



Cairo, July 13/84

Dear Rankine,

As we are
to be on the Nile for three
weeks, and may not
be able to write, I send
for a few words to-day,
to tell of my movements.
We have found ample occupation
for the time we have spent
in Cairo. The place, its people
its vegetation, its rocks, its
granaries, the pyramids, the
Boulaq Museum, and an
end of other things are all
strange & curious. I went
out at the end of the
week to Suez, and spent
a day studying its geology,
besides making up to my

our satisfaction the topography of the Jordan, the crossing of the Red Sea, and examining the land of Jordan, which is certainly one of the finest countries I ever saw; rich in all the elements of agricultural prosperity. This Egypt is altogether a magnificent country. There is nothing I have ever seen to compare with it in agricultural riches, and the people are the most patient, industrious and thrifty farmers imaginable. If they were not oppressed with exorbitant taxation they would be the best off people in the world. As it is, they are

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a strong healthy person and active
man; not suffering much from
of the eyes. At the outbreak of
the war the means of obtaining
himself at once to the front
in the world.

The climate here is
most charming - sunny and
with all as fresh as in
a few miles of

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It must not slip & give success,
but running & must support itself,
Chambers and we have been in
barren and sloth and idleness. I
have been doing nothing, and just
been sleeping, sleeping, and other,
interested in Science, and some small
matters, such as the Christian League
of the people.

It is for you have time. I call at 9 o'clock
Mr. T. tells me that we leave on the 15th
in a three weeks' expedition to the west, &
give kind regards to our friends, but may
also, I think, see some good and
Chambers, but some good and
some from the
Admission