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My dearest George,

Accept my best thanks
 for your acceptable letter received
 last Monday. The latter part of your
 voyage I fear must have been
 much very uncomfortable by the
 addition of so large a number of
 unexpected passengers, nevertheless
 no one ought to object to discomfort
 in similar circumstances. I dare say
 as history it is almost ^{unforgotten} by this time.

We have had a most delightful
 visit, of nearly a week, to Government

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House. We were the only ladies & the gentlemen were Mr Hunt, Wilson, Carpmie, Cheneau & Lawson. Mr Lemayon, Hon. Kandy de St. Maurice. These were much away, and on two days they did not even return to dinner, so Eva & I had quiet forenoons & a great deal of his Excellency's Company at other times. The formal opening of the Society was very grand & dignified, but as you will see accounts of it in the papers I will not fill my little bit of paper with details. There was also a solemn state dinner of thirty on the Queen's birthday & a very pleasant garden party on the Friday afternoon, when I saw all I knew

of Ottawa people & many more.
 Besides being chief guests at the
 opening meeting we were several
 times in to meetings of one or another
 of the sections accompanied by my
 Lord. but I fear if I let my pen run
 on you will begin to despise
 me as a hypocrite. (is that the word?)
 so I will only add that I never before
 received so much grateful, courteous
 attention from any one & that I found
 it extremely captivating to the flesh
 to live in a palace. Everyone, even
 the farmers & Coppers, think the "Society" has
 been launched into being with unexpected
 success & this like many other good things
 has been greatly due to your father's
 careful forethought, hard work & tact.

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He has been at Inverness since we returned
it is now overwhelmed with Museum
work — how he stands the strain is
a mystery to me!

Daughters you have heard the
sad news of Mr Campbell's death. It
occurred in Edin: on Tuesday the 30th
May. Mrs Mowbray, Mrs Robert, Victoria
& I were all with him & although
it was not very sudden they were terribly
unprepared for the Cable-gram here. Letters
continue to come telling of his being better &
Pau Adelaide is heart broken — there
never was a more devoted daughter
than she was to her father.

Anna, one of the Greenshields have made
two trips up the Mountain to sketch under
the guidance of Mr Raphael their teacher.
In a late letter from Rankine he sends
best regards to you. He says he is thinking