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My Dear Mamma

The mail is not yet
in though the weather for the last few
days has been remarkably fine, I must
have given the steamer the opportunity to
make a good passage on this side.

Last Sunday Evg. I dined at the
Ramsays with Phillips. Mrs R. has
not long returned from Abyssinia where
she has been since the New Year attending
on her father who has been very ill & is now
dead.

I have not heard anything of Harrington
& so suppose that he must have delayed

Sailing on account of the telegram
you mentioned. I hope the question will
be settled in his favour, but still I think
that the Government are in the right.

A civil servant is expected to give his whole
time to his duty whatever it is, & all Survey
employees of course rank as such. I am
pretty sure that no one connected with the
Survey here would be allowed to undertake
anything else.

As for scientific novelties likely to be given
for Students prizes I fear they are very
scarce. I really cannot find anything new
in that way. However when my exams are
over I may be able to do something.

The International Exhibition opened yesterday
& the Royal Academy opens very soon so
that there will be plenty to be seen by
any one coming to London now.

Applied mechanics lectures will be
over next Tuesday, which is a great comfort
Prof Huxley has yet 12 or 13 lectures to give
He is dragging us through his new
Anatomy of the Vertebrates at break-neck
speed, & has given us comparatively
little about invertebrates this session
— worse luck.

I saw a Mr Moore from Montreal
at the Museum the other day. He
came enquiring for Sir W. Logan
who I believe is not in town. He
asked for me having heard somehow
or other that I was here. I think I
remember having seen him, but really should
not have known his name unless
he had told me.
It is now time to leave for the

Should you mind by I must to let
them of 10 o'clock, & As I have
nothing else to write about - these
excuse the next time

With much love
Your affectionate son
George

I have a few lines from
the other day. He
comes regarding for Mr. W. Taylor
who I believe is not in town. He
asked for me but I could not
find him. I think I

remember him very well, but I
was not known to him when
I last saw him. He
is now in the