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My Dear Maamma.

Though I did not myself get a letter from you this mail, I was very glad to hear that all your things had arrived safely & that you had not much trouble about them at the Custom House.

Today I have been going about the town a good deal with Tina & a Miss Robinson who is staying here. We visited the National Gallery of Paintings. No doubt you saw it too. There are some very good pictures in it. Among other places we were at a sale of bulbs investing in some Hyacinths for Aunt. I got half a dozen myself as they were very reasonable (1/6 a half dozen)

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I am going to send you four
of them if possible by sample post,
& keep two to try in London when
I get back. My holidays here
are now drawing to a close
& I must return to work again
next week. (Classes begin on
the 10th) I have not yet
decided which day I will go.

I should like to return by steamer
if possible but the days on which
they sail are not convenient
at all. Tomorrow we are to
go to Salkitt for the day starting
after breakfast & consequently
letters must be got over today.

And as all are at present
preparing to go out to Jam's house
I will not be able to write

much this mail. Mrs & Miss
Lennie are to return tonight at
eight, & so all are to go out to
their house, have tea there & wait
their arrival. A cake of shortbread
must also be broken over the
brides head. (Reason unknown) &c &c.

The other evening I went out
with Ellen to Mrs Kemp's rooms
at Craig Lockart - & had tea there.
Mrs & Miss S & W Kemp were
both there. We spent a very pleasant
evening & had two very interesting
games of Croquet. I was also
at Aunt Mercers for tea the
other night. Besides these little
incidents I can hardly tell you how
the time is passing. It just
seems to slip away without
anything to show.
There is a great deal of talk &
expectation about the Prince of Wales's

visit to this place on Oct-13.

When he is to lay the foundation
stone of the New Infirmary. It
will be a very great occasion as
all the freemasons, & probably the
trades & other bodies will walk
in the procession.

Please excuse me at
present - as all hands are in a
hurry & I feel rather stupid

With best love to all

Believe me your affectionate

Son

George

Please give my love to Anne
& ask her to excuse me this mail
as I wrote to her at such length last
& am in a hurry this time.

Edw.