

good, interesting  
but long letter!

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Dearest Anna

It is so kind of you  
to write to me in the midst of the  
numerous claims upon your time. Your  
little words must welcome I makes me  
desire more of a similar kind, yet knowing  
all the more anxious & then finding time  
to write. Cut's real self sacrifice I want  
to say, thank you for the picture, I do not expect  
or wish you to do so, after you are, I hope,  
comfortably settled at Antis I shall be glad  
to have a letter from you.  
The heading of this letter you have I have  
put again to this great Babel. We tried  
without success to murmur upon Kemkin

to come to Rock Ferry & as I was bound  
to do him I had to yield & come to him.  
He desires for me two very comfortable  
small <sup>rooms</sup> at £1.10 per week & the food & attend-  
ance will probably be about as much  
more. I came here Wednesday the 3<sup>rd</sup> June  
& Eva pleased that I shd not remain  
over the exact week, but R. has taken  
the reverse until the end of this week  
& is urging me to remain till that time -  
& as E. has had patches light on his  
prospects there. Carry her on to the 20<sup>th</sup> or 25<sup>th</sup>  
at present I intend to yield to R's wishes.  
R. has had influenza slightly but with a  
somewhat severe cold wh: altho' greatly  
better still lingers - he looks well & appears  
to be in good spirits & funds. He does  
not give me much information about business  
but is frank & kind in all other things.

He etc speaks quite decidedly about  
 going out with me to Canada. & whether  
 I think we have liked to go early enough  
 to see you all at Matis, but do many  
 difficulties loom before me in this plan  
 thro' I have discouraged this. had I the  
 date of Mary Elliott's departure - how I. is situated  
 in regard to services &c I mt have consented -  
 but the additional trouble & expense about  
 baggage &c is great - at present I incline to  
 return by the "Oregon" trip of (about) the 24 of  
 August. but I have some inquiries to make  
 thro' Hope before I decide. Will you please  
 ascertain, in course of the summer, the date  
 at wh. Mrs Carpenter returns & when she sails  
 be done with Mary. Clara I suppose will  
 go to Montreal at the time papa goes & if it  
 cd be managed to have Mary go at same date  
 it wd be well, as neither of them were willing  
 to stay in the house alone. of course all the

tells me if Lucy is also ready before  
 we come but that depends upon Mr  
 Pitt's arrangements. I do so earnestly hope & pray  
 you have got capable & trustworthy help  
 & may enjoy a comparatively restful summer.  
 At this time of Miss Pich's to draw back from  
 her engagements altho' doubtful she has  
 realized the anxiety & discomfort she has given.  
 I arrived here Wednesday P.M. & the same evening  
 R. took me to dine at the Halsham - a palace lined  
 with lovely marble & draped with velvet & adorned  
 with gold, where fine folks dine while their  
 ears are ravished with soft sensuous music.  
 Just as we were a pouring rain so I got into  
 a hansom & drove to the stair where I spent  
 four hours & was joined by R. at 10 P. for  
 lunch. at 3. we drove to Phelia to see a great  
 Naval Exhibition. (By that time the sun was shining)  
 We sat out of doors listening to excellent music  
 & watching the preparations for the ascent of a balloon  
 which finally ascended with two men in his basket

wh: excited me in no small degree. There  
 was followed by a miniature but actual  
 steam naval engagements on a pond. Besides  
 these shows there were fair, endless, long rooms  
 with every variety of naval exhibit. I thought of  
 the pleasure Eric had here enjoyed in the  
 one wh had models of every kind of war  
 & merchant ships. One model was that of a  
 flat globe, showing the extent & present position  
 of the entire British Navy. Another representing  
 the whole steamship service on wh: the  
 miniature boats are manned daily to the very spot  
 at wh: each boat is, or ought to be, at the date.  
 A small Theatre acting some naval scene  
 we passed about 7 at seven o'clock we had  
 an excellent dinner & a rest & then sat outside  
 again & listened to music with a pretty garden  
 & trees around & lights till the soft illumina-  
 tion was in full play, wh is to me one of the  
 prettiest & enticing shows. The life for an lodging

about 10<sup>0</sup>. — a pretty full day yet I did  
 not feel exhausted. Spiked all the way in  
 the Park — lunch at the Grosvenor Club — returned  
 to the Park for afternoon driving & watched  
 the helmet side of London — crowds upon  
 crowds of beautifully dressed — perfectly fitted  
 men & women idly chattering & amusing them-  
 selves. back to Club for tea then met Mr  
 Macfee & had an interesting talk with  
 him, altho' commonly supposed there is  
 no sense & a grasping after higher &  
 better things below the surface & R. tells  
 me that he finds him very honourable  
 in his dealings. — home to dinner but found  
 myself rather tired. Saturday went again  
 to the Stores, got strong serge sailor suits for  
 game boys, plate cutlery, stockings &c again R.  
 joined me there at lunch & afterwards we  
 climbed to the top of an Ammiral & drew a

a long distance thro' the City getting an  
 excellent view of everything, including West  
 minster, St. Pauls. The Bank crossing (I think  
 London bridge & some distance among the  
 the various localities on the south of the Thames.  
 When I got over a little the numerous views  
 of the height of the great height of the Conveyance  
 I enjoyed immensely. It was well too that  
 we did not delay this form of sightseeing  
 as next day (Sunday) the whole Committee  
 since struck making for once, in  
 London, a true Sabbath stillness. here  
 with thousands of others it gave us a long  
 fatiguing walk to Church as handsome, as  
 you may suppose, are at a premium. This is now  
 Sunday & so far as I know the demand of  
 the Committee men for a working day of twelve  
 hours, instead of from 14 to 16 hours, is unsettled.  
 Yesterday I had a quiet day - repairing garments  
 & in the afternoon I had a grand tea

having, to save myself trouble, asked  
 Mr. Rice, Mr. King, Prof. Mr. & Miss Casno-  
 Wilson Miss Sheppington Thomsan & Miss  
 Barney they all arrived & all went off well.  
 I am at first right more than I should  
 with Mr. C. W. & I believe I sh<sup>d</sup> be equally pleased  
 with <sup>Miss</sup> Dr. but R. monopolized her. We had  
 invitations to dine with all the above but  
 have persistently refused. except R. who is  
 to dine with the latter on Sat. At this point  
 I was interrupted by a visit fr. Mr. & Mrs. Redgrave  
 They have had much family affliction. You  
 remember hearing of a little seriously injured  
 by a fall & a ~~stricken~~ dying while assisting  
 the injured one. The husband of this lady, Mrs  
 R.'s only brother, died two months ago & thus  
 humbled our two orphan nieces - I fear un-  
 provided for - to the care of the R.'s. Now her  
 eldest sister, Mrs. Nelson, is at the Thomas house



dangerously ill. & Mrs R<sup>d</sup> whole stuff  
 of sermons are leaving her, stirred to discor-  
 ders by a Cook lately introduced. The difficulty  
 of filling this place is quite as great here  
 as with us & she has resorted to Scotland  
 & hopes to get a set person there. I intended  
 to go to Chislehurst for a day or two here  
 with such a record & firmly declined.  
 We had a nice talk & I was just getting  
 on to Callaghan's matters with Mr R., by wh:  
 I hoped to say some things there but he was  
 full, whereas Mr R<sup>d</sup> joined us & led the talk  
 in another direction. This departure was  
 followed by R<sup>d</sup>'s appearance & we started  
 for our day's work. The printing, entertaining  
 some lady friends of his at tea at the Grosvenor  
 Club - dinner at a restaurant - & to hear a  
 paper & discussion on Machiavel at the Royal  
 Canadian Institute &c &c. This Mrs. E. has

forwarded me your letter & in reply  
 to your many cares I may say that surely  
 very soon "patience will have fulfilled  
 her perfect work in you". May I take note  
 & follow your example & thus lighten the burden.  
 I do hope that these Royal Secy (now ours)  
 was not the last strain either for you or  
 your father. I do hope that it is the last  
 article many of the members; altho' I am  
 glad to think of your getting to Paris as a  
 slight relief it gives me some uneasiness to  
 think of your father so alone in Montreal, for  
 he is ever just about to have a useful time  
 but in forty years I have never seen him  
 catch & hold it - he literally does not know  
 the meaning of the term holiday; I do hope he  
 may either reason or frighten himself into  
 the real need of exercising care of his strength  
 while you are all absent. Paul will will  
 find himself in similar case when he returns.

After the others are gone I quite agree with you in the hope that he may be detained for most of the summer.

I cannot thank you enough for writing - it is a great pleasure to receive home letters but I do not expect this from you as I know it comes out of your scanty rest.

I am now writing against time as I must mail today & R will be here immediately to take me to Mrs Cargillo Mrs C Dr. P. I intend to return to Geneva later than Friday the 12<sup>th</sup>. It appears to me as if I have been here a month I have seen & done so much. R is kind & strongly hopes as possible to be. I note what you say about various matters present Canada. There are only a few true ought to get 2<sup>d</sup> address so many people yearly come to England more & these sudden claims

on any time <sup>12.</sup> & hospitality are often  
trying. He must depend, as time goes  
on, upon English friends.

With all loving greetings to Bernard  
Eric, Clara & Peter. Clarence & Mary. Write  
thanks to Sr. for letter for Will and the  
addressed to me. & very much love to  
yourself from

Yours affectionately  
Franklin.

P.S. I Curran write to you this mail  
& do not object to your passing on  
this if you like

Fr.