

beautiful place where
 we are to lunch with
 Mr. Woodford. I do
 not think that you are
 not manting - surmising
 but may spend some
 time in a little pleasure
 with your wife & child
 in the all loving road
 from England to
 the way round the
 Atlantic. I think
 you will find it a
 very interesting
 and pleasant
 trip. I am
 very
 truly
 yours
 M. Woodford

shortly after our providential escape
 at Portsmouth & I was anxious, after
 the loving interest you had shown
 for our safety, to assure you of our
 recovery. the only trace of the effects that
 I retain is that the upper joint of my
 right thumb is still stiff. I have no doubt
 that using it retards the process of healing
 but in our circumstances it is all
 but impossible to avoid doing so. &
 after all it is only a very slight trouble

Now that our stay in England is very nearly over, we can look back upon a most enjoyable summer, the ^{time} ~~time~~ upon the flood tide of Colonial popularity & have been fetted & feasted until now a climax, of something very like a "Royal Progress" has been entered upon, they are around seeming more desirous than the preceding one to promote our pleasure. We had a charming day upon the Malvern hills, & under the most favourable auspices we have seen the porcelain works at Worcester, & the finest glass works of England, at Stourbridge. On Wednesday we went from this place to Birmingham (one hour by rail) to be present at the * After leaving London on the thirtieth of Oct-

opening of the County Exhibition. There
 we proceeded to the City Hall where
 we were received by the Mayor. We
 were then driven in his open Carriage
 through that part of the City wh: led to
 the Exhibition buildings. I suppose this
 was a general holiday because the streets
 were crowded & we were cheered &
 gazed at as if we had been Royal.

Papa of course was introduced to
 the Birminghamites as the Coming man
 & made a very good speech. After a
 gorgeous lunch the remainder of the
 afternoon was spent inspecting the
 exhibits. This is the fourth Exhibition
 I have visited since coming on this
 visit & I enjoyed it as much as I did
 any of the others, & saw & heard explained
 to me several new processes which
 were most interesting details of

4 Some of these I daresay I shall feel
tempted to have grass all with it spared
to meet again when the tongue can
run faster than the pen. This property
of Mr Moats is a most lovely place
about four hundred acres of undulating
Country laid out around the house
in parks & gardens, a pretty sheet of water
forming a feature of the lands & in
the middle distance - off in the distance
to the left is a piece of moorland covered
with heather in blossom. We had
friends in to dinner every night & we have
thus met many people that is pleasant to
know. but all this is nearly over & the
fatiguing climate at Birmingham begins
on Wednesday. I then a rude tumbling into
the miseries of an Atlantic voyage. Ceps the
climate & I hope may prove fitting discipline
to prepare us, modestly to reassume our
quiet homely life at Mr Gill. Now I go
as once to prepare for a four mile drive to a