

George
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My dear Mother,

I fear you will
think me very unwise in not
writing more frequently, but
really things go on in such
a routine way that there is
little or nothing to tell. Two
sudden deaths here, old
Senator Bourinot, father of
the man you have seen died
suddenly from a paralytic stroke,
& Dr Todd of the Parliament
Library died this way, dropped

down while dunsy in the
 way I hear. Pauline has
 assembled a the streets a
 club look a little more lively.
 The Gov. funeral held in
 drawing room in the Senate
 Chamber last Saturday evening.
 all the elite a a large
 proportion of the roy. tag a bobtail
 were present. However a
 large number attended a
 that was all required as
 the Gov. funeral regard
 Colonials as a sub-species
 of rottenrot among whom it

it is impossible ² that any distinctions
worthy of their attention should exist.

I hope you are having a good time of it
& that the state of Egypt is not such as to
prevent your travelling to the points further
west to see there. I was amused to
see that at Naples you had gone to the
very one hotel I suggested to avoid, having
been there myself & found it out of the

way. I thought you would have done
better nearer the quay. However Cabs in
Naples are cheap & it is not difficult to
get about when you can find a Cabman who
knows anything about the town.

Yours

George