

"the most potent was on per-  
gony going away is, that I may  
know to ~~what~~ sail more--

"begin to fear the safety of my  
children depends on my care"  
Perhaps I ~~do~~ in this, but  
as the time approaches I feel I

am going to please myself  
his ~~be~~ my duties & traits  
~~upon~~ Anna's shoulders.

how to be best-taught, & change  
back forward to be with  
at present accept my  
I best thanks for your  
kind letter July 27<sup>th</sup>  
I am affd<sup>ly</sup> yours  
Fraser

March 19<sup>th</sup> 170.

hutches of Cap: Melates, who told him that  
Cap: I. was again in London having  
made the passage from New York to England  
in 18. days. Probably got here received  
the letter from me with the request,  
if you could without too much harrying  
of yourself & friends, get an upper dress for  
Anna. I have not kept in remembrance  
how soon I can receive an answer  
about it. I should like to know  
before I leave. As I am trying to amony

dress for Spring. I trust you have not  
worry'd yourself about this request. I am  
rather amused at the gravity of your  
answers about fashions — for a time you  
seem'd to be so often out at dinner,  
that half in joke, I thought you who are  
so observant might have noticed any  
striking peculiarity. Mrs King has just return'd  
from London. I was calling on her  
yesterday, when she kindly showed me her  
new dresses, so I am quite fastid. in London  
fashions. One of her pieces of gossip were, that  
Sir John & Lady R. had been dining with  
the Queen. I may add that Principal Mrs & Miss  
Spencer have been dining with Prince Arthur,  
& that Mrs N. was taken into dinner by the Prince.  
The latter was present at the Nat: His: Conversazione  
He seems to have some knowledge of English butterflies,  
& was interested in the Canadian collection. He  
says he likes being among the best of Canadian sports.  
He goes over to St. Helens Island for that amusement.

I have bought some birch-bark Indian work  
to bring home. I will not forget Maple sugar.

I am sorry about your "Witniss". Papa  
will try to have the mistake corrected. We have  
had a week of very cold but beautifully bright  
weather until yesterday & today. Soft snow is  
again falling. Yesterday a telegraph came from  
Ireland saying the "City of Boston" had arrived  
& in the afternoon it was again contradicted.  
Who can be so wilfully or carelessly cruel! Mr.  
Wyland whose son is on board is nearly crazy.  
There are forty Halifax people on board. The  
is now about fifty days out. I once began  
Mr Wilson's memoir. I found it very interesting, but  
the copy was <sup>so</sup> ~~harmed~~ <sup>and</sup> had to be returned before  
I read much. I should like very much to begin  
it again. I may do so if spared to be with you.

It is odd about your "Manxlands". Yet similar  
things are not infrequent. Please do not  
disturb yourself about your Is - nothing can  
be so interesting to me & I may safely say to every  
one in the house as to have very little about  
you. Looking forward to your letters coming is the

great pleasure of the week & they are always  
heartily welcomed & the news discussed mostly  
at the dinner table. I know it is tiresome for  
you to find matters - you have not the  
advantages that we have as there is always  
<sup>something</sup> happening in regard to persons or things for which  
you care. Our difficulty is to avoid writing  
about the same incidents. For a time Anna  
will have the field all to herself. Papa has got  
a good photograph taken of himself. I am hoping  
to bring you a new one of William. Last week  
we only eat together & not after every meal -  
only dinner - every one seems busier than another.  
At present W. is busied up the high school races  
which come off on Saturday. His examinations begin  
in two weeks for which he is studying incessantly.

The Peter Radpath's have returned from Cuba. He  
spent a delightful time among st. fruits & flowers.

Eliya says, "if Mr. George had been at home  
we might very well have left the family with  
our minds at ease, for even in case of sickness  
he is as good as a doctor". Miss Ann says