

Circa Decr in
going over to my
then week on the
Larson steamer
with Fenwick
with Paula in
at Annapolis -

Wallace

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Rankine has a root of
bitterness -
Papa calm & tranquil - does not
have his nervous excite
stage.

Thank you

for your letter written
just before leaving London
for & am afraid - I have been
seeking all day for leisure
to write, but the hurly burly
this last week has been
frightful, workmen everywhere
the plastering such a dirty
business & the furnace after
being dismembered, has lain
a full week in fragments
owing to mistakes & mendacity
on the part of old Ryan who
it seems possesses the pattern
of the fire-pots - However
we have got through most
of it now - I also a good
part of the house cleaning
wh. was a very necessary
business after the various
messes made in the house

George was down on Saturday
& he & papa went up to
Ottawa yesterday, to attend
the Royal Society's meetings, &
B. went this morning so
now I have a free field to
get matters in order.

Natalie soon tired of her
place, & from what she told
me her objections were
reasonable - so I looked
about for her, & she is to go
to Mrs (Judge) Mackay's as
cook, Mrs M. understanding
she belongs to you - she has the
intention to go to England for
6 weeks or so, & then will
leave L. & another to get the
house in order for her
return - Annie Simpson
too finds Dr Brauer's too hard
& is on the look out for some
thing else, I have sent her
to see one or two people &
I believe places are abundant.

Mr & Miss McDonald now
seem to think seriously of
going to England about the

beginning of July - I regretted their going
by the Madras news with Yaffa, but they seem
inclined to think of the new post line, after
nothing is settled.

Do you know that one of our boys
won a box of 15 new pens - about 27 shag
in England, but a reward for her, he
said Syphax was the teacher, but really
are all they have got - but

I touched at the Courthall's last time
a stupid big affair, & was obliged to do
an invitation to her (Mrs) (Mrs) & coming
the presence of most people - but several
had a tea, with some presented sealing
papers of a garden last & some today
clearly predicted an affair of Mrs. & I don't
but her large house appeared quite spare for
the guests - but some greenhouses is a hand

5 to 9th - or Thursday. I hope it will be
as their place is so lovely - you will be glad
to hear that I have actually got a charming
house - wh. I have been thinking for me, I get
a little touching up or my own account
consider a day's account - could it be said it
but - I have no doubt it will be in excellent
when you come out. I am hoping to take
myself off to Paris in 2000 after the meeting
there as possible - visiting up the house
for paper & board as well as may be. I
fear they may not be very comfortable. I
never receive in charge but receive at home
and - my only report, but - I really greatly
enjoying the long in fact, when the 2000
has to be, I the wonderfully early receiving
makes me think time is past as I have
I have, we had rather out of the garden or

the 23^d of May, & the lilies
of the valley are almost past
their best, I picked a num-
ber of bunches on Saturday
& Monday, & if weather per-
mits must have another
attack on them tomorrow

Carry has not been at
all well, cold & feeling
weak, but she seems to be
picking up again now

I am very sorry that
you feel so uneasy about
Kaukin, I was disappointed
to get back from the dead
letter office a long letter. I
had written him intending
him to receive it before you
reached London, papa re-
mailed it, as it had been
readdressed to him, I can't
help thinking that he put on
a great appearance of careles-
ness that is far from real, but
there is undoubtedly some
root of bitterness, which it
seems very hard to reach or
combat, we must hope &

pray - he seemed in so many
ways, the most promising
of us all - George seems
more cheerful though evi-
dently working very hard
& papa has really been
wonderfully calm & tranquil
without, & really he ~~ed~~ not
have been very frantic
within either, only once or
twice has he shown any
symptom of that excitable
nervous state, when he loses
his equable poise, pro tempore.

He will look much better
without that ugly little
knob on his face, it is healing
beautifully, & will leave very
little scar - What it is to be
a celebrity, the Drs. ~~ed~~ not have
made. More fuss, if he had
been about to lose a limb.

I went up the mountain
in the Elevator yesterday it
is a capital institution
for the masses -
all in haste no time to stop
& consider pros & cons - off to Anna