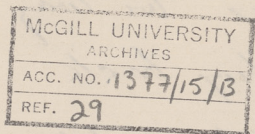


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My dear Mother,

Just before leaving
Ottawa I received your long
letter of June 23 which had been
sent to Montreal & Metis &
arrived at the same moment
with a note from Eva written
as late as July 1st. I was
glad to hear that all is going well
with Eva & the new arrival.
It will be a shocking trouble to
find a satisfactory name for the
youngster's fear.
I am here on my way west
having put off at last & hope before
a very long time to reach the scene of
our labours in Behring Sea.

What sort of adventures we may
pass through before getting back
I do not know. At present we
travel under rather favorable
auspices being provided with a
Car & trunks in which books
& documents ~~are~~ can be
overhauled. At Victoria we
are to find a steamer which
has been chartered, named
the "Danube" & she is to
reach the latitudes of 60° & drizzle
in which the seals reside.
Sir George Baden Powell is
very pleasant & companionable
though perhaps just a little funny.
Mr. Froude the Secretary is a
man of fine head, a son of

The Historian will know, &
 a perfect repository of official
 traditions & methods. When first
 I heard of the affair I got
 a son of Puy Malcaus appointed
 as an assistant to me for
 collecting & ordering & he now
 forms the principal member of the
 party, & from his knowledge of
 natural history journals should
 prove useful. I was a little
 surprised at his reward that
 the present arrangement was a
 surprise both to us & to you, for
 I remember mentioning the possibility
 of it to you some time before your
 left for England, though you
 may have forgotten it. I am

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Not writing to Eva this time,
but please thank her for her
letter.

Yours
George.

P.S. I like what you say about
Rankine & am glad to know
that he is coming out with you.
I have no idea at present of what
the proceedings may be after

we get back in the Autumn
or where the Arbitrators (who are
quite a distinct affair from the
present inquiry) may eventually
meet.
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Gwd.