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My dear George

At the moment I cannot
put my hand on your last letter to
set the date, but I can thank you for
it as welcome & kind. So by the elections,
& unchristian, close & we have not
heard the result but as papa is dining
with the members of the Geological Socy
he may hear something of it or get
an eng. paper. I do hope your forecast
of a session in the summer, there may
my presence your taking out does
work may not come of it. It wd be

really wrong of you to allow anything
to interfere with the positive duty of
keeping up your strength & health. You
must not see the above as mere
words but as a strong protest against
sacrificing your own interests & the feelings
& fears of those who love you.

We have today come to the last of our
stay here & thus without accident or
injury, altho we have passed thro' a very
unusual term of high temperatures. The
ther: during a whole week rising fr-70° to 86°.
With such a long day to three everything
around requires washing & drains flushing.
Tomorrow we intend to leave for Chislehurst
& stay there 4 days, returning to Mildmay, wh:
& Daresy has a purer air than here, near the
strand, where it is so close, built up

Papa seems altogether satisfied
 with where he has accomplished
 & with the number of able scientific
 friends he has seen. He receives the greatest
 honours everywhere & has been loaded with
 imitations of a public character beyond
 his power to accept. We have seen
 a great deal of Rankine as he
 lodged somewhere near & came myself
 & Log to look after us & to help in any
 way he could; we have also seen G to help
 after. We have been four times dining
 & taking P.M. tea. besides attending a recep-
 tion she gave to introduce us to his relations
 of whom she has a host. Some of them
 extremely pleasant Scotch folks. Some of
 them of the wealthy & fashionable type of the
 Allans & Augustas. The hurry has evidently

no acquaintance with the ingenuities & make
 up their folks like ourselves exercise but
 has always chosen as she wished not
 as she ed here I think she is affectionate
 & attentive. & Certainly she has studied
 how to show respect & kindness to us in
 every way. & towards Rankine his word
 is law. Before he returned she had accepted
 the offer of a Cousin, who lives in Park Lane,
 to be married at his house & to return
 to luncheon with all their available relatives
 but R. negatived this at once, he wish
 have none but a quiet wedding so no
 one was invited, however, all took this
 in good nature & asked where the wedding
 was to be & about fifty (without invitation),
 appeared at St. Michael's, Chester Square. &
 some brought wine & some all. Shares &
 after the ceremony gathered on the side