

4. Coddern Gardens  
Kensington W.  
August 20<sup>th</sup> 84.

Dear Lady Darnley

On our way up from  
Harrogate today it gave  
D'Arc and me the  
most sincere pleasure  
to read in the "Times"  
of the title which has  
been conferred on Sir John  
and yourself, will you  
accept our warmest  
congratulations. I am  
sure amongst your  
numerous friends there  
are none who rejoice  
more heartily than we do  
in this recognition of  
your husband's long

continued and valuable  
services to science.

I now regret a promise  
I made a friend, for  
besides your hands  
being full with the  
British Association you  
will now be inundated  
with letters from your  
many friends, but  
perhaps Miss Dawson  
will kindly write me  
an answer to the  
following questions  
sometime before the  
end of September, and  
that is, is Mr Popham  
of Montreal an influential  
person and a man  
whose hospitality a young  
lady artist would be

safe in accepting?  
Some friends of mine are  
much interested in a  
Miss Brooks an artist,  
and she has received an  
invitation from Mr Popham  
of Montreal, to come out  
and spend the winter  
with a view to making  
the visit an amateur profession.  
Miss Brooks is a portrait  
painter, and Mr Popham  
offers her to stay in his  
house till she can settle  
herself. She has never  
seen Mr Popham, and  
only knows of him through  
his having bought pictures  
of hers, and my friends  
are rather anxious about  
her going to Canada till  
she knows more of this

Miss Barks thinks I'm writing about the 8th October.

Gentlemen, & my friends knowing nothing of Canada applied to me, so I promised to ask you, and can only hope that you will forgive me all the trouble I have been giving you lately, with my letters.

We are just at home for a couple of days on our way to pay some shooting visits, & Rec is much better for the Barrogate waters which I hope will keep away the gout this winter.

My sister is in Ireland & I know she would wish to join her congratulations with mine (I am just sending her the Times) and write with us in very kindest remembrances to you all. Believe me dear lady Dawson yours very sincerely Kate Rae

Kate Bal

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