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Letters 1858-1859

to Parthe Lady Kenney :

from

her step-children

Emily & the 3 brothers

Jan. 26. 1858

Dear Gramma

I have just
come home from a days
shooting. I myself shot
2 hares, 3 rabbits and
a partridge. I enclose
you some of Fredclys
hair which I had by me
and intended to give
you before I left but I forgot.

With you tell Papa that
Abel has a beautiful
black Newfoundland
puppy which he
wants to get rid of.

We will let Papa
have it if he wishes
it. It is very young as
yet.

Love to all.

I go to town tomorrow

morning. Yours
G. V. Ames.

Jan Feb. 1. 1858.

Dear Mamma,

I have not heard from you yet but I hope you are well. Pray write soon. I have still my little room in which I have put one of the Clayton alman-
-acks and a *Storgary*

Osam.
Jan. 2. 58.

Dear Papa

I write to you to tell you that it is high time to think about my midway holiday. Next Satur-
day is the middle Saturday of the half and I should either like to go then or the Saturday after. I suppose you will keep your custom of going down to Clay-
don on Saturday early because ^{it} so I could

directory.

I have no news
for you, but that
no one hardly has
come back yet. I am
well. We are all
well. Love to all

Yours

W. W. Verney

come with you. but
Do not tell Emily
that I am coming that
I may surprise her.

Good bye I am quite
well I remain yours
affectionately
W. W. Verney

MS. 9068H

Highlands, Jersey
June 2. 1858.

Dear Miss Doughtingale,
Thank you much
for your kind letter received
yesterday. How can we show
our gratitude to you for becom-
ing our second mother, but
by doing all we can to please
you and Papa. It will
be a great pleasure to me to be

My
love
to
you
and
Papa
from
Mary
June 2. 1858

present at your wedding, and
I shall be so glad to make
acquaintance with your
sister. I think much of dear
Papa's happiness, in this matter,
and how it will cheer him,
and be a comfort to him. I
know you will excuse me
troubling you with a letter.
~~But~~ I am so happy to hear of
Edmunds recommendation for

promotion. May I ask you to
write to me again.

Will you give my love to
Papa,

and believe me

Yours truly,

J. W. Kernely.

Sincerely

Weydon House
Becker.
June 11. 1858.

Nightingale is so
much of a sufferer.

Good bye, dear Miss
Nightingale,

I remain
yours affectionately
Emily Verney

Thank you, dear Miss
Nightingale, for your
kind letter, no doubt
my little indisposition
was caused by the hot
weather. I am afraid
that even if Edmund

does go to China he & Uncle Hope to business
will find the climate the country will
oppressive.

no doubt be a great
Uncle Fremontle & I relief to them after
had a very nice ride London.

yesterday in the cool I am sorry to hear
of the coming.

We are expecting Papa Miss Florence

I have just received your letter
 and am glad to hear that you
 are well. I am well and
 hope this letter will find you
 the same. I am
 your affectionate son
 Wm. J. Shapton
 June 12, 1858
 Calcutta.

My dear Miss Lighteningale
 My last letter from
 my father, received yesterday, tells me
 that you are shortly to be married
 to him, and that by this time you
 are most probably his wife. I
 write therefore to assure you how
 joyfully I pray that your union
 may be blessed by God, and our
 intercessions be a source of continued
 mutual benefit. I hope that
 I may soon see you. I feel it
 a great trial to be away from
 my father, and my home at this
 time, but I know that it is

all ruled for the best by a
wise providence. When I was
at Scutari I once obtained a
glimpse of your sister, through the
kindness of Lady Alicia Blachford.
This is the only time that I
have seen any of your family,
but I heard a great deal about
your sister from Mr. Hill of
Athens, of whom you have
doubtless heard. Good bye, dear
Miss Nightingale, that God
may shower his blessings upon
you and my father very beau-
tifully is the prayer of yours

Very truly & sincerely

Edmund Verrey

MS 9068/7

Highsteads, Torquay.

June. 28. 1858

Mr. Warner says I may come home on this day fortnight, if I like; that is a day earlier than the others. I shall go with another fellow as far as Bristol. I hope you are well and very happy. Perhaps you do not find Claydon so beautiful as Embley, but I am sure you will soon like it nearly as well.

Will you write to me and
tell me exactly what you
think of Claydon. I am sure
you must like the Saloon.
It is such a nice large
room. I am sure you
must also like your
little room (boudoir).

Would you mind writing
to me soon and telling
me how you and Papa
are.

Yours.

Truly
G. D. Kenny.

MS 908/8

Highsteads, Torquay.

July. 7. 1858.

It is ^{only 4 days} ~~a week only~~ today to the
holidays, and then I hope we
shall have some very nice times
together. The time seems so very
long, as it always does just at
the end of the half. I hope you
will have no objection to my
small "happy family" that I am
going to bring with me, that is
to say my kitten and bird. You
have no idea how sweetly my
kitten sings. It lives in my room.

and wakes me every morning.
His education is not very complete,
but when I whistle, it will
always answer. As for my
kitten it has not yet arrived
to years of discretion. It is eccen-
trically playful, but very small,
and rather shy. I may persuade
Papa to let me bring both my
friends home with me. The
house wants a cat, to kill
all the mice.

I believe I shall arrive at
Clayton between 7 & 8 in the

evening this day week. How I
shall be glad to see the old
place again.

My love to dear Papa

Yours very affec-

P. A. Verney.

How I hope you like Clayton.
P.S. Thank you much for
your last letter. I am so glad
you like Clayton.

MS 90689

Dear

July 7. 1858.

I have not written
to you yet since I was at Engle
so I think it is quite time
to write; we have just been hav-
ing a great match between our
eleven and 4 gentlemen one of
whom was Mr. Bevan whom
Papa knows, I am glad to
say that we have beaten them
by a great deal. The weather

has been very threatening today
but I hope it will not rain
before night. The day the school
breaks up for the holidays
is the 29th of this month,
so the midsummer holidays
are not very far off.

I remain yours affec^{ly}
Frederic William Kenney.



MS 9068/10

With hopes that your
head is not aching very
much from the heat
& much love from
George believe me
ever yours most affly

Emily Kerney

Would you please tell papa
that Mr. Scannel has sent
the medicine I wrote for.
I wrote to Edmund & Janet.
Helen yesterday.

Clayton, Friess
July 17. 1858.

After you left us yesterday had
my music lesson & then a
you in lesson from Mr. Muller.
Miss Harding said she was
sure papa would allow me to have
a lesson as I used last year.
In the afternoon we drove in
the dog-cart to see Mr. Luell.
She seems to have enjoyed
her trip very much indeed, &
thinks it possible that she

May spend the winter in
Rome, but her plans are
not at all fixed.

We spent the evening in
playing & singing.

I had another German
lesson this evening, & I hope
really to work hard at it.

The plan for this afternoon
was that George should have
gone with Mr. Muller
to Windsor in the

carriage & 4 horses, but when
they set off Sunday the
old horse, which came off &

so now they must drive
with only 2. Miss Hardinge
are going to our district
at Bristol & as the
carriage is waiting I had
better get ready.

My very best love to
Papa - I will write
again on Monday.

Claydon House.

July. 19. 1858.

Sunday.

I hope that you have seen
Miss Wiltshire, I hope
you will persuade her to
pay you a visit here.

I had some happy letters
from Uncle & Auntie this
morning, they seem to
be enjoying their visit very
much.

George's boat is to be

We went to Keston, Claydon
on Friday. Saturday after-
-noon & saw a good many
of the people - There were
one or two cottages which
we did not visit because
there is a low fever which
is prevalent in some &
though it is said not to

water dog under George's
training & swam quite
across the pond & back.

Miss W. & I are going
soon to sit on the
lawn & have a nice
very quiet read.

The ^{godsberries} ~~strawberries~~ ras-
-berries & currants are
at their height.

I trust you will
excuse this notice.

put in the water to-day
& we hope to go in it to-
-morrow.

I am working hard at
German & am going
to have 2 lessons to-day.

George is gone to bathe
with Mr. Lloyd.

I know that I need not
write to Papa for I
dare say he will read this.

In infectious, Miss Harding
did not like to run any risk.

Mrs Judge's child has it but
is recovering; I think you
must know her, she lives
in a kind of farm-house
not far from the great
tree, in a field.

Yesterday morning we
rec'd a nice steamer from
Mr. Proton & in the

evening one from Mr.
Burgess. Mrs. Burgess

has returned home.

We hope to hear from you
to-morrow as to what
train you return by, &
whether we shall join
you at Windsor & go
in the train from there
to Slaydon station if Papa
goes to Buckingham.

& I have nothing more
to tell him so if I
write another letter
it would be after
George's fashion
& offend me.

Papa will be glad to
hear that George spent
several this morning
in cricketing.

They have been driving
the 4 horses early
this morning & they
went very steadily &
quietly.

George's cat & bird &
my farm are in very
good health. The
latter has become
an accomplished

Every letter but my
thoughts come tumbling
out any-how & it is very
difficult to arrange
them.

Miss Greene of Marsh
Linton has asked us
to go to her school fits
the day after to-morrow,
& we answered we
will, & that you will

With Papa accom: nice & comfortable.

as if you are Believe me
at home.

Old John is much
much better & at work
again.

Elija has come down
stairs but is not yet
at her work again.

The carpet is so

with your most affec
Family P. V. V.

Recd.
 via Marseilles
 1858
 England
 Recd.
 England

D. M. S. Manton.
 Aug. 6. 1858.
 Calcutta.

My dear Lady Torrey,
 I have two letters
 to thank you for; the first of
 May 16, and the second of
 June 28. I hope to hear that
 your sister is better, soon: many
 people in this country are glad
 to hear of her illness. I hope
 that the beginning of next year
 may see me in England: you
 can easily understand how
 anxious I am to get home:
 moreover I have two exam-
 inations to pass at Port

and I am most anxious to get them over. I am very glad to hear from you that I am appointed to the Shannon: that will already give me nearly five months of lieutenant's sea time, and nearly a year by the time I arrive in England. I am very glad to hear that Claydon was looking bright on your arrival. Claydon looks most lovely to me at all times, both in summer and winter, but to ~~retain~~ it presents a far more agreeable appearance in summer. And now, my dear Lady Verney, let me add my assurance to you that I will heartily endeavour to make Claydon a place of happiness to you, that as far as my small share goes, you shall always rejoice that you have made it your home: my prayers, will be joined with those of many others, that in Father's marriage may be blessed by the Almighty, and that you may have before you many of unalloyed happiness together: I am afraid that I can only offer you the commonplace wishes attended every wedding, but do not think the less, as they are.

Good bye: believe me,
Yours very affectionately
Edmund Verney.

August 11. 1858

Dear Signora

We arrived yesterday at here. Will you ^{show} give this little account

To Papa

	£	s	d
Claydon to London	10	6	
Cab in London	2		
Tea in London	1		
London to Edinburgh	4	7	
Coffee & at York	1		
Edinburgh to Linlithgow	2	6	
	£	5	4

August 19. 1858

Dear Signora

I shall be with you definitely on Monday next, August 23. 1858.

I shall come by the last train, and should not mind ^{finding} the dogcart with Freddy in it to meet me, as I shall be rather tired. I shall come by

Will you tell him I
have 16 shill. over.

I like Carriden very much,
but I shall be glad to
come back to Claydon
on Wednesday week. If
I could I should like
to travel during the
day as I saw little
or nothing of Berwick,
Newcastle, York &c &c.

Glasgow I think &
Carlisle. Would you
ask Papa to ask
H. Wharall over to
the fête, and Miss
Dean I suppose of
course will come.
I went down 2 coal
mines yesterday and
saw all the workings.
I travelled a good

deal on the railway
trucks.

Love to all

Yours
W. Verney.

I expect a letter from
E. Yesterday evening we
saw the iron works.

A. N. S. Shannon

August 17. 1858.

Calcutta.

My dear Lady Verney,

This morning I received my appointment to the Shannon, which you were kind enough to inform me of in your last letter. This afternoon I rec'd yours of July 17. I dare say that we shall leave this for England towards the beginning or middle of next month. On Tuesday next Sir James and Lady Luttrell will give a ball to the officers of the Naval Brigade, and several people here are giving dinners &c. I am glad that Claydon should be looking pretty; I fear that in the winter it is not so captivating to those who

do not love it for its own associations. I am also very
much pleased to hear that Emily seems pretty strong;
when people grow quickly, they so often grow weak: when
I was last at home, we should have thought such-
ingham quite too long a ride for her. I am afraid
that George is not a very good horseman: I am very
glad to hear that his concertina playing is good: it
is a very pleasant thing to hear a good concertina well
played. I do not know whether you are a great mus-
ician or not. Good bye, believe me
I am very affectionately yours,
Edmund Selous.

Carlisle Hotel

August 28, 1874.

Dear Mamma: You see
how good I am, the first
thing I do when we arrive
before anything else, I write
to tell you of our journey.
We are very busy though
slightly tired. When we
arrived at Blithby we
found that all Aunt
Helen had written was quite
most, so we waited there
till 9.30, then went to

Blunthorpe where we waited
till 10.55 when we got into
the carriage which had
brought us the whole way.
We did not see anything
of either Mary Harpur or
her husband or Gardner's
brother whom she saw
there & told her they
were changing their
home so I suppose they
could not come to the
station. The country
the whole of the journey

has been pretty good from
Lancaster to Blunthorpe it
was perfectly beautiful,
very like Pembrokeshire.
So excuse this horrible
writing but the pen is
not good & I am tired.
Much love to Papa
Freddy & Groy. Believe
me yours most affly
Emily Kenney.

Down to the barn side
By sunny grass - which hangs
over the South close to the
house; beyond it lies a fine
line of blue hills folding
into far distance. In front
The window of the room
I sleep in looks -

Miss Cooper so gentle well
& happy to have heard
Emily again. She has had
a letter from Mr. Vanev
dated July 7 - he had heard
of his promotion. We shall
be very glad to hear how
your travels at Leigh went
progress, and that you and
Miss Mary have decided on
residents which may contribute
pleasure & profit to you both
Emily sends her best love
to all at Claydon house &
sectory. in which I want

with some
of mine
I have
I have
I have
I have
I have

Cariden, August 28
1858

Dear Lady Vanev. It seems
a pity to call Emily away from
the fresh air and her, if
possible, fresher delight at
seeing her beloved old haunts
again on this her first removal
of their acquaintances, so, I
take the, not unpleasant,
duty of reporting to Claydon
on myself.

I am thankful to be
able to say that we have
performed our journey
most comfortably & pleasantly
& without the slightest degree
of fatigue to Emily. The Hotel
at Carlisle, recommended by
the Miss Waldreaves justified
their commendations so all

respects. Emily slept well. Dean, & present Bishop of
and after a good breakfast London lost, at our sad
at 4. we sallied forth to strike two or three years ago.
See the Cathedral, and after We arrived at Edinburgh
some little difficulty in finding in time to take a little walk
a subordinate ecclesiastic in the public gardens & see
awake to attend to us, we hope not us, & accompanying
lighted on an old man, whose to Lindisfarne where he
found up a young woman, carriage awaited us & brought
who brought us large bunches all safely to this retreat
of keys, which opened the of peace and beauty, at about
great doors, and we went half past three. How much
into the Cathedral? What I feel the beauty of the scenery
we saw there interested us here, and of all that we
saw. From the old windows gaped through stained
beut and crooked arches I say - I had forgotten how
of days which are gone out much I loved hills, it was
of mind, to the painted so long since I had seen
Lindisfarne, just past up, in them?
Memory of the four Emily and I have had
children which the late a delicious canoodle this morning

Dear Lady Anne. Unity
has left me her letter
to send to Wexford. so
I add a line to say
that she is perfectly
well & giving much
good in every way
from her visit.

Admiral Hope returned
on Saturday night but
set out again today

and I fear we shall
not see him again
before we leave here.
I trust you are not
overlooking your strength
with much love
Yrs affectionately
M. G.

Sept. 6. 1858.

Dear Anna. I enclose
the paper that we both
of us prefer, I think
the colour of it is quite
better than the other
X Miss H. likes it because
it has no straight
lines in it. Aunt
Helen does not know of

any kitchenmaid or who would make the
Jostman & I am afraid I will not say of
that I should hardly wild flowers, ~~and~~
it is up to the situation, then some of the children
& Mrs Hewitt would grow from our school are going
if she found her helper to try for it, they are
perfectly ignorant. In Saturday there is also going to send in a
basket of wild fruit for
going to be a flower exhibition -
show at Burstonwood. In haste
& a prize is offered to believe me
any of the girls in any gross apply
the neighbouring schools
Sunday, 18th May

September 1888
Claydon

Dear Papa I arrived safe at Claydon yesterday evening and went to Luxembourne with Aunt Fremantle and Uncle. When I started from South It either he was told to go to the great Northern Station or else he misunderstood the orders but he drove me to the great Northern and in so doing I was very nearly late for the train at Euston Station. When I got there he asked for more than 2 shillings but I would not give it him I suppose that was right. Give my love to Martha I miss her ~~very~~ very very much indeed. When she went away the train was just going I was in the nick of time. Good bye I remain your affectionate son Freddy.

Thinks what
late we need
not do anything
hastily, or as the
is Miss Hardinge
Poleye I don't
do anything
I don't know
Her -
If she does not know
why you had been
10th. We will be all
in with you Freddy.

At Westbrook from
Tuesday till Friday.
I think I must put off
going to Wyford as
Mr. Miller he will be
with us then we must
leave home. He cannot
on Friday ^(17th) because of
the lecture. He got a
from Mr. Thursday to
hunt for Sch. Winsted.
We have only 2 appointments
next - I don't know

that does about my maid
Culliver. He has been
a gift for looking at
the Management of
Character, that I fear
I shall be wrong to keep
her as my maid, but
she is such a comfort
me - 17th 18th 19th 20th 21st 22nd 23rd 24th 25th 26th 27th 28th 29th 30th 31st

September 21st
Cheam

Dear Mama

I have not written
to you some time so I am
writing to Claydon to advise
your arrival there. I want
to know whether Papa
will confer of favour upon
me I want to know whether
he will pay sometimes
for a spoon in turning
it is a shilling a spoon
because it will be no use
my learning to turn unless
I have 23 or 4 spoons first.
Give my love to him. I
hope you have enjoyed
yourself at Paris.

Westbrook

September 16. 1858

Dear mama (P) I am sorry to say this is the
last day of my holidays, and it seems
a very long time to wait till Christmas
I think that this place is very pretty.
I took a ride yesterday with Mr. Finer
and his daughter and Uncle; there are
so many pretty debts about here. You
must write to me, you have not done
so once yet. Aunt is quite well and
so is Uncle the latter goes to Claydon
to day. My room looks out upon
the front entrance, it is at the very
top of the house so that I can see
out upon the leads whenever I
wish. We hear the trains pass very
distinctly. Tell Papa that there is much
open ground here. How do you think
it likely you will come back. I think
you have had a long enough stay
at Paris you ought to go the mountains
and climb only remember you must
not go without me I wonder you like
going to a town like Paris with no
snowy mountains and nice rocks
and glens and valleys precipices etc.
I should go to Chamonix or Claron

MS. A. 9. 2. 8. 1. 9

I am moved into a higher
class I do not care much
because I feel I am not
quite to it and therefore have
no chance of getting a prize
in it. Mr. Tabor does not
think I shall be fit to
go to Harrow at Easter so
I hope you will give me
a watch at Easter whether
I go or not. My friend Bob
has got into the third school
at Harrow ^{a very good place} Mr. Tabor says
that if I go at Easter he is
afraid I shall not get higher
than the fourth form.

Good bye I remain your
affectionate son Freddy V.
Tell Papa I heard
the letter ~~of~~ for God
send.

I am sure the mountain air would do
you good. Good bye dear Father I remain
your affectionate son Freddy V.

October 9, 1850.
Cheam.

Dear Mama

I am going to ask a favour of both of you or at least of one of you but I am afraid that I shall not get it; I want to know if you can come and see me and take me and another boy ^{who} is a great friend of mine and who acts in a great measure the same part as Bateman used to act towards me to the Crystal Palace on one Saturday afternoon such a thing has been done before sometimes tell Papa that the boy who I want to go with me is the same boy who he saw at the station when I first went to school here. I am

in a great fright lest you refuse
the favour I also have another
to ask about him but I will
defer it till you know him
if I can. Bateman is getting
on very well at Harrow and
I think that I can safely say
that I am working very hard
here, I find the work much
more difficult of course as I am
removed into a higher class. I
have been much delighted by
seeing Mr. Hinmarsh who
came over to see his son I have
heard about Edmund's return home
I am quite overjoyed about it
it will please God that we may
all have the pleasure of seeing
him again. Good bye I remain
your affectionate son
Frederick.

2/11/1847

Ucheams.
October 14, 1885

Dear Mama

Mammy thanks for
your note I suppose that
you have got the letters
which I write to Claydon
in await your arrival I
have been working very
hard as I have been moved
into a higher class and
that is a reason why I
have not written to you
often than I have but
I assure you it is not far

forgetfulness for I have
always remembered both
of you. Give my love to
Papa. I have not written
to him for some time
now. You know I must
come home in about 8
weeks for one Sunday. I
want very much to know
whether you have got
a song which is all
about the beautiful star.
I want to get it here
if you have not it also.
I want to get a song
which begins with, "What
fairy like music" if you

have not it. Can you give
me an answer by next
Tuesday then I must
get them for Emily
if you have them not.
Good bye M. and
Mrs. Fare quite well
I remain your affec-
ate son Fredley V.
I expect an answer to
my former letter soon.



Nov. 2. 1858

Chewon

Dear Partha

I want to know if Papa
is coming here early or late of
the coast, I do not much expect
he will come because I hardly
expected anything but as when I
first asked you about ^{Christy's} ^{father}
my love to them and to ^{Christy's} ^{mother} it
will be delightful seeing them again.
I have seen Batsman from ^{the}
dew and had a long talk
with him I will defer telling
particulars till I see you next.
Give my love to Papa tell him
Mrs. Fator does not like much
the idea of his going to ^{the}
tal palace she says he is too
young whereas B. can come
back by himself quite easily

MS 9068/22

Highsteads, Torquay.
Oct. 30. 1858.

Dear Hammer

I have not heard
from you or Papa, or any
one for the last age. I hope
you are well, and all the
better for your foreign trip.
I heard from Aunt F. last
Thursday, & she said Papa
was looking so much better.
We are working very hard
for our concert. We hope
a new fellow—come this

Get on getting on with my
learning pretty well I think
I take it very well. I am
just going to write to Giggie
so. Good bye I remain your
affectionate son *Steadily*
How is your sister you have
Hill on

L
L
L

morning. He is a very queer
fellow to say, but he will
soon be knocked into
shape. Have you Emily with
you yet. When you write
next, will you tell me
a great deal about Edmund,
when he is coming home

& C

Yours G. W. Verney.

Nov. 13 / 58
Cherbourg

Dear Papa

I received your letter to say I was not to go and although I was very much disappointed yet perhaps it was for the best. Our old German master has written to me and I send you his letter, I am not quite sure whether you would like me to have a tutor in the holidays; and another thing is that I think that the French master here would suit us better than Heimstedt; his name is Monsieur Le Garde; he is a very nice person I think, and a true gentleman, I have just asked him if is going with

Dec. 7. 1858
Cherbourg

Dear Varko

I have not got a prize but I will produce my reasons when I come home. I want to ask you some questions, 1st whether I may go to Christ's as I pass through London and get some books bound to be put down to Papa and to be sent home: 2nd a very disagreeable request but I have to ask it ⁱⁿ ~~to~~ ^{an} extremely polite manner I may go to the reverend gentleman Mr. Beethoven (don't let's have my teeth hurt) to rights as I have been

with any other boy and he says he does not know of any as yet, another thing is that I like French much better than German though perhaps Emily would like the former better and now I have given my reasons for having ~~the~~ said anything about them so I have nothing more to say about them. Give my love to Parthel; It is I think this day four weeks to the holidays, it is certainly a very pleasant thought, Give my love to Emily and Miss Hardinge who I suppose have come back by this time I remain your affec^{ate} son
Freddy V. Do you think that you could send me an account after I want one so much

suffering a great deal from toothache lately I want to know how he shall be paid whether I may have a pound extra when I come home for I want to buy some gloves and such like &c on my way home. I am going to take good care to come by the earliest train. Love to Papa and Emily and Miss Prue in your affec^{ate} son
Freddy.

W. M. S. Shannon.
Dec. 30. 1858.
Spithead.

My dear Lady Ferris,
At last there is a probability of our meeting very shortly, what I have so long desired. I was very sorry to hear from my father that you had not been very well, but I hope that now you have recovered: and let me not forget to wish you a happy new year, as I suspect that this will reach you on New Year's day. Will you kindly give the adjoining to Emily. We do not yet know whether the *Shannon* will be paid off or not, but I think that she will: I feel the cold of Spithead a good deal

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Jan 6. 1859
W. M. S. Shannon

Dear Parkinops duckling.

I think it is high time for me to write to you. I am sorry to say that I have got a cough but I am trying to get it well before I go back to Chaydon. I am sure that the change has done me good on the whole. I have enjoyed myself very much and I have not found it dull. Yesterday evening we went to a panorama of Finland it was very good indeed. I am afraid you are going to be left by Papa for a day or two

after washing Annie, but I am
providing myself with warm
clothing. I hope Miss Andrews
will not think me very rude if I
turn her out of her room before very
long. Papa will like to hear that
Officers studying for the Exaltant
now, live at the college & not in
lodgings: it is a great improve-
ment on the old plan, and will
be a great help to those who are
anxious to pass. Good bye,

believe me yours very affectionately

Edmund Sturges.

We are to day getting along side
of the stock-yard. I have had
some corkic put to my throat
by the doctor of the ship.

I remain yours affectly
W. B. Vane.



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J. M. J. Shannon.
Jan. 8. 1859.
Portsmouth.

My dear Mamma, I left those things in your work-box because I have a mania for collecting & depositing at Claydon, curiosities from all parts of the globe: you must not return them to me because I do not want ^{them}, but after they have reached Claydon I feel as if I had accomplished my destiny, and must set about collecting more: I like to think that my visitors at Claydon will find objects of interest from all parts of the world, and

remixionces of the Crimean war and Indian mutiny: I am very glad to hear that you will wear one of the rings: I hardly thought that a lady would like to wear a silver ring. I was very sorry to see Freddy back to you with a cold, but I hope that by this time he is better, if not quite well. It was very kind of you to write to Admiral Bowles about me: it will give me great pleasure to know him. You will doubtless see in the Times of to-day, an article copied from the West Sussex Chronicle, stating that Captain Charter is fond of flogging, and has made the Shannon uncomfortable: pray do not believe this: all the officers are extremely

annoyed & indignant at its insertion. Every man who was punished on the way home, richly deserved it: one was my servant whom I caught in the act of robbing my cash box & secrétaire. I do not think that I shall reach Claydon on Saturday as I had hoped: it will most likely be Monday: the day for our paying off has been delayed, on account of our not being ready. Papa will wish to know this. Believe me

yours very affectionately,

Edmund Verney.

Feb 8. 1859.

Cheam.

Dear Parthe

I do now begin to expect a letter from one of you. I wish very much to have my watch here I feel as sure it would be quite safe; I also have my own plans about having a lock with Solo's hair in it. I am getting on better now; I and another boy had a prayer-meeting yesterday evening; his name is Bevan, Papa (as I think I have told you before) knows his father. I am working very hard. I have received a letter from Edmund saying he has a great deal to do.

We had a foot ball match
the other day with some Gen
the men, we kicked them
hollow. Give my love to
Ellin Emily Papa ~~and~~
I suppose it must seem
to be rather a few while
we are away. Mr. Gabor
talks of putting me down
into the second class again
I hope he will not; I get
on with no other master
so well as I do with him,
he is very kind to me.

It is a wet afternoon. My
hand is rather tired so I
have just written to Edmund
and George so I remain your
affec^{ate} son Bogie.

P.S. I am afraid you will not
like my having my watch.

I will of course be happy to do
what you think is right.

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Royal Naval College.

Feb. 17. 1859.

Dear Mamma,

I am very sorry that my father is not coming to Portsmouth on Saturday, as I must request him not to come on Saturday week, though I should be glad to see him on Saturday fortnight. My instructor quite agrees with me that it will be far better that he should not come next week. I have just had a passing visit from Sir W. Medleycott on his way from Brighton to Somersetshire: he gave a day to Portsmouth chiefly to see me, which was very kind. Last Monday I spent the evening with Sir George & Lady Seymour, and was asked to sing: this I managed very much to my own satisfaction: I was very well, in very good spirits, and my voice was very clear, and

I was much flattered by every-body in the room ceasing to talk, and listening to the "three fishers": Lady Seymour then requested me to sing again, and every-body listened with great attention to the "old clock on the stairs": I was indeed immensely flattered & gratified, but alas, here the result: I am asked to dinner there tomorrow to a large party: after a heavy dinner I shall be asked to sing, and I have a slight cold, & am as hoarse as a raven from drilling on board the Excelsior. Lady Seymour will be disappointed after raising the expectations of her guests, and I shall be disgusted. Of course I am well aware that I was only invited as a penumbra, a curious specimen of a musical box. Think of me, & sympathize tomorrow night. Pray thank Emily for me for her kind note: I will answer it when I have time; I read her short-hand scribble. I enclose some circular about cottage-building, which I

think will interest Papa: Capt. Rutgers very kindly gave them to me for him, thinking he would like them. When he goes to Blyden, pray ask him to bring up my large many-bladed knife, which he sent to me in India, and also the Chesapeake snuff-box, if he should happen to think of them: I think that I left the knife in the garden room. I was much obliged to him for the two papers he sent me. I hope that you hear no worse accounts of Miss Nightingale. I hope that you will not forget to inquire about Mrs. Standaards school for my little Annie. Believe me
yours very affectionately,

Edmund Verney.

I saw Barton on the other
day during his coat from
Harrow.

Feb. 19, 1899
Cham.

Dear Parke

I have not written
for some time so I must
write now. I want when
any of you write next
to tell me the birthdays
of Emily and George and
yourself. We have had
a paper chase to day and
all three horses were caught
except one. There has been
a very nice young man

here lately called Frank
Beverly he is a brother
of one of the boys he has
been ~~joining~~ ^{joining our} prayer meetings
with us the last few
days he is just gone and
I have been just ac-
companied him to the
station. Give my love
to all at home thank
Mum for her letter.
Remember to get the
birthdays told me.
I want to have

an exact soon i.e. to
go home for a Sunday
I have one almost every
half. I should like
it to stay fortnight
or 3 weeks. I suppose
I am not to have my
watch but I dare say
if I go home for a day
I shall be able to take
it back. I remain your
affec^{ate} son ^{Very} cordly
Verny = ^{Bojic} of stamps
P.S. I am in awful want

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Chennai

Feb. 24, 1859

Dear Parthe.

Many thanks for letter
containing the report of my
uncle's death, I know it must
be a great shock but it
says in the bible the Lord
giveth and the Lord taketh
away may we be able to say
Gloryed is the name of the
Lord. Many thanks for say-
ing any thing about my estate.
I should like it to be next
Saturday week namely the
5th of March. I do not
care much to have my will
sent to me before then.
If I come on Saturday

I hope to go as early as possible because boys generally either go on the Friday and stay till the Monday or go on the Saturday and stay till the Tuesday so as to give them a day to get what they want in London; but perhaps Papa will not ~~see~~ like this.

I want to know two things ^{1st} if Mr. Gabor may supply me with writing paper, and secondly if I may buy a song costing 4" 6 and have it put down to the bill because I want to buy presents for Emily and George on their birth days you must not

let this out, It is a very nice song with ten base etc you cannot buy it only our music master will get it copied out for 8" 6 for me.

Give my love to Papa and Mamma and Emily and believe me your affectionate brother Freddy.

We go on with our prayers
=perhaps.

her. I like her very
much.

Love to all

Louis J. Henry

Cherish.

Feb. 22. 1859.

Dear Partha

I am now sitting
up after prayers in the au-
ditor's room after one of
our little prayer meetings
it is really a great comfort
to be able to have, or since
reading and prayer after
a day of hard work. I
went to day to see a paper
with it is very curious.

I have just received
your letter. Thank
you very much for it.
My to write and concerning
and myself are well.

I want very much to know
when your birthdays are
please when any of you
write next tell me them.
I am getting on all right.
Mr. and Mrs. Gabor
are quite well. Give
my love to all at home.
I am in great want of
stamps. Tell Papa I
hope he is not offended
by my not writing to

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March 23. 1893
Cheam.

Dear Partha

Many thanks for the
jolly little box you sent me
I have had one lot of jam
which was very good, I have
still another to come, it is
on the 16th of April my
next saturday 2 weeks I
go home, or I dare say I
shall be able to get home
on the friday afternoon
just about the same time
that George's holidays begin;
it is getting near to the
time; I was ~~very~~ pleased
to see you sent the bearing
root with the other things.

I am quite well and working hard
I can't have met time often to attend
our prayer meetings. I must get
something very nice for Edmund
on his birthday; thank him
for the song he sent me, and
unity for the note which
she wrote to me. I have
received a letter from George
saying that his birthday day
on the 15th the day before
mine Love to all. When
you write next tell me how
I do is I remain your affec^{ate}
son H. Reddy.

Claydon
21st July 59.

Dear Parthe

I arrived with
Papa all safe. I want
to have the other half
of my chain for George,
I am going to give it
him as he has got no
silver chain it is a
jolly thought. Papa
reciev'd your letter
this morning and was
much amused at it.
I am now at the rec-
tors sitting in study

Lady Newbery

pretty little drawing
room. It is a very fine
day, and so was yesterday.
I have sent my little
boat across our biggest
pond, tell Miss M. of it
because she said it would
not go, I had however
to alter it a good deal.
Auntie sends her love
she is delighted to hear
~~how~~ you are so much
better, George is quite
well, he is out riding with
Captain J. Papa, George,
and I went out riding
yesterday to Buckingham
and Papa asked for

the votes; he seemed very
by successful.

Give my love to all
Papa's quite well, and
been doing that cruel
operation, up, marking time

I remain your affec^{ate}

logie

Judy W. Parry

Slightest degree swelling.

Yesterday & this morning & x

I have played in the empty
hallroom at ball.

Afternoon -

Uncle Frederic has been here he is
going to Buckingham early to-

morning & perhaps Uncle
Sammuel is going with him.

Aunt is here & we are very
merry. Miss Harding sends her

kind regards.

Believe me

affly truly

Emily Harvey.

Dear Mama.

52. South St. Park Lane.

April 28. 1859.

Thursday.

Friday arrived quite safely

yesterday at about 8, many thanks
for the little bronze cast, I intend
to try & take a model of it to-day.

I am very glad to hear that you
feel better, but I am afraid that
weather is not very favourable.

I have not been out yesterday

No one thinks it at all you get, so I don't say he will
likely that I shall get out to-day, not go out to-day; I am afraid
The papers to-day say that the he must find it rather
Austrians have crossed the Ticino; well but of course we
Louis Maria & Mrs. Sturmer can't help it.
I was here yesterday, Louis. The news from Clayton are
hope to start for Paris today; all favourable.
Of course she has relinquished Aunt Summerville is winning
the idea of going to Italy. here this afternoon for now
Grady had a cough yesterday her yesterday too. We are
winning, & it is not altogether very merry & not in the

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Very agreeable but yesterday
was delightful.

We are very sorry. We have not
been out to-day but we have
been very busy in-~~clouds~~
to yesterday. We will visit
Cousin Care & Henry.

Believe me

Yrs truly

Emily Vernon
I hope you will excuse this scribble.

52 South St. Portland.

April. 30. 1859.

Saturday.

Dear Mama -

By the second post
to-day I have got a note from
Papa saying that the ~~business~~
went off very well yesterday.

He says he does not know
whether he will be back

to-night or Monday but all

That looks less like resignation
than indifference. Emily
says she had thought of
making her a close cap, but
the weather being so warm
would, I am sure have
furnished the little woman
with a pretext for throwing
it off.

I do trust that you
will come back strong and
bony and that you may
be able to enjoy in an
even bill of health before
the summer pours out of
the beauty of its youth.

Yours very truly -

M. Hardinge

32 South Street

May 26th
1859

My dear Lady Veney

I fear you have
been looking for "bulletins"
from this house, but my
hands have been too full
to hold a pen, and Mrs.
Veney's eyes have been too
weak to see one, and I ought
to say that Miss Emily
has been quite herself for
the last two days. She was
taken with slight fever and
shivering attended with much
cough, and I feared that
she was really going to have
the measles. So I of course

Sent for Dr. Williams whose
remedies have cooled and
down her food & today there
is no appearance of flushing
or any thing else. She looks
like any thing coming, and
indeed she is much better
though still lying quietly
in bed - I am afraid it
may now reach Monday
before we go to Claydon
but I hope for Sat. as well
both the poor young thing
hasnt gone over - Mr. Vasey
is almost well - he is gone
today to Harrow for a few
hours - which I think will
refresh him. I cannot
say how desirable & advisable
I find him in every thing -

I am so glad that you
are enjoying yourself in
the quietness & beauty & peace
of your pretty home, and
his life so in the society of
your father & mother to
both of whom I desire to be
kindly remembered with
little dear Emily's love -

She desires me to tell
you of a sad bereavement
that has taken place in
the death of our poor little
man's canary - If I am able
to go out for half an hour
today it will be to purchase
a husband for the widow
who, I expect to lay, bears
her loss with an equanimity
I might almost say gratitude

azalias are flowering very well in bog earth. The rhododendrons in the dell near Edmund's walk, are also preparing to flower in their bog earth. Claydon is however still cold in the shade, and to-day has been a gloomy day, & Claydon appeared to be all sorrowful at my departure. Papa seems very well, but not lively: I cannot help hoping that when the General aspect of the house is changed, he may think less of frequently of this mourning days, and begin a sort of new life, less mournful than at present, but never forgetting God's wonderful providences to us.

yours affectionately,

Edmund Verney.

Claydon House.

Bucks.

June. 2. 1859.

Dear Mamma,

I asked you to do three things for me when I was at Embley, being, as we agreed, of a grasping disposition: you in return asked but a little thing of me, being more moderate in your demands, so I do herewith enclose a lock of my hair, which I told the hair-dresser was for a ladye, not stating that

she was any relation, when
at he did look up.
Thanks to Mrs. Nightingale's
kindness in allowing me to
hurry her home, I was just
enabled to catch the train
at Romsey, after enjoying a
delightful drive by the Dure
lodges. I trust that you
are now better, and able to
get about a little and to
do Montaigne House. Will
you kindly let Miss Wadding
know where you had your
picture of the Saloon photo-
graphed, as I wish to
have my mother's picture
photographed there, also.
I go to town tomorrow,
and to Portsmouth on
Saturday morning. If I find
that The Emerald has not
arrived, may I come to
Embley for the Sunday, or do
you wish to be quite quiet?
Papa thinks, the latter. I
was much delighted with
the photograph of the Saloon
which is finished, and I
do thank you much for
that same. The gardens
are looking very nice indeed
and in the little garden to
the East of the Terrace the

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1. Wickham Street.
Portsea.
June. 4. 1859.

Dear Mamma,

I joined, this
afternoon, and have
leave until Monday.
I grieve much to hear
that you have caught
the measles: I pray

that you may go through you have my affection
the pain, weariness, -ate wishes. I have
and discomfort of it, the best cabin on the lower
with every now and deck though I am the
then a bright thought junior lieutenant. With
of what Jesus suffered my kind regards a love
for us: I fear that to Mr. & Mrs. Nightingale,
nothing but time can believe me
alleviate the sad. very affectionately yours,
weariness of measles,
but you know that Edmund W. Verney.

All this with us to-morrow so
 till then, good bye,
 you will, I hope, excuse this
 very bad writing but I am not
 very expert at that yet & I am
 now rather tired.

With much love to Uncle
 Frederic, yr most aff^l child
 Emily, Nancy.

Claydon, Friday,
 June. 19. 1859.

Dear Papa. I write to you myself
 particularly to prove to you that I
 am much better. To-day Miss H. &
 I have walked down to the House &
 been to the garden; the House does
 truly look wretched for they have
 begun pulling down & the wind sails
 are taken out of the rooms that
 used to be mine & Edmund's & I
 think it looks as if there had been
 a fire: the men were at work,
 though they are doing nothing to
 the sky light Aunt. It is much

letter, she caught her cold by
unperceptibly putting on a cloak,
which was quite wet, on Sunday evening,
& we were very glad that it was
nothing worse than a face-ache, but
I hope she will be quite well to-morrow.
We shall be delighted to see you
the country is so charming.
I am very glad you & saw something
of Edmund & to-morrow I hope you
will tell us all about him.
I asked Aunt A. to tell you
about the smoking that thing &

& I smell when we went to
Bethel House, the whole house
was impregnated with it, & of
course it was extremely disagreeable.
I rode on Lumberton yesterday &
she went so beautifully, & I hope to
ride again to-day.
Yesterday afternoon Uncle & I
drove in the phaeton to Spisontown,
it was such a delightful drive, the
hedges are covered with the beautiful
wild ~~white~~ rose, & branches of it hang
in festoons down; but, dear ^{hope you} ~~hope you~~
I ~~trust~~ you will be enjoying

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June 20. 1859.

Alham.

Dear Grandma

I think you must be ~~was~~ labouring under a delusion about my able friend Mr Demp-
-wolf, as he is ~~not~~ not poor by any means as far as I know. But I think you dont like my going to ~~I~~ there.

Perhaps I shall go to town this afternoon with Mr
Oitchard to see Pahe
June 21. 1859.

I think that I should sacrifice everything to be overboard I should get there by going, but you and Papa dont seem to see it at all.

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remain, with love to
Mr & Mrs Goringale,
yours very affectionately,

Edmund Verney.

D. M. S. Emerald.
Portland.
June. 20. 1859.

My dear Mamma,
I have not
heard lately of you, so
I hope that no news
are good news, and that
you are doing great
things in "montaigne"
"Russe". Besides you
know that I am an
interested party in your

recovery; I do not
forget the three promises
I exacted from you
when you were in a
weak state: the owl
book, the picture of your
sister to be finished, &
the one of Embury. I
am exceedingly fortunate
to have got into such a
comfortable ship, and to
have such a nice cabin.
I wish that some day,
you might be able to come
on board and see me;

I always manage to have
one or two flowers in
my cabin; I have now
a couple of rose-buds and
a piece of myrtle, and by
constantly changing the
water & nipping off the
ends of the stalks, my
buds flower. I fear that
I have no news to tell
you; we have a small
squadron lying here,
and it is said that in
a short time we are to
go to Portsmouth. I

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kindest love to Mr. and
Mrs. Nightingale and
believe me your very
affectionate stepson,

Edmund Verney.

I hope you do not dislike the
word, stepson; it is good ^{English}
English.

D. M. S. Emerald.
June. 23. 1859.
Portland.

My dear Mamma,
Many thanks for
the hamper of vegetables and
beautiful flowers which ar-
-rived last night, both of
them most opportune, for
Mrs. Cuming dines with
us to-day, and we are
anxious to receive her in
a fitting manner. I wish
that I had remembered

that yesterday was your
wedding day: I did re-
member that it was
Adelaide Smith's first do.
I am pleased, and no
doubtless are you that
Emily is so steadily im-
proving, and that Papa
is so cheerful. How long
do you intend to remain
at Embay, and are you
going to Lea Hurst? What
is Mr. Nightingale's direction
at Lea Hurst? You know
quite well that I should
be sorry if you troubled

about my drawings: it
was only my unquiet
spirit that made me
write about them: how-
ever I am now restless
to my heart's content:
always something to do
and always busy; always
employed: no more idle
South Street days: busily
reading and enjoying
and nearly finished
Lord Dunsany's book:
if another such book
comes out pray send it
to me. Pray give my

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D. M. V. Emerald.

July. 26. 1859.

Spithead.

My dear Mamma,

We arrived here
this afternoon after two days
of Channel cruising: the
Queen came and steamed
through the Fleet after we
had anchored, and passed
close under the Emerald's

stern, but I was so dead
tired that I was asleep in
my cabin, but I heard that
Captain Deaman was seen
on deck, making the most
of himself: sailing in
close order has been very
tiring work for the officers
of the watches, though it
has only lasted two days.
Of course the movements of
the fleet are quite uncertain,
but it is rumoured that

we are to accompany Her
Majesty on a summer cruise.

I have been sorry to hear
that George was hoaxed
up: I hope that the heat
will not render it necessary
for you to leave Blyden. It
was very kind of you to
write to me so much about
the house; it interested me
much. With kind love to Mrs
Nightingale & Papa, believe me,
very affectionately yours,

Edmund Henry.

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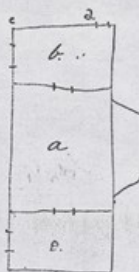
To the Most Excellent
Grand Duke
Prince Alexander
Yerofeyev



Spilthead.
August. 2. 1859.

Dear Mamma,

(a) represents
the drawing-room, (b) the ante-
-room: (c.d) is a hollow wall,
in the cavity of
which should be
glass faced cabinets
full of shells &c:
at present it is
plastered up and



the space is lost: I strongly
suspect that there is a similar
double wall in the ante-room
(e.) I left my flannel
night-shirt behind, with
my gold & cornelian studs
in it: will you kindly
have it sent to me, as I
am all adrift without it.
I expect that this will
reach you on the morning
of your journey, so I wish

you a happy and pro-
-perous trip. Pray rem-
-ember that I shall be
delighted to receive ~~of~~ ^{from} Freddy
at any time you like to
send him. Believe me,

very affectionately yours,

Edmund D. Terry.

I should like to have my
guitar sent to St. James's
Place, so that I can call
for it some day.

charming drive through Dalmeida,
Lord Berkeley's place, & Queen's Ferry
& Winton. The view from Dalmeida
is lovely looking down the Torth to
the open sea, one can see Arthur's
Seat & Edinburgh Castle.

When looking up the Torth one sees the
Walls & the Grassmarket with
them lovely & if it is very clear
then London. I wish Papa were able
to give us a run up here, he would
enjoy it so very much, & I am
sure it would brace him up
for the winter.

Now with much love to Mr. Nightingale
believe me yrs affly

Truly Yrvey.

Laridon, Winst. H. B.
August 29. 1859. Monday

Dear Mama.

Many thanks for your letter
& the receipt, which however I had
meanwhile asked Aunt Scamall for
& she had sent me. I am very glad
that Freddy is enjoying himself so much
& that he is not a burden to you.
It must be a great pleasure to be
able to give so much more
labour produce no result. I am sorry
to hear Mr. Nightingale is so far from
well, I am afraid the hot weather must
have tried her. I dare say it is better
with you than with us, we have
found very few days really oppressive.
I think one of the hottest was Thursday
the Sunday School children came

for their treat, & went on swimming: to wait for it, it was very good
about most especially though. The him to get it for me. I have a little
heat must have tried some time. bullfinch, such a dear little thing, it
in Saturday we drove over to see is very young & swarming at present
Lady Isabella Hope & her children, so it does not sing, but I intend to treat
at a place which her husband has it soon. It is so nice to see it bathing
bought called Bridgecastle, there in the morning, it is so fond of
is not much of a house only a curious water, it pops its little head in &
old tower; they are only staying splashes about so prettily
there for a week, his children are Papa said in his last letter that he
great friends of me, I was staying was going to play me but he did not say
in the Isle of Man with them with whether he was going to take Freddy with
Aunt Helen 4 years ago. him.
Could you thank Freddy from Miss Hardinge desires her love &
me for his note & please tell him says she will write to you in a day
I quite understood that it would or two: she will reply to Papa & note
but be safe for the little candlestick to-morrow.
to travel by post & am quite content This day week we went such a

I fear that this will be our last cruise this year. I hope your skin is getting better, and that you have good accounts of Aunt Freeman-
-the. I am keeping pace with you in Acts. It is very kind of you to write to me occasionally when I am absent, and then I find them awaiting my return. I am very glad that Admiral Elliot has been appointed Captain of the Fleet: he is a very smart officer, and some of these Captains want a little

W. M. J. Emerald.

Lorway.

Sept. 6. 1859.

My dear Father, I think you judge me a little harshly about the telegraphs: having been disappointed of your company on two occasions, I most anxiously have looked forward to your coming on this next oc-

me that neither you nor Freddy are coming for this cruise: you do not know. Now I have counted on it, or you would not wonder that I telegraphed: Captain Cumming expressed his regret this evening, remarking how comfortable he could have made you in his cabin. Believe me
your affectionate son,

Edmund R. Terrey.

How do you think that George is getting on?

cruising with a smart officer to teach them how a fleet ought to sail. He is a very young Admiral. Mr. Warner has been very civil to me, and I like him very much: half a dozen of his boys came on board this afternoon: what nice gentlemanlike boys they appear to be: I never was at such a good school: I wonder why you took George away from him: I was sorry not

occasion, and during our last cruise, I constantly was thinking how far more agreeable the next would be: can you wonder then, that, hearing we were likely to remain here but a short time, I telegraphed at once that I might not be for a third time disappointed, and I know that a telegraph too much curtailed is often unintelligible to the receiver by the accidental

mistake of a word or even a letter: then, hearing that our stay was to be prolonged, it was only common forethought to telegraph again, that you might not have an unnecessary journey: of course it cost money, but if it had brought you and (or) Freddy, it would have been well worth it. Yours of yesterday arrived this evening. You could have no better rest for your skin than a cruise in the Emerald, and

to see "Kitty Warner", and I did not like to ask when she was. Miss Dyott was also very kind to me: I drove with her yesterday afternoon, and took tea with her afterwards: this afternoon she sent her servant on board with a large bouquet. I think that she would be much gratified if you sent her a French copy of *Leviath*, but perhaps you have no more to spare.

I left a card on D^r Evanson, but he was a way. Miss Dyott kindly showed me the house in Wellwood Park. She also has given me a beautiful fern in a little pot, for my cabin. Now, good bye, my dear Father; I wish you could see my beautiful cabin, much improved since you saw it: I do not think that you appreciate how great a disappointment it is to

Covinden.

Sep. 13th 1859.

With all this Emily must
 be my first consideration
 and I know I may say
 to you in confidence - that
 after the end of Sep. Scotland
 must not be treated for her.
 Should any disagreeing
 news come by the mail,
 instead of an alleviation which
 I humbly trust & expect - I
 think Miss Hope ought to be
 induced either to leave Covinden
 or to have some intimate
 friend or relation with her
 for us to her staying here
 alone, it appears to me
 as if it should be impossible.
 I think you & Sir Hacey
 know her best to be an
 excellent - & therefore I leave
 it to you to tell him of these
 suggestions but please let no
 one else think that I must
 think so. It is difficult to
 suggest to her on any point

My dear Lady Keivy

I hope this

letter will reach you before
 you leave Lee Street, as you
 will, so much better than
 I can explain to Miss
 Nightingale that, on various
 accounts, connected with
 Emily's health, we think
 it will be more prudent
 to make our way to Clog. M.
 without stopping at Lee Street.
 And I think it more especially
 so, after you & Sir Hacey
 have left - it would be a
 more burdensome to you

kind mother to have us; but
do you say, she may also
have got to the South
before the 26th & so there
will be no need of any
message but the warmest
thanks for her kindness
in wishing to shelter our
wailing little travellers -

I have been rather
anxious & doubtful, since we
heard of dear Sir Harry's
accident; that Emily should
have gone home at once
so as to be at his side to
help & cheer during your
absence - as I had always
since I took the precious
charge of her, trained her
to the fact of her first
lawful affection & duty
being due to him - but since

the news from China
have come - I feel, as I am
sure Sir Harry will, most
thankful that Emily is
at this moment with poor
Miss Hope - I was fortunate
enough to see the paper
first yesterday, & so, was
able to spare her a shock
by banking the news to her
And as we were just
setting out for Edinburgh
she was somewhat taken
from the subject: but she
is intensely anxious - not all
her self cautious & reserved
can hide this from either of
us who know & love her so
well, and indeed it is a
most trying moment - she
feels the void for him
knowing how much he will
take it to heart; but even

And we must trust that
all will be well with Adair
Hope whose position is one
of most critical responsibility
at this moment.

It was a sad beginning
to our resuming our Canadian
life, after so much enjoyment
as we had had in the
Highlands - truly how can
we be prone to make in
distant mythical abstractions
of Eternity. We are compelled
to believe in the purchasable
vacation hold her power
of every thing in their world.

Oh how it is seen
like madness to care for
it as we do!

I was just forgetting
the blow head, for head
it is now a not hair.
we went to the authority

in Edinburgh yesterday
having just tried your
remedy but not with
sufficient success to be
satisfied - well, he refrains
from shaving, but has
cut the hair almost close
and given him a stronger
mixture of the same
ingredients as yours - of
which, it appears, he was
the original inventor -
He says she will have
a fine head of hair again
but he mistrusted your
how to cut it & keep it
cut for several months
The darling is very well
Love with Dear Lady Mary
Yours very truly
W. Wooding

has not a vestige of
 cough left on any
 other ailment. Today
 she happens to have
 a tendency to slight
 headache, which induces
 me to request her not
 to write any letter -
 Miss Hope desires her
 kind love & thanks you
 much for the enclosed
 note - Sir Henry Hope had
 sent her on Sunday
 one from Lt. C. Paget.
 And yesterday Sunday
 Minnie had sent him a
 copy of an letter from
 the Secretary to the
 Duke of Somerset - giving

Carriiden
 Sep. 21. 1859.

My dear Sir Henry
 I am so glad
 you have told me what
 you really think about
 Emily's monument - and
 be assured that both
 she and I are much
 pleased at the prospect
 of seeing Mr & Mrs Highley
 & Lady Vernon's pretty
 old home - we have
 now decided to leave
 Carriiden on Thursday
 sleep at York - reach

The addition to the
 simple prayer in the
 Church on Sunday
 was most touching -
 There is an Miss
 Bradstreet staying
 here now from Waltham
 a very sweet & interesting
 little person - a recent
 connection of the past
 Woodworth & a relative
 of Mr Schimmelpenninck
 Emily sends much
 love & with my own
 best & respectful regards
 I am Sir Henry
 very truly
 W. Hastings

minute details of Admiral
 Hope's wound & accident
 which are painful to
 read: but the admiring
 warmth with which his
 devoted father-in-law is
 related & the admiring
 sentences which say
 he is going down quite
 well. Compensate in
 a degree for the
 knowledge of intense
 suffering which he
 himself would never
 have mentioned -
 The letter says that
 after Admiral Hope
 had endured with
 leaving the deck, being

See Hunt on Friday
Evening - & Clary on
on Sat. I find that
without leaving this
at night too early & Sat. morning will
you have in the morning
has could not get it
Daisy in one day - & it
even sleeping at Columbia
would give Emily too
long a journey - I think
are general to come for
own looking to remain
here until Thursday
one is I think wish to
see Miss Hope this year

The arrival of the
next telegraph which
must have come to her
by that time, but
I hope Friday evening
& Sat. morning will
give us a little time
for see Hunt send
its interests - It is an
great comfort to us
to know that your
leg is better - I trust
Miss Lady Mary is
also getting stronger
& stronger - As for
Emily it is as expected
to say that she is
perfectly well - She

The flesh of his thigh
turn away - & still
you are attending
to every direction
he at last faintly
from explanation, and
they were carrying
him away, when
screaming he asked
"Which ship is the
fastest in?" They
said "The Crescent"
"Then take me there"
was his reply - and
then they took
him, & lay down
lying on the most

opposed position, he
directed all the
proceedings - Miss Hope
thinks this letter had
better not be copied, as
Emily would have
sent it to you -
I almost hope your
application for Mr
Vernon will not succeed
though I cannot
but advise his wife
to be with his uncle -
The interest of the
people here of all
classes & their love
for Admiral Hope
surpasses description

I must not get too much
attached to my little dog, as I
shall want it to live in barracks in
me when I get my commission.
I ~~also~~ have sent you 600 strawberry
Islands. When they come they ought to
be planked immediately. They are
British. Erms, Eliza and me other
-work, I have directed them to Papa.

MS A. 9. 2. 148
Oct. 11. 1839.

Elham:

Dear Mamma,

I will come to
you on Saturday the 22nd
of this month. Can I
bring with me one
of the fellows here, who
will have passed his
exam. by that time.
He would spend Sunday
with us, and go home
in Lincolnshire on the
following Monday.

His name is Priscoe, he shot his
thumb ~~to~~ off 6 weeks ago. He is
going up for examination next
tomorrow week for the Indian
cavalry. He sings very well. Do not
tell E. that I shall come home,
as it will surprise her very much,
& if Freddy comes home too tell
him to come by the train that leaves
London at 3.30, as that is the one
I shall go by. Pray do not change
my dog's name from Prandy, as
he knows that name so well. I
hope you like it, & I am sure
E. & Miss A. must.

Yours
E. D. Verney.



Plymouth Sound.
Oct. 10. 1859.

Dear Mamma,

I hope to leave
Plymouth on Friday night,
and to arrive in London on
Saturday morning; then I
hope to have Saturday forenoon
in London, and leaving by
the 1. o'clock train to reach
Windsor at 3. 21. Then, if
there are no reasons against
it, may the dog-cart take

There is much talk of our
wintering at Sheerness, which
is a very disagreeable place,
but still very convenient
for London &c. The letters
my luggage, and the Leicester
meet me at the station, as
I wish to pay a visit to
Swanbourne: it would, of
course, be very nice, if you
could arrange to come with
Emily and Miss Handing, in
the carriage, that we might
all pay a visit together. I
hope that dear little Emily
is flourishing; I shall be
most anxious to hear where
she is to spend the winter:

I have one from [✓] ✓
one from Aunt F., & an
enclosure from Freddy and
George. I hope that you are
taking great care of Henry:
do write to me about him,
and tell me how you like
him.

Yours affectionately,

Edmund D. Verney.

Oct. 12. 1859.

Eltham.

My dear Pramma

You have not
answered my last note,
but you will. Have you
received the strawberries,
& is Black satisfied
with them; there are 600.
Can you receive orders

and I on Saturday week,
and give us a days shooting
on Sun the following Monday
he will be obliged to leave
us the next day. Pray answer
this as soon as you can, for
he leaves this for his exam.
next Tuesday & I shall not
see him again till he has
passed his exam, and comes
to us. I like him very much
and I am sure you would.
He shot off his thumb a litt-
le time ago, & he sings very
I want you to acquaint
Papa that I smoke
not do it much, but
it very much. Yours
Ed. Verney.

Eltham. MS 9068/51

Oct. 12. 1859.

Dear Emily

I shall come home
on Saturday week (Oct. 22nd).
& perhaps I shall stay a
week with you. I can't
have Brandy's name changed
for he will not stay at
Claydon after Amas. Pray
accustom him to follow you
riding &c. I shall be delighted
to see him. I want to bring
with me one of the fellows

home on Saturday week. He sings very well
and shot his thumb off about 6 weeks ago.
We are 6 felt now here, 3 too many.

Edmund is going to Maydon next Saturday.
Has Gramma received 600 strawberry plants
from me. 100 are for the rectory. There

are 3 sorts. Pray answer this soon. Have
you learnt any of the "Songs without
words". Pray learn the first by the when
I come home. Has the piano been tuned.

When it has tune it a little sharper.
When I come I will bring one of my
guitars with me.

Remember me to Gramma & Jim, &
give Gramma the enclosed *

Yours. G. Verney.

MS 9068/52

x They will arrive tomorrow evening.
Pray look out for them. 100 are for
the rectory. They cost 2^s per 100. If you
have too many Pray give some to the
carabes x G^d - Protect Well.

Yours G^d Kerney. They will bear
good fruit next year.



Oct. 13. 1859.

Coth.

Dear Mamma,

Thanks for yours
of the 14th. I should very
much like to go and pay
Lord Dunsany a visit, but
I am by no means clear,
how to get to him. I hope
that your love for Emily
will not be the cause of
your keeping her at Claydon.

longer than is quite right.
I can look forward with
no certainty to my next
visit to Claydon: if we
winter at Bantry Bay,
it will be a bore, though
I believe it is a very warm
place. You say nothing in
your letter about the North
Entrance or the terrace:
I hope that at any rate
the former will be made
now. I am anxious to

hear what news the China
mail brings: you know
that news come from all
quarters & the word is
derived from the four
cardinal points of the
compass. N. E. W. S.

With much love to Papa.

Yours very affectionately,

Edmund D. Verney.

9 St. James's Place,
Oct. 28. 1859.

Dear Mamma,

I shall start
for Paris tonight, and
take to Papa the keys
that he left behind in
London. I hope to reach
Paris, between 9 & 10 to-
morrow morning. I
hope to return to Port-
land on Monday via
Cherbourg. I do not know
where I shall find
Papa in Paris: if you
think I shall have any

difficult about it, will
you telegraph to me at
Newrice's Hotel, where
I shall leave my address.
I shall enquire at the
principal Hotels and
at the Passport office.
Will you please give
Henry £4 and start
him off to the Emerald
at Portland on Monday
or Tuesday. I wish
him to pass through
London, and to pick
up here, a picture,

of which he must take
great care, an overcoat,
which is a present for
him, this cold weather, &
2 of his own shirts. I
have left directions about
this, here. I will pay
£4 to Papa at Paris.
Will you please give Denny
written directions, or he
is sure to make a mis-
-take: if the Emerald
is not at Portland, he
is to leave word in writing
at the Royal Hotel,
Weymouth, where he has
gone to. I leave here a

hampster to go to Claydon.
If Henry brings any butter
or game with him, I shall
be much obliged. I will
further pray you, if any
letter or telegraph comes from
the Emerald, to open it &
forward it, if it seemeth
important; & finally, with
much love, believe me
yours very affectionately,

Edmund D. Verney.

have an upset at first & I am
persuaded it is the case, as I have
known the same sensations
Lord - & Lady Catherine Barrington
who have just been here says
that her husband & daughter
were similarly affected - I am
thankful to be able to say that
I am in much better & will be
going out to take a little walk in
our garden, which is part of
Lord Townshend's ground & a very
pretty & convenient. We have also
the privilege of going into Mr.
Woodfield's beautiful pleasure
ground which runs all along
the sea, with seats & shelter.
I have had a most amusing
morning, teaching our little book
to do things in the English way,
which certainly suits our family
better - her explanation of what
was, "ah je vois, tout a fait
naturel". I think food here
is decidedly cheap - whilst I was
looking Helen came in two old
women with fruit to sell, regular
Italian boys, who spoke a jargon
that was most unintelligible -
but between French & Italian I got on

Dear Madam,

I am sorry an little plan for Miss Hope to go home, leaving her (excellent) maid Mrs Robinson in joint-charge of Miss Verney, should have been frustrated.

I was in hopes it would have tended to give tone to Miss Hardinge's mind, and withdraw her attention from herself, by her assuming her charge of Miss Verney just to such an extent as not to involve anxiety or fatigue.

I remarked a timidity at the prospect of Miss Hope's leaving, but expected, especially after two or three excellent nights, your Sister's courage would rise with the occasion, and was therefore disappointed at the low hysterical state which came over us Sunday before last.

There had naturally already been a strain upon Miss Verney's feelings, but hoping for gradual improvement in Miss H. I thought this little call on her charge's disposition would do no harm, and that with our Management we should get on satisfactorily for all parties. It was now however plain it would not do; and the Women know the Case has since put on,

in addition to the still partial recu-
rence of the original indisposition,
shows plainly the change must be
on her part, and that the sooner Miss
H. can be in her native air and in the
bosom of her family the more advisable.

The contemplating of all this has
naturally produced a considerable
relaxation of feeling, and our rights
have been worse than they were.
Still she loves her niece out very
well, and I have no doubt with
perseverance we shall get on.

Of course there is great sorrow
at thinking she must leave Miss Komey,
but her mind is gradually being made
up and there are nice indications of
the effort she is making to control her
own anxious state of feelings.

I have written to Sir Harry &
Miss Hope is also writing so that
you will have a tolerable idea
as to how matters stand. I will
only add, that separated as Miss H.
is from you all, and so far from
home for the first time, I am obliged
to act with more indulgence than
you might think right to exercise.

With compl. to Mrs Tyrrell,

I am, Dear Madam,

Yours faithfully

J. W. Witley.

Camus 28th March

1860

Mrs Tyrrell,
London.

Villa Albert James, Mar. 22. 1860. Thursday

My dear dearest Papa - I am afraid my last note of the 21st was but a hasty scribble, I was ashamed to send it, but I had not time to write more. I am sorry to say that Miss H. is not much better. Her nervousness & fears still continue, & are very harassing & distressing for herself. We had hoped it might have been possible to have taken her out yesterday & to-day, but such a storm has been & is blowing that it must not be thought of. I have no doubt that when once she has been out her improvement will be more rapid, though we must not expect her to lose the fears all at once. Aunt Helen will tell you what the doctor says as she speaks to him; I can only tell you how Miss H. is. She keeps lying in a sofa for some hours every day, & walks about the room a little now & then. When the nervousness & fears are off her she is apparently well. Last night was a bad one - she was very hot & nervous, & did not sleep for more than two hours; now she is getting better, & her voice is as natural as mine. She is reading to herself & seems getting quite comfortable, she is still in bed, it is now about 12-30 P.M. She will get up

At about 2 or 3 I remain in the sofa till
2 or 3. Perhaps she will go into the drawing room.
My own dearest Papa I cannot tell you how
glad we should be to see you, but I know that
you have so many occupations & duties in England
that I try to believe you will not come, so as
not to be disappointed. Still I cannot help hoping
you may, & look forward to next week's letters
with great anxiety. It would be so
much better that you should see dear Miss W.
yourself, & see whether when she is well enough
it would be best to go to Nice or towards
England. There is a steamer from here to
Marseilles & times a week, & it would be the
easiest way of travelling. You must not
think that I am uncharitably, I am very well,
& as soon as possible. On Monday I took
a walk with Lady C. Barrington, on Tuesday
with Miss Horsey & Mr. Wolford's niece & sister
& day with Miss Benson & Aunt Helen.
We went among the olive gardens & gathered
such an enormous number of acorns.
They are so badly growing wild - There are
purple & red ones & lovely red tulips &
orange hyacinths. I am getting some

roots of all of them to take some for you. Also
I am getting them seeds from a gardener &
if you do not come out, I shall send them
home by Hunt Allen. I do hope I shall soon
hear what you settle about coming. We have not heard
from George since he left. I think it is really too
bad of him never to write. I long to have news of you

April 1. 1861. Genl. Bianchi. Madeira.

I am ashamed to see how many that I have left too of your letters unanswered. I am sure you must think me very ungrateful. But I am only pleased my old excuse of having you will see my letters to Papa. I am so glad to hear he is still again. I do hope he will be very careful not to over-work. The finding will I suppose be his beginning in good earnest. I am afraid he will be tempted to do more than he ought. I was sorry to hear from Edmund that you have not been very well. I am afraid it will be better must have tried you. But rest, some spring will be coming with its joyful scents and fresh green. Another sign of our not to mention the "Bird of Paradise" as one of the books you so kindly sent. I have been keeping it & I have "Bianchi" as a "Bianchi" for me homeward to you. I am so glad you have sent us 2 more strong books by the last parcel. It says I am buying for something. Also many thanks for the present you say you would send. I will tell you when the box arrives. Would you tell me by the next mail what you would like more with the 1st for the exchange. I suppose the next mail is the last we shall receive here. As we hope to leave before the 1st of June. We are rather thinking of going to Lisbon by the sailing packet & from thence by the P. & O. Steamers. This seems the safest & most comfortable plan. We should then arrive in England about the 1st or 2^d week in June. But you will tell me definitely by the next mail. The W's are thinking of going in the same way if it is to meet some pleasure to have companions we have.

Mr. & Mrs. Dutton & their party intend to remain for the
summer & next winter. He is very poorly & has been for some
time - suffering from low fever & great weakness. But Dr. Lewis
says that the disease in his chest is not in a more active
state - so we hope he will gradually get strong again. They
are just now staying in the country for change of air - but
we expect them back this week. My uncle is gone &
I am so well now that I hope to be quite strong in May.
Miss J. is very well & enjoying this cooler weather. She
thinks I went out in a boat with a few friends to Wexham
& very short time. But it was delicious coasting by some very
fine woods. In one place the sea rushes up like a
mountain, with a sound like the boom of a cannon. In
another there is a beautiful cove. The sea here is very
green & not nearly so beautiful as the Mediterranean.
But sometimes it is so perfectly calm that the shades
of the clouds are clearly reflected in it. How much you
would enjoy strolling here. There are some magnificent
views. But they are all so extensive, & consequently
difficult. Do you know the flower of the coral tree? it
is such a magnificent show. But I suppose it
could not grow in England. I hope that Miss
Hightwale has not suffered from the cold weather.
Has she not succeeded from the little distance to Dr. Lewis
Bosham (partly executed executed? You have horse men
- turned it. How are Mr. & Mrs. Hightwale? Please
to give them my love. Hoping you will excuse this
but yours very affly Miss Fanny.

Parthenope my dear
I do wish you a happy new year

From Maggie

Hotel de Luxembourg, Minat.

May 21. 1860. Thursday.

Dear Mother, Many thanks for yours of the 15th. I received
 it on Friday just when we were leaving London, & was
 not able therefore to answer it immediately. It is very
 kind of you to say that I may buy a bonnet at Paris.
 & I accept of your kind present with many thanks. I think
 as you say, that a shawl would be the most useful &
 I will try & choose one according to your taste. It is
 so charming to be every day getting nearer "home"; &
 I am quite delighted to see the land becoming flatter
 for it looks more like dear old England. Mr. Siffert
 is still very depressive - we do not know what to
 do for the best, & I am very glad that we left France
 before he did, for it must be very uncomfortable now.
 I hope that today we may get into another region as
 Belgium seems along the beginning of the frontier.
 We go to-day to Ligny - a place between Belgium
 & Lyons; we leave at 11 & reach at 4, so it is not
 a very long journey. The town is so peaceful, &
 the town though it is only 1.30 of the. I do not know
 what to do for best - & when we walk in the
 morning the window how we can have slept in
 such heat. Yesterday we drove to the front de Jura.
 It was a very hot scorching drive of two hours, but we
 will be well repaid. The bridge is most wonderful. I
 do not think if you have ever seen it. If not you

have got something very wonderful to see - I will
not write more about it now, as I ~~very~~ hope to see
you soon. We also saw the amphitheatre, it is in
better preservation than the Museum, though it is
not nearly so big. To-morrow we go on to Lyons & there
hope to find a letter from Lisa. We do not very
much wish to go by the Rhine, but Miss Johnson
thinks that after being a few days at Paris we
might go to Brno & Leipzig & so home. I do
not mind how the time is spent. I only long to
be home again. I hope Clayton will be ready, I
mean the house - & if not Aunt Fremantle has
asked us to the Rectory, how delightful it will
be to be at Clayton. You know I have not seen
Freddy for nearly a year - & as to hope why there
only saw him & you for that fortnight before he
is gone away - I think nobody will know me & I
shall know nobody if I do not come home very
very soon. Now I must stop & go to breakfast.
I hope Mrs & Mr Nightingale are well. I suppose
you are enjoying the weather at Hove; when
will you go to Leyden? I hope we shall meet there
very soon. It seems so impossible to imagine
that I am really going home - I have been dreaming
about it ever since I left. For the best I wish
I got Miss Benson the note about Colburn -
I suppose you will have heard from her since.

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Clayton, Bucks.

June. 5. 1860.

Dear Mama - I only write to
tell to assure you that
we will take great care of Papa
& since him well - & make him
as merry as ever we can -
He looks low & palled, but
we do not wonder at that -
He is reading the life of the
Bishop of Calcutta - & seems
much interested in it -
Yesterday he took me over
the lease - but I am afraid

Love
Mama

he might not to have gone out. Papa is very good & happy
I was delighted with it, & very quietly to-day.
Think it has answered beautifully.
I cannot write more just
now - as I am going up to
Papa till he drives at 2.
I hope to be in again at 3.
I had a ride of an hour
this morning on Lumberton.
With much love
yours affly
Emily Torrey.

together this morning & took by
 Deseronto - & Papa was quite
 interested & merry; so that
 I hope when you see him
 again - you will think him
 much better. I had a nice
 letter from Freddy yesterday -
 He seems very well, & hopes to
 come home on the 22nd? George
 hopes to come home on the
 20th for Mrs Keys - She is
 is therefore fixed for the
 Clayton school site - So
 please come down before then

Clayton. Bucks.
 June 6 1860.

Dear Mamma - Papa is very
 good & obeying the doctor's
 orders - & the consequence is
 that he feels & looks much
 better to-day - He made him
 a drink of 2 glasses of Sherry
 yesterday & his appetite is very
 good. His spirits also are not so
 low & indeed he is quite
 merry, as he calls it
 "jolly." He is always so

I hope you will be able to
come for that day, for I don't
know what Papa wd do if you
cannot. Fanny says that
the 28th is the speech day at
Harrow, & the Cunninghams
have offered me a bed, so I
hope Papa will allow me to go.
I brought home some *Propolis*
Violet & I have given to Black.
I hope you liked the seeds I
sent home by Aunt Helen -
I have brought some *sunflower*
seeds home also. but I believe

They ought not to be planted till
the autumn. Aunt Fremont
says she to tell you that she
will not write to-day as I am
writing. I hope Mr. & Mrs
Brighton are well & that
you are enjoying Ruby.

With much love

yours affly

Fanny Kelsey

Attend. ~~But~~ but some go away by
 a train before the meeting - those who
 remain at the meeting, go away by
 the train directly after. It is so
 interesting to see how many of these
 fragments are always occupied for
 such good objects, & how their one
 thought is, how they may advance God's
 glory - There has been a most
 interesting work going on at Clayton
 all the winter - quite, I believe,
 without wise & excitement.
 All the people ask after you - yesterday
 I spent an hour with Mrs. White (I do
 know if I have spelt the name right)
 she is the wife of the Curate at Steple
 Clayton - & not lately married - such

Dear Mother
 I hope you are
 well
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 that you are coming
 home, & hope you
 will find it very
 pleasant to be in
 this house, & hope you
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 any alterations
 you wish in the
 furniture, & hope you
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take a little - His appetite is much where they hold their meeting - or
improved, & he makes him take perhaps to-day it will be in the
two glasses of Sherry & day, as I? dining room. The subject of
Newham ordered. I only hope that discussion to-day is private - public
he will continue to be good, & not & private. The Ladies are not
return to his bad habit again - admitted to this meeting. As I do
to-day is a busy day with Uncle & I do not know how they go on - I know they
about Newcastle, as the members of say so. I have heard them. But
the Royal Prayer Union all come in what order the discussion takes place
here, for their Annual Meeting. I do not know. At 5-9 they dine.
There will be between 50 & 60 people & afterwards they walk about the town.
dining here to-day, & as the weather at 7 P.M. there is a meeting at St. George
is so showery, Uncle has put up Clayton School, for the Jews Society - &
a tent - under it. I believe that a reputation comes down from London -
they intend to dine - They all arrive to-day & Mr. Hester, a converted Jew &
about one, & from that time till the Missionary to Jerusalem, is coming -
next I they spend in the drawing room any of the young men that like

A nice young creature - & simple
& unaffected - Mr Lawrence, the
brother of the last Heydon curate, also
seems a very nice person - and I
think Rowley & Finch are most
fortunate just now - I hope that
Miss Smith is succeeding with the
schools at Lee Hurst - I asked Paper
& he gave me to understand that she
is disappointed - I am very sorry indeed
if that is the case - & I hope she will
not be discouraged from continuing -
Now I have made this letter longer than
I intended as I only meant to tell
you about Paper - as I know you
must feel anxious - you would be
quite delighted if you could see
how much better he looks - & how

I trust that he will take care & not
hold; but continue to be careful & rest
well. He thinks of taking me up to
London on Monday - to stay a couple of
nights with Cousin M. & to see Dr.
Peters. & then he hopes to see

Lady Verney;

Son, & the post-man will be
 here directly. I must just ask you
 if Thursday is not a bit too late
 to go up to London to take care
 of gardeners: because I think she
 had better go up any day - as if she
 knew but she would not know when
 it is to be done. I am going to
 when but. But I do trust that
 fine weather is beginning at
 last dearest Papa - I hope you
 are taking great care of yourself
 & eating well - I hope to see you
 on Thursday & intend to try &
 be with you in Car at about two
 as we shall go up early.

With much love -

Yr aff^l Child J.

My dear Papa.

Tuesday June 12. 1760.

My dear very dearest Papa. It is
 to me to write you a hasty letter
 when you & son write to me. But
 I do not think that I shall be able
 to make this very long - as we hope to
 go out for a drive the same evening
 & the blue sky having begun
 to appear. I send Mr. Hare's letter
 back. Uncle has read it, I believe quite
 agree with it - & says he thinks the
 Chaplains & some leave the Army
 than bear a commission - I also
 enclose a letter from George - received
 this morning - & a letter from you -
 you will want to know what he has

been doing. So I went first night went with her to her class. I had
you that yesterday morning. I had a. & Miss Almon came to me: a Miss
Manning ride on Lonsdale. Uncle & I walked home & called on Mrs. Brown
Did not go as Joseph did not come till in the day. I did not know that
but to write, but I went alone with Miss Almon was able to walk so
fast. We did not go very fast, but fast was quite surprised at her
I had two nice catters - a Lonsdale King it. However though she was tired
behind like a cat. He went up think it did her no harm -
Henry Hill & Edward by Mrs Justice's Miss evening has been joining till
- Richmond & down by Steple Claydon. Three o'clock. Uncle started with
I only wished you were there to the the Wood in the day - cart of
some was in & out at intervals of Miss Justice's I did to return to
got so hot & comfortable that I was night if it were not for me -
I came in, & found them here smiling. I have been printing this morning
of cloth. I do not believe them. In & listening to some Miss Almon
the afternoon we dine in beauty & brought beauty reading Chalmers's Sermons
to Steple Claydon - then I spent the the seems very interesting
couple of hours with Mrs. Cook & how so I expect the carriage