

To Rosalie Longmore from her brothers, William Robert, Henry Martin and Lewis Henry Moorsom

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L. 47/1

Umballah.

East Indies.

April 27th 1854.

My dearest Rosalie

I am not quite sure, whether you are quite woman enough yet, to read my own common hand writing, and as I wish you to have the pleasure of reading your own letter you must not think that I am insulting you, if you could read a letter that was not printed, but must write and tell me so, and then I will send you another to make up for this. -

How is the garden getting on? Just at this time you are having beautiful April showers, and when you receive this letter it will be some where near my birthday, and all the flowers and fruit trees will be looking beautiful.

I too have a garden, very nearly as large as the Boley Hill kitchen garden, and my house is in a field, which people here call a "compound", a great deal larger than the whole garden at home, but the grass in it is all dry, and burnt up by the blazing hot sun. - I would give a great deal if I could get the green grass of Boley Hill lawn to grow in this place :- the sun, however, makes all our fruit grow very fast; - we have quantities of grapes which will be ripe in another month [I wish I could send you some], and some granates [Papa will tell you what they are like], and peaches, and mulberries, and we have quantities of flowers too, what do you think of orange flowers and lemon flowers? they smell very sweet, but still I would sooner be amongst the Geraniums at home with

you all, than in this country, tho' I have plenty
to do in learning the language of the country
[won't it be fun! when I come home again, to astonish
some of the black men, who sweep the crossings in
London, by talking to them in their own out-landish
tongue, as I walk along with the little Rosalie
grown up to a woman on my arm] and the Colonel
too gives me plans to draw for him, so that I must
not be dis-satisfied, but must look forward to see-
ing you all again by the time I am a Colonel -

Can't you fancy me walking in to the drawing
room, looking very fierce, with a big beard and
moustache, and a turban on my head - I don't ~~think~~
think you would know me - eh! dear? -

Give my love to Mummy and Ann. - May God
bless and keep you, and make you a good and happy
little woman, my dear Rosie Yr most affectionate Brother

W^m R. Moorsom.

MISS Moorsom

Boley Hill

Rochester.

Kent

England.

L 47/2

Gibraltar

Feb. 7th 4th 1860

My dear Rosie

I must just
write to thank you
for your letter. But
I haven't time to say
much as the mail
will close in about
15 minutes.

Ed McRoutt
is going at last.
He embarks this
morning at 10 O'Clock.

I am ^{1st} ~~staying~~
for the Regiment is
about a month
or six weeks. The
chief goes on full pay
I am sorry to hear
about Papa's eyes
but I hope it is
nothing serious &
that they will right
by this time.
I expect you leave
about the middle
of April, from

Wish me he would
give me leave then
if he could, I have
nothing to tell you
~~as~~ I must finish
this beautiful spirit
as I shall ~~love~~
the mail.

Give my love
to every body

Yours affectionately

Mumma

L 47/3

His July 8th 1860

My dear Rosie

I have just
printed a long year
toabella ~~and~~ as I
owe you a lot of letters
I will begin to pay them
off I know I ought to
have written before but
this is such an awful
place I think I told
you we are under canvas
that it is impossible
to do any thing. I

got your letters this morning
Thank Hal for his piece
I saw Mr. Carter when
she went to Cadiz and
got dear Martin's pencil
case and the other things
all right. I am going
up for my Exam. for
my Company in a day
or two I don't know
whether I shall pass or
no & it will be an awful
nuisance if I don't. I
believe there are some
steps going in the

Regiment now but can't
grumble about promotion
I had had six steps since
December and I think
there will be five or
six more between this
and next Feb. There
is one thing about this
camp ~~that~~ I never felt
so well and stirring in
my life I don't know
whether it is the bad
living or the sand or
the fleas or the bugs. The
great trouble here now is
boating but as I am

Not fond of the water
I leave it to those who
like it. I have nothing
else to tell you I am
afraid you will think
this an awfully stupid
letter but I can't help
it. Love to all your

affectionate
mother

Mamma

L 47/4

Sis Pt 20th 1870.

My dear Rose

It seems an awful
long time since I have written
to you and I am afraid
that I have no other news
than that I have been training
two horses for the races
my own and ^{one of} Boulton's of
ours. I won the principal
Race on the Bourn my own
horse and a raw a good
cast - on Boulton's. I
won enough to pay my
debts - here. Thank goodness
by the stakes. I am
very much obliged for
your photographs which

I think is awfully good
and I am going to
ask you if you will
send me out. That being
a "Bible" nothing more
I don't want it for
myself but I want it
for Lawrence of the
25th he wants it particularly
by the next mail if
it is not giving you too
much trouble I haven't
time to write more as
I am on a round and
must write to Charlie
and Hal.

Your affectionate son
Morrison

(2pp.)

L 47/5

Winchester

April 19th 1861

My dear Niece

Thank you for
your letter & tellie
for mending my hand-
kerchief so neatly.
Charley told me all
about it.

I have not got a horse
yet. I have seen two
Ponies but don't
care about either. One

is for 15[£] and the
other 20 Guineas. I
dare say these terms
might be lowered. but
the 15 is a horrid looking
animal cut about in
different places. and
the 20 is very small.

So I have not done anythg
definite about them.
I think I had better
wait & see what

may present itself in
the way of horses,
as there are occasionally
Fairs & Markets about
here where a good one
may be picked up.

but if you hear of anything
don't forget to let me
know.

ing It is a satisfaction &
think that since ~~the~~
Mr. Gladstone's budget
has come out, every pound

is a penny more valuable,
and I am glad to see
the market seems to
be in a better state.

I hope the Father may
be able to raise the
debentures for Swansea.

I am going on very
well & hope that by
not dining at Mrs.

I may find it more
economical. But don't
think there is much
difference. I am much
obliged for the wine &c.

which I received from
the Father, I think (Charles)
enjoyed himself. We had
a nice hop in the nursery.
I will try & send you an
account of it in the
County paper. I was
asked to dance this
evening but declined
as I think it unwise
& run any risk of getting
silly. I went to
the Deane's on Saturday
and had a pleasant
visit. On Tuesday morning
the girls told me to say they
hoped you would pay them a visit

when you like. I think
and would like them
all very much.

After our stop, we had
several tea parties in one
of the rooms, Clinton
entertained a number of
ladies.

I had Charley &
John J. Batts, &

recruited an old lady
& several young ones to

visit the house, where he

lived. It was very

pleasant to see about

a dozen ladies in his

study room sitting on his

bed (which broke down)

and on chairs of all sorts

and on young lady

Dear 28 Sep 74 ^{L 47/6}

Dearest Rosaleen

Your letter & its news
touched me much - I feel
we have lost one ~~dear~~
friend & one whose life
was wrapped up in us,
but as you say we may
thank God for his rest.
- rest I trust of the most
blessed sort; & I am very
thankful to hear from

Brandon's letter that the end
appears to have been so peaceful
& painless -

I have written to Brandon
to let her know when the
funeral will be - & perhaps
I may go - I should like to
if I could manage it.

I have written to Perry enclosing
Brandon's letter & saying you
want Isabelle to return it;
I told him (P) I might go down
& if so should probably go for
a few days to Brandon's

I have asked Brandon to
Telegraph to her, & when
I hear, will try & make up
my mind what to do.

I had a pleasure to see
how to feel, how much you
were able to do for dear
Ade Manning; I wish I had written

to her lately - I had thought of
sending that picture paper to
her, but did not know the
address - however perhaps that is
as well - for it would probably
only have arrived when she was
very ill - I have written something

In the Indies - Enclosed is a copy.
Thank you, ^{much} for the stamps, which I
accept, but really I might consider
it as much for me as for you to pay.

When I think of the past - my
mind goes back to that night (26 April 53)
thence to the train on the way to St. denards,
& its telegram, so sad to us - but as I
have always thought - so inexplicably
sad for you - & after that, Mummy
must have been more valuable than ever
to you - as one to whom you could speak your
thoughts - ~~Now she has gone I must~~
~~to join them too~~ Then I found the dear
faithful old Mummy at George St. in place
63 - & now she has gone too, I ~~pray~~ ~~we may all~~
I must to join all those others & pray all of us when
our time comes may meet her & them & be for ever
where there is no more sorrow - Green this please
Yr. affec^d Helen

Newortham Preston

25 March 1907

Dear Doris

old nurse of friend
of Hinton

Dear Old Mamma, was

buried at "Hinton on the Green"
some 2 to 4 miles I think
from Evesham - but I
am very hazy about details
so I send rough plan
from memory & on other
side sketch, however I
really forgot the points
of compass even, so advise

you & write to your hand &
as the Vicar & let some one
show you the grave giving
date - 1870 probably - of
death
a certain Mr Baker Carr
was I think Vicar & if so I
believe he is brother in law
of John & Christopher Durdale
who I knew & young Baker Carr
is I think in the Staff. Mr
Durdale having written to
me about him when B.C.

was app^d to the Regt.
Some years ago the wife of
a Colonel Hoskins made
some enquiry for me & told me
the grave was seen there & if
it wasnt doing up I will pay
as dear old M. left me
some £10 I think, so kindly
order what is necessary.

Glad you have good accounts
to give of all - I ought to
have returned Charles's note
declined as Abella writing
on 10th said you wanted to
be back - so forgive me, I have

not later Egyptian news. &
none from Laurie.

I hope we may be able to
come & see you in June or
end of May, but R.B. dinner
not arranged yet though I
expect it will be for Derby
week as usual.

Warren boy, Charles, is returning
today to the Cape.

Edith is pretty fair I hope &
would join in June & see all
but lying down as usual at
7.30 p.m. of Apple Croft
Bm