

From Longmore and his wife to his mother

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(Please when read, send this on with the
enclosed to Maria - L 23/1)

Villa Neuve, Cannes,

Alpes Maritimes, 15th March/69

My dear Mother, Marie has written to
me that she let you know of my
arrival here. Since I came the
weather has been almost continuously
cloudy & stormy - & as unusually
cold as the temperature had been
unusually warm before I left home.
The orange & lemon trees full of
fruit, the large olive trees, & the
wild flowers of large size & beautiful
colors, show how different the
ordinary weather must be from
what we have been having lately

Three days ago we had a great storm of hail which did much damage to the shrubs & plants, & now all the lower ranges of the Maritime Alps round this place and Nice (the latter city is quite visible from some points above the villa in which I am staying) are white with snow. Still in spite of the unfortunate state of the weather I think the pure Mediterranean air has been serviceable to me - my breathing is less short & difficult on exertion, & my cough

troubles me very little. As regards
appetite, sleep, & in all
respects indeed except the right
side of my chest, my health
is excellent. I see by the Times
that you have also been having
severely cold wind & frost in
England - I hope you have not
got any fresh cold & that all
at home are well. I have
a friend Dr Mackinnon staying
here with me. He however
leaves in a few days for

Paris, as he is desirous of
seeing some of the sights there -
I shall remain here till the
latest time of my leave, in
order to get all the benefit I
can from the change. The Director
General has kindly written offering
me extension of leave, but
unless illness were to prevent my
return I fully intend to be back at
work on the 1st of April when the
Summer session of the School
commences. Love to all at home,
your affectionate son, Thomas -

L 23/2

Woolston

Decr. 6th

My dear Mr. Longmore

Just a line to say
that your note to Isabel
at the birth from Maria
arrived safely, & she is
delighted with both; Mary
she will write herself shortly.

I hope Maria has passed
Worcester, & that we shall
soon hear her face is much
better. I am and am remaining

The Cold? We are all well
here. Tom is ^{off} much better,
sotherwise he seems very
well. I delight in this
weather & feel equal to
anything, & the children
are also very well except
Colds, the first they have
had this winter, & now not
had me. I am glad to say.

Did you see my sister
Isabel had got another

little girl? it has been
on the 23rd & they are both
sitting on well I am glad
to say, & my brother-in-law
is rather better if anything.

I will leave this open
in case Tom wished
to add a line when he comes
home, & with love to all
believe me

affectionately yours
Rosalie Longmore

My dear Mother, I find
the Queen, so add a line to say
I have received Julia's
letter & enclosure, & that she sends
her love for all, but will write
soon herself. Anne has gone out
to pay some visits. I am full
of work trying to make up for
lost time. I wrote to you a few
days ago, & have no news since
ask Maria to let me know if Mule
John would care to have one of the books
in transport, I have 2 or 3 spare
copies now & will gladly send one if
he cares to have it, love to all at home,
I am affect^d in Thomas -

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My mother's 75th birthday.

L. 23/3

2nd Thomson's Cottages
East Hill Hove near Brighton

My dear Mr. — July 30/72

Your & Berah's name
be surprised that I should
not before this have written
to congratulate you on your
procuration of "Suspect" Gen^l
the which I have only known
by a letter from my Aunt
Bowditch — for I have never
seen since in Hove Bay
the "Times" Newspaper but
seldom any of the penny
Newspapers — besides which
being so preoccupied with the
extreme heat of the weather
added to which the greatest
difficulties

to keep myself (my bowels)
in a healthy state but from
medicine that I have had
no power for writing - I
have now forced myself
to write to you to explain
the cause of my long silence
& answer has been occupied
with waiting upon me, and
managing the little house -
keeping when at home
that she has not been able
but your answer full well
that it has not been want
of will or affection -
Your true medicine
is the only one I take

2 feel it has, & sometimes
to strengthen me - Mr Brown
has reduced the quantity
of my sleeping powder
(as he gives it in powder)
& I am able to continue so to do
& I sleep from 11 o'clock to between
5 & 6 A.M. — My sleeping
after my shiver does not
agree with me for I never
although I may sleep for an
hour awake refreshed
but the contrary very nervous
& great difficulty of breathing
nothing does me so much
good as subsiding the sea
sickness or in the cool of the
evening as drive in the
country

I shall be glad if you
have not the leisure if
Rosalie will kindly write
me how you all are in health
& when you think of taking
Buddy for a sojourn in
Lowdown that I may fix
my return home —
Mrs Bay & Charles with all
the party came to the Bay
last Saturday & also Major
Cotes & his wife & family
All here unite with me
in love to each one of you
Your affectionate Mother
M. Longman

30 2 Cambridge New
L 23/4
My Dear Madam;

As far as I can
judge I think I shall
be as comfortable here
as can be expected in
apartments but you see
in a measure I must
be at the mercy of what
you think I ought to
redeem the key of my Pass
of beer or other I have
had to draw it the key
of the Celler of my Pass
I must give a welcome
her to be honest but I am

Worried whether I shall be able to keep my provisions till I should think I could. My dear eye is so sore in the sight of Washington that I hope for a speedy cure after the last and severe case of feverish this inclement fatigue of winter & winter weather and the hot venture getting everything gradually in out more than you order. They has made me are obliged I am so feel very anxious lately he has asked you intend been looking so thin and pale. I fear he sits up purchasing the old too late of a night studying dining table I should be late of a night studying eat at all like it. I do hope when the weather is mild and suitable you will be able to visit Uncle John of the weather is as severe at Worcester.

to go away from our family. I was a chief to us all Benjamin's going to the Bay

as it is here it must be
most trying for Muck &
hope Rosalie and
the children are
not suffering from
this change in the
weather I think the
should have paid
the carriage of our
bagging for printing
to the station the all one
for a sheet of I retake
for your brother's kindness
to us all With love