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Dear George,

Many thanks
 for your letter, recd: 29th,
 which reached me
 three days ago at Cadiz -
 As you will have heard,
 I am off again, for another 4 or
 5 months probably, with Lady
 Shaftesbury, and her daughter &
 Sophie Law, - Lord & Lady Bess,
 Kellie. The other two on their
 way overland, - Paris & the Ardennes,
 & join here probably tomorrow -
 I preferred coming with the ship,
 & just as well I did so, as
 the Capt. is a continental
 sort of chap, & has been

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log-keepers with every one.
If I had been here to keep
the place, they would have
been piling each other over
board, - all being obstinate &
argumentative Scotchmen. Still
this is a very comfortable yacht
however, belonging to the Glasgow
Allans, who with their char-
acteristic meanness have sent
her off very badly furnished with
a cheap crew, & have in-
jured the Capt. & paid to
pay necessary pilotage &c, so
I have been making small
advances on all hands & of
course it will be all right when
Lady S. comes on board, but
it is very silly, & shortighted
policy. We go for the most part
Tangier, Gibraltar, Algiers. These
probably Sicily, Egypt & Palestine.

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The Canadian Govt would be well advised in stipulating in advance for a thorough rectification of frontiers, in event of success. Maine & Washington State would both undoubtedly be taken, & it would be the probability fully to send them back, as the former was in 1814, - since in any case the frontier would have afterwards to be fortified & held in a very different way than at present. What might happen in the central prairie region is more difficult to predict, but even there one might hope to push the boundary line South by a degree or two. That the sea-coast could be held & the ports blockaded goes without saying, - in spite of Edison's

So far as I have been
able to follow the American
outrage of bellicosity in
the London papers, I agree
with all you say. If it has
to come, far better to come
now than later on - American,
especially the silly half educated
writers for the press have not
the least idea what they are
running their heads against.
The English people as you
know take a lot less than
pop at all - how, with this U.S.
business, & the later interference
& rancorous hostility of Germany
they are more stirred up than
they have been for fifty years.
If Canada does her duty,
as I see no reason to doubt
she will be able & efficiently
backed up, both east & west.

flying machines & other such
childishness. Personally I
should immensely like to see
those creatures cut throats attempt-
ing to deal with an army corps
or two of Indian troops, who
fight because they love it as
their hereditary calling, and
who fight to win. Why in
India alone there are today, 50
Brit. Indian Army 230,000 (75%
white, rest natives; - all thoroughly
efficient) Native States Armies,
450,000 (half efficient - under
British officers), & 160,000
gendarmes (armed & disciplined
police force) - besides reserves &
absolutely unlimited field
for recruiting new forces. Efforts
are of course now mainly spent
with rifles in their hands, but
thoroughly trained & experienced

fighting machines, provided
with all necessary artillery,
transport &c. & 50,000 of them
could be landed in Puget
Sound & on the Columbia in
less than 2 weeks after the order
was given. In the east it will
most depend of course on
Canada's own preparedness,
& it is sincerely to be hoped that
the Can. Gov't will stop squabbling
for long enough to get hold of nearly
modern & efficient arms, especially
artillery & machine guns. In
a days, it is a crime to send
men to fight with inferior weapons.
You ask about my essay!
It is a competition business & mine
has gone in with some hundred or
more of others. It will be forgotten
I suppose before results are
declared. Of course I don't expect

to win, but it was worth a shot,
especially as the subject interests
me in itself.

You will have heard that there
is some prospect of my getting
married on return. We have as yet
no very definite plans, but are
considering amongst others, the possi-
bility of going to Montreal. What
would you advise?

Remember me very kindly
to all at Ligon Street.

With all best wishes for the
year just begun, & kindest
remembrances & regards,

Yours sincerely,
Franklin

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you will have heard that there
is some prospect of my getting
concerned in return. We have no yet
no very definite plans, but are
considering amongst others, the possi-
bility of going to the States. What
would your opinion?

Remember me very kin-
dly to all at Devon Street.
With all best wishes for the
year just begun, & kindest
remembrance & regards,

Yours sincerely,
John Lubbock