

Port Said,
July 16, 1884.

Dear Anna,

On our way
rather from Cairo, we have
had serious discussion on
the matter contained
in your last letter to
Mamma, the result of
which I am desired to
state as follows:—

(1) In event of my
coming out in June, which
is my present intention, Mamma
& Luia may come with me
or stay in Scotland till
August, as they may decide.

(2) As the latter is a possible alternative, Mamma thinks it best to authorize you to offer the Votis house to Mr. Skelton on ~~same~~ terms as last year,*

(3) As I, & Mamma & Eva, if they come out, may require to spend some time out of Montreal, it may be necessary to have some place to go to.

(4) To provide for this, if you decide to rent your Cottage and go elsewhere, we shall try to get to the same place when we go out of town; but if you think best to go on with the improvement of your

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* Mamma thinks the rent of last
year (\$120) low, and would not
accept any less, & undertake to
make any improvements or repairs,
except what Howard may think
necessary in the interest of the property.

house, and will have
 a room that one of us
 might occupy if we
 copy during the summer,
 Mamma will advance
 say \$100 toward the
 improvements on one of
 tent and board.*

(5) If we all come out
 in June, we shall either
 commence housekeeping, or
 Mamma and Eva will stay
 away and I will lodge
 with ^{Henry &} William till August,

If I come out alone, I shall
 expect to lodge with them
 till the others come, and
 in the meantime get what

* Mamma desires me to add that this is all in
 my own interest, and that she wishes me to be quite independ-
 ent, as may be best for your interests,

may be necessary done to the
 nurse; but about this we
 shall have to write a
 little later.

In the meantime, please
 decide as to what will best
 suit you and Bernard,
 and either way will suit
 us; the only immediate de-
 cision being that our nurse
 will be let, that I come
 out in June, and that
 Mamma and Eva will decide
 on our return to England when
 they will come out, and
 will have the way open to
 decide as they please.

We are to embark
 this afternoon for Goffa, and
 if we escape the perils of

thinking at that most objectionable part,
 will hope to be in December on Monday;
 and may say that we are not
 that that all that is objectionable in Egypt,
 in the way of dirt, religion and taxes,
 is twice as bad in Palestine. We are however
 becoming hardened, so that even Mesurra
 does not complain of a few fleas or mosquitoes,
 and of course levers and botherment for a
 great way to make up for discomforts,
 and to remove streams of people
 and all your unhappiness,
 from afflictions
 of distress.

P.S. I should have written at
some time & mention, but have not
time, please mention the within to
Mr. H. and say that it also was
appear & in that there is any receipt
for their thinking of leaving one hour the
time in letter, and without that it
will probably suit in letter that they should
stay.

of the society the friends of
the afternoon of Goff, and
We are to contribute
behold on the friends,
will have the way for to
they will come out, and
on our return to England etc
thence and you will send
out in June, and that
will be let, that I come
given being that we have
us; the only immediate ob-
and letter may will suit
but you and Johnson,
behold on what will suit