of bad
drinking water. Have you
heard?

- My plans as usual are
rather uncertain and
I shall not likely sail
again in the "Massilia".
I take out some new lines
perhaps on reaching London,
or perhaps only change
ships. In any case I must
avoid getting back into
any way of frame of
mind, which would be
fatal to any success.
What would it of course
be for your little chance of being

Everything with life -
I have been gratified to hear
of His improved prospects. Con-
gratulations be -
As his former -
& I am sure will not -
which shall be answered of
later. I shall hope to receive
further news on arrival at
Bris -
William had a fairly busy &
troublesome voyage. Smallpox
before reaching Bombay, & now
measles amongst the children,
besides the usual illnesses
& accidents amongst 400 men
rules, food & materials -
with love to Mother, and
all kind -
Your affectionate son
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