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Dearest Family,

We have been sailing down this fine river all day, the wind was rather keen & cold in the morning, & the colours grey & sad, but since lunch the sun gleams now & then, & the wind is not so strong, so I hope we shall not encounter an Easterly gale further on, as Courmel feared.

I got my deck chairs all right, & find the

I suppose very pleasant
companions the girls seem
very agreeable - I enjoy
everything - I have had a
little chat with a
lean & dry youth, on his
way home from China
he is "in the navy & is
with the Commodore"
& that is as far as I have
got - another individual
from China is at my
left at table, pale & dry,
he is - a most amusing
old party, sits opposite,
he has travelled a great
deal & has contrary
opinions to offer on nearly
every subject; he calls
things because they are
likely to be indigestible
& will be a fine subject
for steady, & to report
upon, nature still un-

known = There are several small boys
who shew much power, one has just
lost his knee, for which he gades his
entire weekly allowance - He wears
buckle straps - barometers with straps
& his wife is rather nice looking & has
been a washer & their time - Mr. P. says
who are all - very right - seems every
body is all - forward, who is every body
that has such a wealth - but spirit
I am writing in the same
manner, which is very good, & I see
numbers of people below in the water
& a hill of letters on the waterward

considerable increasing - I have taken
up my belongings & abandoned my
place, & indeed if an edict forbids
take one I can get my household
things easily - I also had a wife
after her death - I have enjoyed my
house for greater part of the
three weeks is an ancient - I prefer
working alone, when way is
difficult - to pass it.

As I feel well somewhat, I am
amused and proud at the continued
necessity of villages, the absence

species of which make
pretty pictures as we
pass - they so often cross
hedges & roads

I have not had time
to make my own ac-
quaintance in my
new rôle, as an in-
dependent person with
no encumbrances: I
certainly feel strange
but will do my best
to take full benefit
of quiet, & sea-air. I
only hope Clara & Ruth
won't find the house-
hold too much for
them: Ruth sh^d have
some more iron pills -
& all get off to the sea
as soon as possible.
I saw nothing of B.S.

there were several letter
boats in view between
Iard & Kerthier.

When you see Sir W.
McDonald do tell him
I was so sorry not to
see him to say good
bye. Clara will have
thanked all the kind
people who were so
good in sending flowers
& etc.

Give my love to
Franklin & Glo, I do
hope they will find
the summer opens out
well for them.

I will enclose a
little note for Mrs Dr.

With much much
love for each & every
one, & especially Mother
Lovingly Anna.