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My dear Anna

Your budget with orders
of price of 2^d Carpet & samples of stockings
came safely to hand. I think you also
per your delightful long letter of March
24th. of first importance is the critical
position of George's affairs which naturally
occupies much of my thoughts & I have
stimulated hope to write to Mr Senior
the only one channel that seemed
open through wh: to give a little help, as
we are thrown more entirely upon
him who assures us that "the hearts of
all are in his hands". At this distance
it seems almost a waste of time to
go into the subject. I may mention that
I spoke for a brief few minutes to Lordpa
Ideming, who has just arrived from

the seat of the discussion. He said
 that Sir John Lubbock was aware
 that Pitt & Bala had planned the
 attack on Selwyn & that he ^{was} was going
 to sustain S. as consistent with law
 & good government. We are disposed to
 conclude that Bala will be dismissed
 & must leave the Survey & most likely
 new arrangements will be made that
 I hope will in many ways be favourable
 to Selwyn; even without promotion
 he will be more comfortable if B. were
 gone. Yesterday, by invitation, papa & I
 paid a visit to the Marquis of Lorne & Princess
 Louise at Kensington Palace & afterwards
 the Marquis walked with us to Areyll
 Lodge where we were invited to lunch
 with the Duke & his daughters. The
 walk occupying about half an hour gave
 a good opportunity for talk & the Marquis
^{openly} sincerely regretted the disagreement at
 the Survey said, "if Selwyn should resign your
 son will be his successor". neither of us

neither of us make any reply to this &
 as a whole I thought I ought to use your
 expression about Perry, sailed so much
 in Selwyn's boat: however I have already
 said more than I intended on this
 matter because we had no sooner
 set foot in London than the whirl of
 life here attacked us so that instead of
 carrying out our own plans we have
 been driven hither & thither & this seems
 intended to be a mere & cruel to throw
 us out some time to make a few pre-
 liminary shopping inquiries today - tomorrow
 being Good Friday & a strict holiday - I am
 most unwilling to go to Edin with Perry on
 Monday, but as he is rather set upon
 my accompanying him I object very mildly.
 Three principal reasons against, are these
 during his absence we shall see more of R. in
 a familiar & perhaps confidential way. He
 has told us, but asks us not to mention it,
 that he has applied for a surgeonship in the

P. O. themselves to this appointment. I can
 any day with only two or three days or
 even less for preparation. I have thus, as
 some awkwardness in leaving Eva alone
 in lodgings. I wish everybody honest
 at Edinburgh to think it will be a good work
 to stop - indeed I wish to write, I wish
 not to show after Edinburgh. The fatigue of Edin-
 will be great & I see no substantial good
 result that is at all likely to come to compensate
 the above kind of sacrifices. R. wishes me to stay
 here too long: is an important item in my
 eyes. Papa has decided to leave this Country
 June 12th Eva & I July 24th further details
 we will give you later. The College & the
 College houses must rest with you. I am sure
 you will do what we will approve. I write
 most kindly, willing to stay at the College
 till before our return. This will make things
 easier per D. O. I. & the plan of going to the lake
 as I wish to see you per a few days or a week
 still finds favour in our eyes. As to your
 house

Candidly I think it wd add to our ease to have any one sleeping there, unless it were Bernard himself. who I hope wd consider himself one of our family taking all his meals with us & helping to invite suitable people to our table including any three he himself wd take any personal interest in. Since we returned to London a letter I have received from Mr. Williamson tells me that they have definitely decided not to go to Canada & gives good reasons for this decision. to us an affair for to choose guests but we think it wd be wiser to wait & see who is most desirable or most in need of hospitality & perhaps it wd be even better to have no English guests (only the Wilsons) & to keep open table. E. strongly favours this idea it wd certainly simplify our arrangements & give us wider opportunity to show kindness to the many. I do wish B. M. had written

to join in aiding us, the want
 just such a close friend who understands
 the situation. Mr. P. is always so oc-
 cupied with the outside business.
 besides I cannot see how it is possible
 for you to leave a servant or servants
 & to have cooking done without a
 mistress in the house. Perhaps at the
 time, if the children are well & Mary
 is in charge you sh^d. come to town
 for a few days I know you wd. be an
 invaluable help to us. including also
 we sh^d. still have six strangers at each
 meal & I fancy they wd. be better enter-
 tained than at most tables. You men-
 tion George. is there the least hope of
 his being in Montreal at the B. As.?
 I had thought there was not. much
 may depend upon how surey mat-
 ters end, but if he sh^d. be there I sh^d.
 much wish that he sh^d. have his own
 old home upon Mrs Phillips / Montre

of his intimate old friend Arthur
 Phillips) has called upon us & invited
 us to dine with them on Friday the
 21st the spoke of her sons admiration
 of F. very strongly & that the hope of seeing
 him in Mortuall as one of the induc-
 ments he ^(Arthur) had in joining the Res: party. I
 only hope he has written to tell F. this himself
 He is unmarried - has important Chemical
 works in Liverpool & shd F. be with us
 wd be a desirable guest. We soon wd
 do for him. that on the spur of the moment
 R. has suggested the plan of our
 engaging a professional waiter
 for the week & it set me thinking
 about Thomas who seemed to be
 passing into the "dus & yellow leaf" & if
 really not hiring must work wd
 be glad of a three week & some to
 give a London tone to the dress &
 table. Mr Lane knows about him
 he manages his old family Cook

9 decided. Mrs Peepeth has asked us
to go again to her house. She has still
Mrs Day with her & is overtasked with
visits from relatives, so not likely that we
shall go there. Papa thinks has business here
and detain him till 8th or 10th of May. We
pay here £5. weekly for lodging & about
£3. per food this is the first I have
known about expenses. I believe papa
has nearly exhausted the surplus resources
but he has been spending lavishly upon
things for the Museum - this private -

Canadian visitors for the week

Jean Prouskies. Mrs. Malson & John.
Nannie Mc Linn & Teena.

Mr Hadjkin from Toronto.

Mrs & Miss Mc Doull British Columbia
Lane. Campbell & Victoria. Dr. Cameron
& others that I cannot recall.

As to dress we have done little
or nothing we have had the trouble
of putting on slight mourning for the
poor Duke of Albany & it was well that

Our Inomatel this as our imitation
 to the Palace was a short one & I were
 her bonnet as most suitable & there we
 not have been time to arrange except
 by hastily getting a new one & it only
 cost me mourning till filling.

We shall do our best to get what
 you want judiciously. I most fear
 Children's gowns I have not yet seen
 any long stock but am inquiring. Tell
 M. I got her long & kind letter & that
 I am most happy to do my best for her
 & do not let her hesitate to send further
 orders if anything occurs to her. She
 gives me a Cart blank but having
 no knowledge what gaps have yet
 to be filled it leaves me at a disadvantage.

Our day's presuptory I must
 stop & certainly I have written more
 than I expected to be able to do. Kind
 love to B. N. & F. also to the dear Children
 who seem quite overlooked but not forgotten
 your loving Mother.

The first matter this is our intention
 to the before was a short over 2 years
 in amount as cost of the 2 then in
 out from him him
 by best getting a new one it was
 got in concerning the falling
 the black do our best to get what
 you were for the purpose of
 children's game to the most of the
 any day that he is inquiring the
 the 2 you in any of the 2 that
 I can make up of the 2 but for the
 it is not to be but I have found
 value of anything seems to be the
 fine now a part of the but having
 no knowledge what you have got
 to the fall it seems to be a mistake
 some days first step I must
 step 1 cutting of the wire from
 then I expect to be able to do the
 line to B. H. R. also to the other children
 who have your children but not forget
 your name

R. V. Mac
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