

they may each of the puller
 of Thursday the 27th to now we are entering
 upon our third day in this retreat
 of peace & rest. All the greater on account
 of the contrast between it & the great bustle
 of London, but I suppose we shall
 only have one day more as we intend
 to return on Monday morn to London to
 the introductory morn of the Alliance wh
 begins about 4. by a reception for guests
 & exhibitors, with tea & talk, after wh follows
 the eng. speeches. We propose to sleep on the
 No date - but the year of Rankine's wedding

much - also to the
 June 28th 1846

The Manor House
 this evening

I may be that day
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Charing Cross Hotel & the following
 my drive some 3 miles to Mildmay
 where we hope to have Gen: & Mrs. Noble
 & Miss Lum in the same house with
 us. Besides my known friends at
 the mg^e. if not overfatiguing it will be
 very pleasant & as we have so mercifully
 been brought this far without accident
 we ought to trust that we will be well.
 On Monday July 3^d we hope to go to Halyhead
 where we shall have really only 11 days - but
 I suppose we can stay some time longer at
 R. H. Back days we have been here we have
 had long delightful drives. yesterday in the
 mg. as Lady Supper was expected in the P. M.
 she arrived so worn out with the business
 & packing she has had in London where she

This official residence has to be made
 ready to hand over to the Government by
 a certain date that she has been in her
 since she came. With Mrs R. waiting on
 her & feeding her with heated & other light
 digestible food. Lady her granddaughters
 Mrs Gray, daughter of Gen: Cameron, & the most
 Supper's eldest daughter have come to be
 her. Mrs G. lives some six miles from here, they
 think Lady T. looking better than when she
 was in London & the rest & give a mile soon
 attend her. I merely saw her for a few minutes
 when she first came. Having described
 our present environment let me now
 thank you for your welcome letter of the 15th
 into we were extremely glad to hear that
 baby has again made such a good hope-
 ful recovery. & that you had the prospect

of being able to leave soon for India
 with the additional benefit & comfort
 of Bernard's Company. I hope this has been
 safely carried out & that it has revived
 him, for the building up of his general ~~strength~~
 & health, I sh^d judge, to be his best safeguard
 against a future attack. We long to hear of your
 movements & get the pleasure that you
 sh^d be given to writing. I often wish that you
 rather than myself sh^d have the opportunities
 given ^{to study} the various lines & different ways of
 living that have passed before us. They sh^d be
 a constant interest & an abiding store
 of knowledge, for we sh^d to draw of sketches of
 character. From the Dickens-like Mrs Meggy
 White whom we lodged at Cranen St to
 the fashionable, Alton type, of Elo's relations
 & the precise & hospitable Manor house with