

I am the friend of your Aunt & Am. in the Embassy you have had which are really the prettiest ones to be got.

There is only a chance of my seeing you this year. I must write to go by the steamer leaving Dublin on the 20th to pass direct to Mr. Davis's care - Liverpool. I will tell you about it on to Surgey. I have

I have been to you, dear, at last had your affectionate letters from direct. We got them yesterday (Sunday) & I am very thankful to know that health is again your present blessing. Nicholas appears to be in our family as regular in its recurrence as the seasons. I hope dear papa has been conquered against the odds likely to result from his sudden introduction to the heat of Montreal & is before this with you in Nunav Bay. I had not heard of the arrival of the "Russian" before. I had wrote we saw no telegram announcing his

Attng. Brestland
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rather more
Mary & Eliza
your affectionate
John

Mr. Hannibal Kemp. Maggie's husband. baby Kemp,
Amelia & two servants. We possess an old
grand piano & we have occasionally had
some really beautiful part singing - mostly
chants & psalms. Ella & George are sticking
together. The young girls are very familiar
with their American Cousin. They shock my
sense of propriety. George says. "All rights!!
Let them amuse themselves!!" What more
can a mother do than warn a son now
21. Yes 21. last Monday I thought you would
have calculated the chances of your last
letter arriving about the auspicious date. &
sent your distant Congratulations on the occasion.
I gave the poor old boy - a gold watch
chain. which sadly needs a locket or seal to
complete its design. I hope Ann Evans's doll
reaches her in safety for her birthday present
I am making a clock for it.

How dear Anna let me thank you for the
pale & frank May gift. - are keeping my mind

at ease about the society you have at Money
Bay. It is especially gratifying to me to have your
impressions about gentlemen you have met.
I receive them as first thoughts & perhaps more
passing ones, yet as everything has a beginning it
is well to consider & draw prudent Contrasts.
As I do not know either of the two you name
I can give no opinion. If Mr Hunter should come
here I shall do what I can to make his visit
agreeable. I pray continually that nothing may
occur amongst you to give just Cause for
the "Adversary to speak reproachfully". I am exceedingly
pleas'd to hear of your having a happy time. How
does Kate Parker conduct herself? I have met
two or three people amongst whom she visited
while in Scotland. I have not seen either
Nelson or she is at North Berwick. While
last in Edin: I did nothing but shop. We bought
nearly all the birds electoutes garments. I got
all I want except a minute dress for you & I see.
Patterns were sent to me last evg. I am now in the
pains of indecision. but of what use is it to tell you!

annual in the papers - A day or two ago
Mr Crow wrote telling me he had seen it before.
It was so thoughtfully kind of him. I feel
truly grateful to him. By next mail I hope to
have a letter from Papa's own dear hand.
How I long to be all together again. We have
had a dense fog in the straits of North for three
days which suggests thoughts of the horrid
voyage before me. I imagine your remark
will be what of poor dear George! Well
so far as I can judge notwithstanding he
has less of wit & talents here than you have
at Inverary Bay & he occasionally lets out a growl
about having no heating he is really spending
a very pleasant time. He is looking forward
to Sam's marriage on the 7th Sept. An excursion
with Alfred Primrose to some of the Highland
lakes. - A two weeks visit to Mrs Primrose varied
with excursions to Passlyon, Hawthorn Ness,
&c & two weeks in Edin. to explore it &
its neighbourhood. Our party here at present
consists of Mrs Pettigrew - two Mrs Kemps. Sam.