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Letters to his family while serving as minister to
Russia, 1862-1869. A.L.S

Letter to Schuyler Colfax, 30 Sept. 1868, A.L.S.

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I saw the old small and curious house in which lived the Romanoff, the head of the ruling House now.

The whole city is more remarkable than even St. Petersburg for quaint and varied architecture. I was very glad I went to see it.

I am afraid now as the war will be short, that we had not but calculate upon any revenue from the government: and must therefore defer building till we see our way more clearly.

I take a look at the baby's "string" and picture as usual: and shall claim retirement and peace now as a blessing in our glorious climate in the midst of those \$20 million. Perhaps I was too.

Severe in my criticism upon Green, in my last letter: but I shall ever maintain that he was not in the last battle - which was his part.

Love to all. Ever yours, Carlyle.

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(No. 4.)

St. Petersburg, No.

March 6 - 62.

My dear Mary Jane,

I have just heard of the great victory at Soudon, and congratulate you and us and all upon this glorious completion of the history of Union triumphs upon our native soil. I feel proud of our gallant states: and shall rejoice in an early end of the war, though I may not get home in time to share the triumphs.

Since I wrote to you Willie has returned - well pleased with his trip, having spent many days with Winans at Brighton and seeing much of English Society. I had a private in official presentation to the Grand Duke's Palace - which was quite a compliment as she learned I was going away and could not probably await the usual honorarium. I found here most magnificent body of the old school about from fifty to sixty - but looking only fifty. I conversed with her a hour alone and sitting. She

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was the first to free ⁽²⁾ her slaves. Reasoned
upon the same general principles, as
I had done - and our several experi-
ences were strangely coincident. She
has estates in land: and now turns
her lands to grazing: having 5,000
fine woolly sheep - intending to raise
the flock to 8,000. She sells the wool
to German artificers. I described
to her our state and productions -
she was much interested. I sugges-
ted that I awaited her pleasure
to dismiss me - which she at
once did by rising, and saying
she would not detain me from
my possible engagements longer.
Still we stood talking some time
before leaving. On the whole she
was the most interesting old lady
I have ever met. Being conversant
with all European Courts and
Countries - and is with all a pure
and philanthropic woman.
Indeed I have good reason to believe
the more I see of Russia, that

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the people - great and low, are better
and wiser, and more civilized than
we were led to believe by British
Calmucians; who slander all
whom they chuse to crush!
Winter gave me an invitation to
go to Moscow - which I accepted.
Several Americans were along. We
had a fine car, and magnificent
drivers down there. Moscow is on
a series of gentle hills; all the streets
weeping around the "Cremlee" as
a spider-web - irregular and con-
centric. The Cremlee is a fortified
place, with a immense wall of
bricks, to meet old enemies, before the
invention of much use of guns. It
covers 2 or 3 acres perhaps - the
highest ground about. Within
are the palaces, old and new: great
Churches, and barracks. Some of the
rooms in the new palace are the
finest in the world - more splendid
than those in the winter palace.

Can ever equal. "Eat drink and be merry for tomorrow we die" seemed indeed the moral: for below of all the places on earth, is it most practiced. Here is a whole city of pleasure, where the government employs a band of music; they play under a pavillion in front of the gambling house. It is an immense hall for promenades and refreshments: and in two rooms the gambling goes on night and day. At one table is "orange & noir" which I saw in another room the regular "Lige" of "faas", as we call it. There is one dealer and two Cashiers, and

money to mess at each table. There were many plays: and about 1/3 part women of all the sort, sights of that of seen seems a once refined woman in public, resorting to this last reserve of the creature's propriety! And there were many, many old and young, playing and still more looking on - for all visitors go to see this "the Lion" in the city. All along the front of this immense building are small tables, with laces and gentlemen taking refreshments, looking at each other & listening to the music & then for a hundred yards is a promenade in which thousands are always moving to and fro. Here is all the world's pleasures are lost, in the midst of

My dear wife,
Baden-Baden
HOTEL VICTORIA, Yesterday I left Dresden, & Bavaria.
July 12th 62.



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and papered down the river Elbe by railroad. Every thing in Prussia you know is done in the most regular manner. The cars are good, and a soldier is stationed that every cross way is stopped by a bar, and each soldier can see the next - so that an accident is almost impossible, at least from meeting, which is generally the most disastrous. The country about Dresden is as beautifully undulating as that about Lexington and cultivated better than any garden with us. Every foot is set with something and at a weed allowed to grow. Some of the slopes led off into the distant horizon like the prairies of the West. We passed several cities - Leipzig, and Frankfurt on the Main, and Heidelberg. The Queen of England was in Heidelberg on her way to some of the small Duchies where she has relations: and a whole train of cars was decked with flags in some places we passed not the persons, and Cannon and music and banners and huzzas greeted them! I did not care even to know who they were! Thus does one part of the world care little for the other. We got here last evening and took up our quarters at the Victoria Hotel

The most fashionable one of all, in this most fashionable watering place in the world. The city is a small one, in the midst of the most picturesque Country I ever saw. It is situated like Frankfort, viz. in an irregular valley surrounded by hills, much higher. The gentle slopes are cultivated like gardens, then come plains and rocks of the most grand appearance. There is here one of the oldest Castles in Europe; and from its base flows the hot springs, large enough to turn a mill: but its water is, and carried by pipes to every house in the city. The water has some minerals in it: such is warm enough to cook an egg. But here as at most such places, pleasure not health, is the thing sought for. The whole city is made up of hotels and private lodging houses, and such the goods and articles as fashionable people mostly need. We took a carriage this morning and drove several miles to a castle, which is built upon a rock: but is now in comparative decay. It is said to be over a thousand years old. Much of its structure is still good - but all the roofs are long since gone, and great trees, some over three feet thick growing in the hollows of former banquets. The windows are twenty or more feet from the ground and the rocks almost inaccessible, without the obstruction of the castle walls.

Here were remnants of wells and dungeons and secret stair ways. The great and gay of other years were gone forever, and their memory also perished - but here were the senseless stones in many places as fresh as of yesterday! From the castle you have a panoramic view of the Rhine, which flows in a valley of many miles in width. As far as the eye could reach it was checkered with fields and woods and cities, which seemed like ten-cent pieces in the distance. Below us lay Baden-Baden - "like a gold crown in a hat" and down through its streets flowed a mountain stream walled in with stone, and with it ran a serpentine road afar till they were lost in the valley of the Rhine into which it flowed. The mountains were dark with the many wood piles and through their tall peaks we could catch a more distant view of that most celebrated of rivers, in which a sailor had been found in the sand-chamber of the castle wall as if some faint strains sighed through the stone walls I could hear the truth of the goodly battles, which this old Chateau all looked down upon - what he means ropes, and fears, glories, and upon it has witnessed! Here was a number upon human affairs, which

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(5) Along this open square or piazza, surrounded by Hedges and small shops for selling all sorts of fancy articles, are thousands of people passing all the time - The whole city gathers here of evenings to see, hear and be seen. There is no part of the world unrepresented. There are many Americans here - but I avoid them, as I wish to have my time to myself, and see all that is to be seen. I have entered my name upon the register, as Comblan, &c. &c. without any titles, and few will see it or know who I am - so I hope to get along "incognito" while here. I found a St. Petersburg acquaintance - but happily not an American. I never went any where yet that I saw one did not know me! This is a great resort of Russians - and several are here now. I expect to spend tomorrow here, and then set out directly for Paris. So I will write you again from there, and not again from this place. This house is a perfect model for a hotel: every thing so clean, and tasteful, and well regulated.

I sometimes think we rather overestimate what is
is American. We visited also the old Chateau just
above the warm springs in the city. It is said to
have been known to the Romans. The old founda-
-tion remains, the present King Leopold III.
has a residence here but the upper part has
been mostly rebuilt. There are in the subterranean
passages and vaults much that is curious and
terrible. The doors are closed with stone panes
a foot thick; and there is a judgment chamber
and a place of great depth where the Condem-
ned were thrown: first being compelled to
kiss a lovely image of a woman which strikes
one with a knife - the victim then fell over
an hundred feet upon other knives and there
was a place to throw one a long distance
from the upper chambers down into the
vaults! But I have said enough of these
old remnants of barbarism. Enough of
another sort of retribution yet remains
to satisfy all vengeance! Now you
must visit me in Washington, you and
Green, and Annie, as I wrote you before
give my love to all this little Annie
and believe me as ever your loving
deeply loving husband. O. W. Day.

P.S. I forgot to say that they showed us a subterranean
passage which they say leads to the other castle
several miles off! O.

St. Nicholas, N. Y.

My dear wife,

Feb: 16 - 1863.

I got on well to Albany. being delayed to pass at Columbus by a failure to connect with the Eastern train. But at 2 I got to Albany at 3 o'clock Tuesday. I had a fine audience of ladies and gentlemen and made a good speech. ~~Left for here next morning at 10 1/2~~ and got here the same evening. The papers are so full of war news and Congressional matters that they will hardly print my speech: I am having it set up in pamphlet form: I'll send you a copy. The proof sheets will be in this evening: and I expect to leave here Monday evening. I hear nothing of Cameron: the impression is that he will return to Africa! See him probably in Phila. when I'll stop a day or so before I go on to Washington. When you must write to me at once. Things look gloomy enough individually and nationally - but my motto is never give up the ship! I find Mrs. Hall here, & her youngest son. Burt is in business here: and Mrs. B. at this house - she was so fat that I did not know her at first.

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Genl. Wool & staff are at this house: we
dined together last evening with Mr. & Mrs.
Wool with the Song Sisters of Chicago. also Genl.
Wool's staff officer and Lady W. & Mrs. C. C.
Craw, were present. She is of the Mrs. Keble
school - "fat and forty", much fond of dress
and admiration like most ladies of the army.

I spent the evening with her and some
fashionable half English - half Scotch friends.

The formal politeness upon us, which I tried to
avoid: but when pressed I let in upon
them and silenced their batteries, etc. You
fashionable or not - you believe most cordially
in the divine right and the God's own tails!

The flunkeyism of these U. Notes and of
all states, gives me the most despondent
idea of the humanity: for of all phases of
Pretoria it is the most contemptible and
incapable! I feel very much like coming
home and falling in the plough - the balance of
my life. For the present Mrs. Davis, I love to all
& give well - yours ever
D. C. Day.

Philadelphia Pa
My dear wife,
March 16 - 1863.

I left Wash DC yesterday
and got here last night. I find my
harness very beautiful - the two sets one
plain and the other fine will cost about
300%. I'll send it by Boston, W. Ropes & Co.
who ships to Croutch & Co. I may sell it
there without admit it. I shall be able
to send you perhaps a few hundred dollars
before leaving. I shall also leave \$2000 -
for an annuity here for the house - if the rebels
will allow us to build. There is great talk
of another invasion of the. The Whentuckians
are too busy blaming Lincoln to attend to the
enemy! So we go. It seems that God will
yet scourge us for our sins! My vote was
24 to 12 nearly two thirds - more than my
party majority - all the Democrats could
middle state men nearly nothing for me -
the opposition came from New England
mostly - Sumner at the head - a weak!
The Times continues its abuse - our old
friend Mitchell is there! Friends
will open fire on me I am
gone.

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The violent attacks upon me and
sympathy in my defence. Mitchell has
not been able to write me down as he tries,
but rather writes me up. It is a sad sight
to the curious to see their victims escape
their malice! My friends ^{say} that my triumph
shows extraordinary popularity with the
people. No other minister is attached - it seems
to be my strength my fear - Edward & friends
say he helped me - I am now rather
inclined to believe it. He and I have
agreed to bury the tomahawk: and I
shall try and keep the agreement in good
faith as long as he does. He sends you
his respects - and told a friend of mine
that he helped me for your sake! -
Perhaps so - he is a father and a husband
- but Sumner is not! He treated Dr.
Fachner worse than me. Jackson took
him in his hour of sickness to his home
in the mountains of Pa. bodder and
nursed him two months - rolled out
with him - and got him on foot for
the first time - and changed him nothing
- when
asked
got into power again?
in some of it, could I.

turned but back upon him. G's wife wrote
him two letters - he never answered either!
Could Human nature be base?
Taylor has resigned, 4th Feb: The President
has not yet decided who shall be my
Secretary. He will write me at N.Y.
Chase seemed interested in my behalf:
could Pollock's debt me great services. He has
his daughters at Brooklyn; could he and
Mrs. Pollock's visit be on in a day or so
to see them - do I'll meet them again
in N.Y. My speech has been much
complimented by all, and much sought
after - I think I'll get out a second
edition before I go. I think of going
around England! as they are so inviting.
I shall be some weeks perhaps at N.Y.
before I get my secretary ready. Write me
there - 25 Nicholas Hotel. I have had
memories last week, and now sore throat,
but not badly. I feel dull and dull
Close - with my love to Annie and all the
Children. Ever your loving
Shewell
Blay.

My dear wife

St. Petersburg Fla.
ap. 30. 1863.

Under the good Providence I last night arrived here. Taylor and Zelen, I having telegraphed him by his request, met me at the depot at 10. P. M. and brought me at once to the house here in Gale's main St. near the Pet. monument. I like the house very well, and I have agreed upon taking it. It is better furnished on the whole than the old one: at 165 shuffles per month. There is perhaps as much efficient room as in the other - all of one - the hall stage: and legation rooms below: also servants rooms, ice house, carriage house &c. Taylor gives me possession and I begin my term - may 1. tomorrow. I have John and his family with us, the same cook also: in all five servants. Eugene remains at his old quarters, although she is now free. We have a new butler, footman, and driver. I have all my old furniture: and nothing has been added by Taylor or Cameron. I took a ride today with Taylor, in my open carriage - Cameron had run enough worn to out. I shall have to have it thoroughly repaired. The old carriage looks well being entirely renewed in the wheels, and repaired, at 200 shuffles. I exact of Taylor 200 shuffles to repair the open carriage, as he had

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used both. He will stay a few weeks with me
and then go home - his wife is already gone,
to Germany. Taylor says he has written nothing
home to my prejudice - so I suppose the old
Chief Cameron is the slanderee. It's write more
before I mail this.

Saturday. I have just come from Prince Gortchaev's
who was very glad to see me back again. He said the
Empress would be pleased to see me back. Of course
I was flattered: for you know how much I admire
her Majesty - not because she is Empress - but for
herself. The review of May 1. ²⁵ was deferred

from yesterday because of the weather - today the
time is pleasant, and the review going on whilst
I write. I was not invited, being not yet introduced
into office - but Mr. Taylor declined going on
account of the exposure - But we both rode
down in the carriage and took a look at a

distance; but having seen it before we soon
returned as the air is quite pinching yet - the ice
only having melted down from the lake a day
or two ago. I gave a few of my speeches to Prince
Gortchaev for the Empress and Imperial family;
which he promised to deliver. I went out yesterday
and got a large engraving (photograph rather) of
me framed - and your photograph also; and today

brought them home, and hung them up. So you
are near by for me to have you always in mind.
Taylor and I driving yesterday with the Emperor
riding alone - he returned our salute, and today
Gortchacow told me that the Emperor had
seen me, and mentioned it to him. He was looking
rather sad: but Gortchacow seems in good
spirit about Poland - as it has been
written the Russian people in behalf of the
Emperor - and even the nobles write for the
preservation of the integrity of the Empire. I have
read some of the numerous addresses of the peasants,
religionists, and nobles, in the "Journal" -
they are really able and elegantly written. The
result will be that the whole people will be
united on the Emperor's side - which will more
than compensate for the loss in Poland - which is
a mistake was upon a feared basis! I met Lord
Napier at the foreign office: he seemed glad to see
me - asked kindly after you - and said there
would be no war with us. I hope he is right in
that: I told him there would be none, if the English
were only bent on doing half-justice to us.
The Duke and Duchess of Montebello, I learn
are back again - I have seen none of them but
Taylor says she seems well - I hope so, that

They will remain here this summer. My friend
Madame Hotzko and Madzivil are in Paris,
P. Gortchacow tells me - so I shall much miss their
company. Cameron wore out my open carriage
so that it will take almost as much as a new
one for its repair - but I will repair it however,
after a while. He took also my hat box, feathers
pallor and other small things. I have written the
government by means had to try his hand in
that way upon me I suppose he thought I
would never return as he told John - but he was
not able to defeat me or save himself. I shall
expect he presented to the Emperor in a few days.
Taylor will remain about 3 weeks and I have
invited him to stay with me till then. I have
asked for Henry Perry of New York as my
secretary - he is much of a gentleman, and I have
hoped of getting him here. He has a wife but no
children. I am more and more pleased with
my house, it is so much cheaper, better, and
warmer - requiring less wood. I shall write to
you again Sunday week and then each Sunday;
as you are the best gift of Providence to me I feel
that I can best show my gratitude, by having you
in my mind on that day. Miss the darling, and
give my love to all. Ever your aff.
W. B. Put your letter here for me, it is C. husband O. B. Day.

I have made the acquaintance of several ladies, a many of my old friends are gone abroad - among whom are Madame de ...

Green Cay, to Dr. Evans of Paris, who said that he would forward it by private packet in a few days. Green had been at Paris expecting to see me; but had gone on to Turin, I suppose. I had hopes of making a tour in Italy this summer, but have not received the leave asked of the President, and as my expenses would be in excess, since I have taken the house, I imagine I shall not now go. I am glad to hear that you all getting on cheerfully at home, under the difficult circumstances of the war. I am glad you don't allow your spirits to be depressed - but rather the best of it. I am hopeful that you will be spared any more raids: as they are becoming more and more bitter in the warfare. The more I see of Europe the more I admire our own country and its institutions. There are especially beloved in a particular and in the beautiful country; which is worth more than all the artifices of wealth. Let me hear occasionally from you and Sally and always from Annie - the darling pet. My love to your mother Sally. And Green & Annie, & when we see your affectionate Dudley

In Paris, I rode with Dr. Evans in the Bois Boulogne, there was a most magnificent course of carriage & general war. The Emperor and Empress were present, but did not seem to attract much attention. The sale here proceeds on horse backs. W.

St. Petersburg Rus.
May 20. 1863.

Dear Mary,

I received your letter at N. York, but as I regularly write to you, now, I did not suppose it necessary to write to the rest of you very often. I have not been presented to, or rather received in audience, by the Empress yet, as she has been well as I learn yet quite sick. Of course I am very sorry to hear it, as I think much of her. I have not asked to be received by the other members of the royal family, except the grand Duke Peter's. I have however met the G. Duchesse Marie, and Alexander, wife of Nicholas, and spoken to both in passing. Michael and Constantine & their Duchesses are gone - one to Circassia, and the other to Poland: though Constantine will soon return from Poland I learn.

The gay season is over - the summer garden begins to empty itself into the islands; and in a few days more will be deserted. I was night before since at the French's.

I first went to Lord Clapton's - Lady Wapine was receiving a few calls. They seemed kind enough in manner, but Wapine said some hard things about our country, which to avoid hearing will compell me to get by of them. Then the Venetians - the same will be the case with the French. At eleven o'clock P.M. I went to the Duches - Madame Comenes, the wife of the Secretary was receiving. She was very thin and very ugly - but spoke French and was polite. There were only two or three persons yet arrived so that our country does not monopolize all the fools. At about 11 1/2 they began to pour in, and by 12 were generally in. The rooms were well furnished with paintings and upholstery. The paintings were pictures. There were many fine vases, full of flowers; and the dancing hall was filled all round with evergreens and flowers in pots and large vases of glass &c. intermixed. The tables as high as one's head concealed almost entirely the musicians, who were in a corner of the room. That is a prettier way than ours of having them on a raised dais. There was a refreshment room, with coffee, tea, and sweet meats, and bow-bowls, all the time open to the guests and such things with ice and jelly were handed.

Older persons generally played cards, or stood round the tables, looking on. They danced all the forms, together with "the Russian dance", which is very lively, and danced with abandon, to the air reels, at 3. a.m. When perhaps near half of the Company had left the supper rooms were opened with small round tables in two rows holding about 4 or five persons each. They had fillets of beef - birds patés de foie gras - partridges and fruit, & wine. By the time dinner or supper was over, it was broad day light, and I believe the sun was up! I left the house playing, and the young people dancing - soon got home - to bed, and slept till near two o'clock! This is a terrible climate - last night the mercury went down to 3° above zero - but it stands in the house at 14° - only one degree above the usual height for several days: 14° being the usual height with me during winter. I believe all the foreign ministers are here: and they will probably stay on account of the Polish question. The Greek minister has not come on under the new dynasty of the Prince of Denmark. The Italian minister with a large suite is here - Count Repoli. That is all I can say that I gave your package.

Madame Madgenie is also going to stay - so is the English lady. He is used into his new palace on the river. I am sure.

That all the guerrillas will be driven out of our state. I yesterday received Green's, your, and Ann's letters. Tell Green that Chandler is doing a fine business in lumps and oil, has bought an oil farm upon the Black Sea, and is coming out to see him in May, to offer him an interest. He wants to purchase to assist him and as I have been of service to him before, is disposed to do me a kindness. The climate is fine and if by a residence there a few years he could better his fortune and health - and

to Europe - it would be a fine thing for him. Chandler will make all the business advances needed to bring him and corrie over. We will make here of the corrie becomes better developed. We are a great deal together, and I like him very much. He is very temperate, and the greatest worker I ever saw. I saw his family in going to corrie from America - they are very interesting family indeed. If he manages well he will have millions. Chandler came to the with Lord Napier yesterday - he seems you the first time to believe the rebellion broken! Lady Napier acted very kindly after you all. They are more friendly than the other nobles; something there is in water. I don't know what it is, unless your remarks in the N.Y. Times about our superiority over the French on sea may have reached them, and excited their sensitivities. My love to all. Farewell.
Ever yours
C. G. O'Connell

My dear wife,
St. Petersburg, Fla.
July 1863.
On the 23. day of July I mailed to Mr. C. Johnson my draft on Barrin Brothers & Co. of London, in triplicate, for £ 200 - payable 60 days after date of Dec. 1. (1st Oct^r Due) - with directions to sell it, and out of the proceeds pay off my note to him of \$ 1000, & interest, & send it, together with the remainder of the money, to you. After paying off the note it will probably leave you \$ 500. So if I hear you can rely upon about that amount on or before the 1st October next, for the house. I have already sent you 60 £. to the bank of "Duncan Sherman & Co. N.Y." the proceeds of which I trust you will have received before this reaches you. As I wrote to them to sell it for 2000, and place the proceeds to your credit and order, I will forward you of the amount. So that, together with what I sent you before, will make my promise of \$ 2000 - for the house good, for this year. I expect in addition to pay 1000 - on the debt due him. I have the presents ready for Mary - shall I send them on by Express or wait? I intend to leave a wreath for Mary on July 1st - it is very beautiful, and rare in our country: and the stones double their value in buying them over free of duty. Mr. & Mrs. Dewey have returned from Moscow and paid me a visit today - they were much pleased.

Brought in 454
Duncan Sherman
subject to me
July 1863

They leave tomorrow for Berlin. Mr. & Mrs. Bergh
have taken rooms at the Park Hotel I wrote you.
He has a handsome reg. with his two coaches
driver and footman - has settled down to
business in the office, and seems very careful
industrious and happy - being a fine French
Scholar, he is a great help to me in writing
my French letters. I have heard nothing
from Green (of Zurich) since I got to Europe -
though I wrote to him, when I sent Mary's
letters. Does he hear from him often? and
when does he take his retirement home? - the

sooner the better in certain countries!
I sent my speech to M. Count de Moura the
Portuguese Minister who is a very fine classical
Scholar and thought to be a man of the
finest sense here - calls it "Demosthenes"
and much compliments me upon it, as all
have done in Europe - afraid of Curie's
getting out a new edition - so much interest
does he feel in the speech. I see there is a
talk of a reunion - I trust no disgraceful
sacrifice of principle will be made - but
all clemency otherwise used towards the
South. We have the news of the capture of
Richburg by our forces and Meade's success
against Lee. If Lee entrenched on our
own soil, should dictate a peace -
it would be an eternal disgrace to us.
Let the rebel lay down their arms, and
then be as liberal as possible. I don't
care about all that [unclear] the [unclear]

"Consent" to any thing less. This is Friday;
I hope to receive a letter from you tomorrow.
When I may send this on Saturday, as it
will reach you several days sooner. And
that may be the way hereafter, perhaps, I prefer
not: I'll see about it. Godeaux has consulted
the War Powers, and as usual left them no place
to rest an argument. He is the greatest diplo-
matist in Europe. All Prussia is aroused up
to the defence of her territory, and she will make
a 1812 affair of it before they get

of France and England foresee a fight upon
them. They are preparing everywhere for war
not trusting her schemes! My sympathy is all
on her side - for Poland is Catholic &
of course antiliberal, and would be the
tool of France in her European wars; and
as Napoleon has avowed himself our
enemy - her enemies are our friends, and
the reverse. Will you join yet from
Mexico in our own good time - so soon as
we have disposed of the Southern traitors.
Won't it be a grand day when the old
flag floats over the whole Union - the turn
of our Calumniators and such - wished! Sunday
yesterday we got the glorious news of Meade's
showing us and Grant's victories. We are truly
thankful to God for standing by us and the
right! We hope now that the war will
speedily go down. I hear that Morgan is
again in the. I hope that you will soon
reunite with us. Those country houses

My love to all. My men & mis - and believe me ever yours, M. W. C.

There was a will shed with fruits and melons etc. but not large -
with the ornamental parts of garden seats - watering pots, etc -
but most things belonging to the beautiful and ornamental -
the Shoppers as yet ignoring the usefulness, as we worthy
aristocratic or fashionable eyes! They can never with all their
millions become a first rate nation till they get over that folly.
But emancipation is coming that and the merchant class becoming
superior to the noble nobility, in fortune and means of display,
will soon force themselves into the best society. It is wonderful
how fast all nations are becoming assimilated in ideas
and manners. A few years ago four horses were much prized
now it is as ridiculous. And few men equipages appear!
The negotiations with Mexico about the land drag their slow
length along - and will end in nothing. The great danger
seems now to be of a war between France and us about
Mexico - well let it come I am prepared to feel it -

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once before they get fortified there. I hope the rebellion will
be put down in time to aid the Mexicans this fall, or will
I think England will stand neutral: and will soon
move "Johnny Crapaud" out of there, I think. I'm glad you are
getting on so well with your farm - that the things are gone
to what at last - and that your grain is sold, to avoid the
and that you will get so many mules to eat your grass. You
are fortunate to seem so many things of good value for the potatoes
- but such is life! I wish you that the jewelry of real white
were I thought too heavy - the girls can divide them as their taste
shall direct, and have them remade by the jeweler. The old house
of White. who repaired our old jewelry will be a good one to do it.
I suppose their address is on some of the streets. The other jeweler
for Man, Sally, and a Laura, is now making a ring and bracelet
for each - I will send them on my first express parcel going: it
by express. I look upon Annie's "loaf" full of Peas and apples
as the index of an earthly paradise, here in this cold and sterile
land of high - priced - mean fruit. Well may you thank God
for our glorious land. I hope you will employ much of your
leisure time in cleaning the Buffalo pasture and not being so
good good there, so you can graze it in hot weather, the best
time to kill wild & brush with.

My dear wife,

St Petersburg, Fla.

Oct. 9. 1863.

Your letter of the 13. sept. ult. ^{via Henry} was received yesterday. You seem to be getting seriously as a farmer. I repeat that either way was not ^{to raise} tobacco on the piece rented him. My reason for not writing you to raise tobacco is because so much land is unproductive, which by clearing and tilling could be made annually remunerative without additional work and tobacco is a crop that you would have but little time during the season for our work of one year runs over into the next. This I never could consent to ^{impose} a well exhausting crop and all the fixtures for a single year would be lost afterwards. I'd like you will not think of it any more - but go on with the pond and the wheat, or corn. I recollect that a pond, unless large, and well made, is worth nothing - for in wet seasons the creeks afford water enough, and when they are dry, the small ponds go dry also - because what does not leak out, it dries up soon. My knowledge of pond making leads me to believe from the number you speak of, that you are not at all making them large enough. I hope you will lose no opportunity to go on with the house. As I wrote you, I will pay \$2000 a lot of it. This quarter and perhaps as much more next, and what you need for the house will be sent you too. But the stone comes up by all means.

On yesterday a most lovely day!

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I went out to see the grounds you spoke of on the
branch of the avenue. I sent in my card, the owner
was not in, but his good lady (who by the way
was his mistress, before his wife) sent me word to
go on, and see every thing. So I went.

The house is terraced - the terraces very broad,
so as to admit flower plots, covered except
with one running vine, statues etc. On the side
next the river if you remember the old one embank-
ment with a railing of iron, upon the pillars
of which are a great many Tuscan vases, some
pairs, of marble. Also some fine marble statues,

with thin coats of paint to preserve them. There
is about 30 acres in the grounds, all around the
border of fenced shrubs and trees, tapering
gently to the grass plots. In the whole circuit
is a sandied walk, and in some places two:

except next the river there are open vistas here and
there without trees or shrubs to allow a most
convenient view of the river, the shipping, the

church, Catherine's, rural palaces, and other
outland villages. The interior is divided into

champs of trees, open vistas of green lawn, and
flower beds and statues: the open vistas being
predominant. Occasionally a single fine

oak, or pine, is left - with all its branches
and fully spread out near the ground.

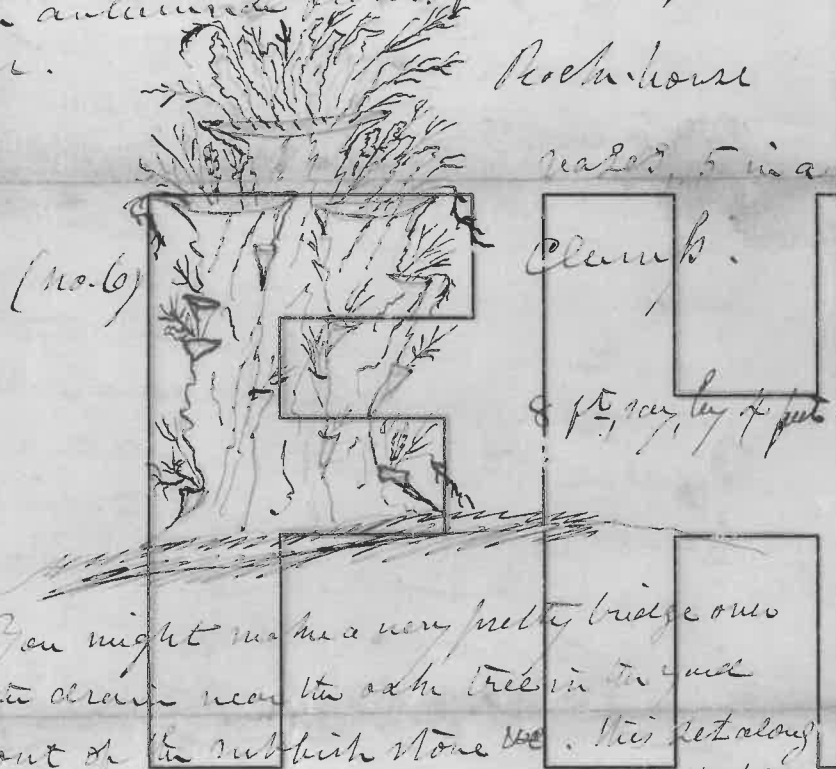
The statues are generally of marble - but some of
bronze, and plaster - set upon regular columns
reminiscent of the usual

beautiful; more so than the porous stone of our color.
 All must be set in with mortar. The caps
 in an climate, so dry, must be so that you
 could set small pots in, to hold water
 enough, during our dry summer, and fall.
 The pots could be filled with summer annuals,
 and perennial plants &c. Dry it. These were
 many moulds, such as I described to Lally in
 my last - say 30 or forty feet base, with
 a feet high, and it should be well
 cased, with a winding part of 2 1/2 feet
 breadth ascending to the top. Some were raised
 around at tops, with seats, and bordered with
 flowers in pots, or planted. Others with shrubs
 in the border or open. These situations are
 very pretty points of look-out on feet
 surfaced. Some very nice summer houses,
 very small, were made by setting posts in
 the ground, and filling up with wicker work.
 (No. 7.) To stand in, with granite or sand
 stone floor, and a few rustic chairs, or
 benches, table, &c. with a few choice pots of flowers
 set here and there; small windows may be left also
 as well as the door, for ornament. All through
 the grounds are seats. They are made in many
 ways: a good one is this, Set two or more short posts,
 between square, in the ground, and put a good
 well planed slab upon them, mortised in through
 the slab, full size, and filled with putty, and
 then painted.

height, and surrounded with tall rich ^{flowers} ^{Oct. 18. 21}
running flowering beans, Coccob, Marigolds,
artichokes / I believe you call them / which I
never saw so beautiful as they are here. One species
of Coccob is peculiar, in long conical flowers, I
think you ever found some of the seed. You will
learn now that my taste about the all vigorous
flowers is confirmed by the best European taste.
I will mention in addition dahlias of all colors,
some flowers, hollyhocks, and morning glories.
I described in my letter toally the 2 or 3 house-
mated - say in a row of 4 feet diameter and
five high - four bases irregularly built of
porous white stone in cement, 6 feet high,
with the fifth and center one 7 or nine
feet high. The tops showing out in the manner
of our Tuscan towers - but all along from the
ground on the irregular surface are left
small cups, in which water is placed, and
flowers set - so that the whole pile is one
splendid mass of flowers, wood, vines,
and ^{wild} flowers - I think is more novel and
more beautiful. You might build one
of the fragments of the tower from your
house - the more irregular, the better, the
better - but with some load of shells and
muscle shells and other stones from the bay,
at the river - also some small stone from
the upper ferry - and it would be most

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(8) ago, were hurrying into the beautiful ones, are now wending their way in great crowds to the city again. The islands are deserted almost: the hot house plants all removed - the drapery of the doors, windows, and porticoes gone: and nothing but the rich dahlias, and other autumnal flowers left to remain for next year.



You might make a very pretty bridge over the drain near the oak tree in the end out of the rubbish stone. This set along the stone curbing

(No. 7.) Train each side with flower pots would be picturesque. But I must close; with these hints, and some inventions, a great many pretty, and cheap ornaments may be made. My garden, and love to all. I wrote to you, that green need not have two sets of hauls - should want the two sets, as first ordered.

(5.) a.e. the ends of the posts as shown on the seats. (No 2.)

Upper surface of the seats. There are also moveable seats, made of iron stay and legs, with wooden seats and backs thus:

(No 3.)

a. a. uprights of iron.
 b. b. two backs of wood, bolted into the iron uprights with nuts and screw-taps. c. c. the slabs for seats: all bolted down.

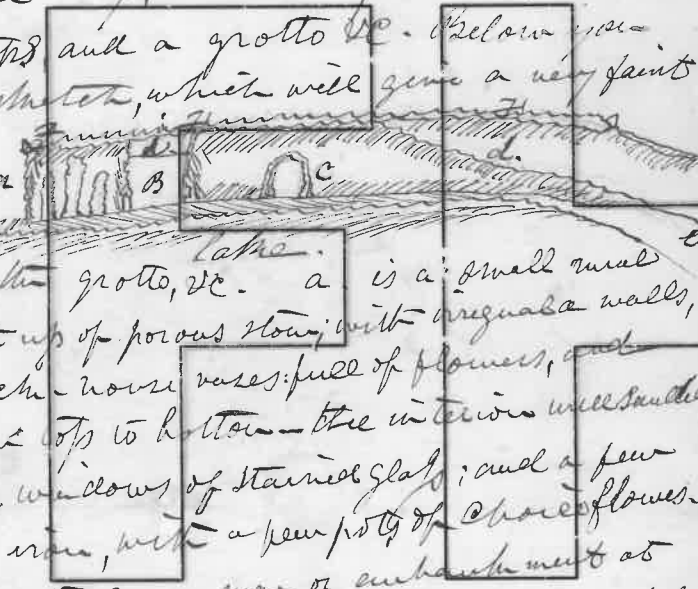
The advantage of the wood is that you are not so liable to take cold, after walking, and then sitting down. Iron chairs and settees are also used: perhaps for us they are best and cheapest. The benches (no. 2) are sometimes made circular, and the legs or posts made round or otherwise ornamental. Near the house was a large reflecting globe, say 2 1/2 feet in diameter.

(No 4.)

g. is a globe, say 6 feet from the ground, set on a very light iron frame-work, parting at C. into three iron feet - within those feet b. is set a broad flower-pot of earthen ware, or iron-filled with flowers ascending up the iron stand - this stand ornamented by the iron wire say 1/4 in. thick, turned, &c.

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 The inspection of the landscape from the globe is very beautiful; if you can't get them in abundance, I will send you one from here, as they are very cheap. Passing the house, towards the up-river side, you see a beautiful bridge, with arched ways for the shiffs to pass - built of stone and brick. Near here is a light pagoda, for ornament or sitting - Chinese style. This seeming branch of the river turns out, at last, to be an artificial bay, terminating in a flight of

stone steps and a grotto &c. Below you have a sketch, which will give a very faint

(No. 5) a  idea of the grotto, &c. a is a small rural room, built up of porous stone, with irregular walls, like the rock-house vases: full of flowers, and comes from top to bottom - the interior will be filled with side windows of stained glass; and a few chairs of iron, with a few pots of choice flowers. You enter the cause-way or embankment at b, and go up the path d: all this is bedded, and set with flowers, F. F. F. in pots, or long boxes, with flat sand floor. i. is simply a bridge over the opening B: C is the grotto - cross shaped, and covered with dry moss, and sandal floor: through the opening C, here, and the embankment, is a mound of

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 stone work with an artificial water-fall, & basin. A looking glass is inserted in the back, opposite the opening of the grotto, which reflects all the lake, &c. This rock-cliff is separate from the grotto work, so as to admit the light, and is irregular, and full of aquatic plants, & flowers. On the marble steps which lead up from the lake or shiff to the grotto are vases, stones, and pots of flowers, here I got the ~~Cathart~~ seed. There are numerous other houses for weathering, and ornament - a tent yard, &c. a gymnasium for exercise - bathing shiff, & all that. I never saw so lovely a place of dirt. Nature has done more for the place near Weibury in Finland. The Mewa never rises much - so the grass grows to the very water; and mountain-ash drops its red berries almost into the stream: pebbles and stone work prevent the water washing away the banks; and the stream ripples over many-colored stones, and white sand. If we had summer, spring, and autumn, of any length, what an enviable place it would be! but all this is so beautiful and alas! so evanescent! The drays and servants with their house-hold furniture & flowers, which a few days (I

best of finishing for a young person when
they have the entire of good society.
I want some to be a good fencer
and musical proficient. We have the
news of Langstreet's repulse with retreat.
(I suppose now hereafter they will be secure
from attacks: and you may form with
safety. I will write about a certain

style of finishing the rooms - you must
all consult your own taste - all I
ask is permanency - and fine - proff work
as far as possible. Upon reflection, I

think I may have said too much about Mary's
habits - I was unusual with my "back" -
when ever a priest is in view. Tell now
all I ask is to have her live up to her

profession. For as Sam Bennett said
(in about such things than I) "any thing
to make me better!" This my precious
little talking dancing; and as Laura says
sheeps her "moes on" - to save her "hammer

-heel" and "spoon foot" from being too
large! Her defects however are to me
beauties! Green says she proposed to pay "prosa"
a visit - but her heart failed her and she
couldn't "leave her name." Love to all, &
believe me ever yours
Ormsby.

My dear wife, St. Petersburg, Fla.

Dec. 20, 1863.

I was hurried so this morning to be
ready for the mail that I did not send
I desired in reply to your letter. Charles
consulted me about Green, and telegraphed
him at London to go on at once to
Neville with every thing. So we hope
soon to hear from him there. There may
be oil there in moderation - I hope there will
be but I do not want you to be carried
too much - remembering that disappointment is
often followed by the mark of high
expectations. We had a very pleasant
time last night at Milouet de choirs.

It turned out to be a more formal reception
than I anticipated. People came late,
about 11 o'clock, and in full dress.
The Count's wife received at a central table,
and poured out tea - they had but
little trifles everywhere - on each table
about the rooms, tasteful baskets with
bun-buns - and cream and iced sherbet
were heaped around. Every party was
free and easy, the Count and Countess
standing and receiving the company
near the door of the parlor. Princeps
Kotzube and Gortchakov were there,
several Ministers, and prominent

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Prussians were there - Lord & Vapier, &
Czloff Davidoff, the grand master of
ceremonies, who is a fine looking old
gentleman and speaks English, or
rather, American. He had a very handsome
married daughter present - I asked him who
"that pretty woman was?" pointing her out - he
said "my daughter, well here" pointing to
another gentleman who was near "is her
husband" I begged his pardon, but refused
to retract! So I suppose it is better, as
doubt he will, - she will be made my
friend for life. Got to know whom I had
not seen since I was presented the last
time - the Empress was very agreeable.
"We had a crowd of questions against me
"Indeed" said I, I am what embarrassed.
"Yes, you have superseded me in the
Empress's esteem!" "Yes I know not how it
is, but you are quite a favorite with
her - she said that seeing and conversing
with you had compensated her for
all the fatigues of that long reception-
evening!" So you see these Russians
will say agreeable things. Of course I
expressed my great gratification. He is
one of the most clever men I ever met.
He proved too hard for Napoleon Dec.

in the diplomatic war. Today it was
melted again - the cannon firing at the
fortress shows the rising of the smoke,
which is ever threatening us with an
over flow! What a terrible scene might
any night or day be thus presented
here!

With regard to getting the stock off
of the pastures, February the 1st is soon
enough, of an ordinary winter. The ground
I should be well frozen once or more after
the melting of the snow ceases. The breaking
of the stock off the pastures out of the ground
makes the ponds hold - but prevents the
growing of the grass. If you graze well
stock - the grass will grow to begin to
appear before they are turned out, to keep
the most proper attention to like feeding
a corn field in early winter years. I should
not consent to Laura's going to a boarding
school - but if she could board with
Miss Mc Sowell, in N. York - or some
friends like the Biddles in Philadelphia,
and go to a day school, or have
teachers, I should not object - but I
think all that not worth the trouble.
And a few months of travel is the

for the Committee showed the plots
in America. I returned the visit
to the plot and was received

"with all the honors" - salutes
- banquet - music - and "all that"
So you see that I am getting
on well, in spite of high prices

: melons here costing almost
double, when you pay 10¢ for
I am pleased to find you can
live so cheaply, and command
your resolve to pay off your
debt. The great merchant here
who is so rich - had a safe with
two apartments - he made one
side pay all expenses and
saved the other half. He could
not wait - and thus kept his
accounts. You seem about
to save more than half.

My love to all - and write
often. Remember that trouble
comes every where and be content.
yours affly. W. H. Lloyd.

Dear Corrie,

St. Petersburg, Fla.
Sept. 10. 1864.

Your letter of the 16th
arr. ulto. is received today. I've
not had a letter from either of
you, for a long time: and was
very glad to hear that you were
bearing your temporary exile with
patience. You are right in that
for I am sure that for some time
Greece would not only make
less money at home - but be in
danger of the life - for things
must remain unsettled, for a
long time yet, there. I have
a letter from Mary Jane last
month dated Aug. 17th in which she
writes very sadly of all things.
I have not however at all
lost hope in the success of our
arms and Council: though
triumph must come through

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much suffering to all. I have already
written three letters to Green about
the change of the thirty per cent,
by which Chandler goes out, but
reserving to Green all the rights of
his former contract by a written
contract with Navis. But
I suppose by this time Green
has made up the terms of the
new arrangement. I trust also
that he has turned all his con-
ditional interest into increased
Salary. There are many reasons
for this: one is that if in the firm
he would be liable for its
debts, and in case of failure
might be held in the country
till interminable suits were
decided. Let him always
look to avoiding any suits:
as there is no certainty of justice
and the law is very defective in

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its enactments, and administration.
He must remember also that the
rouble is greatly more valuable
than our dollar now: and the
exchange in his favor, and so
likely to be for some time.

I wrote to him to have his
Salary paid immediately, and
not to get much in arrears.
I send you the Emperor's
warrant as you desire, taken
from the. I have been very much
entertained by many of the
nobles at their country seats this
summer: and spent several
days with the Emperor at Propo
where he was very kind - having
me to sit next to him at table
&c. He also directed admiral
Lefort to me, and the officers of
the fleet, to call in maps, and
pay their respects: and return
thanks

St. Petersburg.

Thurs. Oct. 18. 64

Dear Miss

I have written
my usual letter for this week
by basket to inform you
now draft for the money
sent by you as you say

in your letter just recd.
Sept. 11 that the other one

was not received. I ally
letter attached to in my last
was dated the 13 Sept.

The spoke of the rate of
exchange - but not of

the receipt of the check
for you to draw the money
obtaining same from you.

Under the circumstances,
I wish your arrangement with

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Dr. Jones a good one.
I have sent you \$100 -
now since your \$307.40.
Write me at once about Pringle
's politics etc. I am very sorry
to hear of his course, I fear he
will lose his state. How about
the politics? will Lincoln
get the vote? I trust you
will now have better spirits,
as our success will rise, such
as you are interested from
some labor in regard to the
mules. Keep clear with
the fund: will give my
love to all. If you
need the other check - write
this. Yours ever
E. C. C.

St Petersburg, Pa.
April 22. 1865.

Dear Green,

I have received your letter of
March 24th etc. I hope you may find
out for Warrenton's sake - but I would
not desire you to stay longer on any terms
as your mother & you at home. Novositzoff
is here, but Warrenton's departure, and business
will have to be deferred till he is better. He
is however recovering. What arrangements will
be made I know not. You always keep
money ahead to pay yourself, in case of

defeat. I believe I gave you the value
of exchange when you 5000 rbs, were
due, and when the 4000 rbs. were paid -
you ought to have sent your bill
against the Com. for the difference - for
they agreed to pay you here so much - it

was to pay your due on verbal account
- but of that you must judge - get every
cent due you fairly - but not a cent
more.

I send you a letter by this mail
from home. Novositzoff talks of going back
soon - but there is no certainty in his move-
ments you know. My respects to Wallcut
and Corwin.
Your aff. father,
O. C. Clegg.

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N.B. The Grand Duke Heritier will die it
is thought - the Emperor set out for that
a few days ago - and we will have a
gloomy time here if he does die. He was
an amiable prince - and will be a
loss to the Empire - but the other young
men are his fellows - and much
my friends. I hope for the next heir
to the throne. I miss the Empress very
much, as she was very kind to me -
and I have quite a regard as well
as the highest respects for her.

Henry.

Princess Dagmar entered, they
all rose, and the band
played and the chorists
sang the National Hymn.
and then the Hymn of

Swedish. The whole scene
was very pretty, and agreeable.
The Princess is rather small,
but bright with a pleasant
face. I'll bring home her
photographs. So here are two
meetings; one with all the
nobles of high place and
power - the other poor and

unobtrusive! After all may
not the last be the most
happy! - God only knows.
So will more love to them
and all our family. Farewell.
Yours ever, Wm. May.

St. Petersburg: Nov.
Dear Mary Ann, Oct. 2. 1866

This is the day of
Mary's marriage. I send her
and Col. Hennich my aspirations
for their happiness.

The Princess Dagmar is
now here. She was received
at Peterhoff with great
honors, and escorted to
Zarskoe-Selo. They had
a grand entrance into St.
Petersburg. I took a chair
at 3 P.M. on the Sunday -
and saw the scene. It
reminded me of the republic.
Grandeur of the Promises

written by William
May to Mary Ann

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triumphs. There were a dozen
carriages of pure gold-
covering, except the tires of
wheels - generally with six
to eight horses in gilt
trappings - the effect in a
bright day, light was very
imposing. As far as the eye
could reach the great number
street was filled with people
and the soldiers, foot and
horse, filled the whole
space - windows and
roofs. I had not imagined
any thing so brilliant - it
being the first procession
I have seen in Europe -
as I have not much
learned for such things.

I can well imagine however
how it impresses the ignorant
Common people with awe
and reverence for the powers
in rule. The night of the 20th
day, there was a grand illu-
mination, which I had not
seen before and the effect
was very fine. The crowds in
the streets made it almost
impossible to pass. Then we
had parts of the Opera Africain,
and the ballet Fida in mella,
at the Grand Theatre - where
none but invited guests were
admitted. The whole aristocra-
-cy were present in full
dress, and uniforms - as the
Emperor and Empress, and
the Grand Duke of Sardinia

and resolutions. I hope to
write again soon.

The Imperial King's wedding
takes place 7th Aug next.

Your affectionate

Uncle

F R S

St Pet. Mo.

Nov. 4. 1866.

Dear Mary

Your letter of the
16th ulto is received. I
am rejoiced that you begin
your new life under so
favorable auspices: and that
you are determined to be-
lieve in your means.

Your proposition to furnish
your rooms I accept to, and
will send you a check on
Sunceon Sherman Co. for
\$500 - as you desire.

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I regret it is out of my
power to send you further
just now.

Mr. Johnson is upset about
the land which one wishes
cannot alter.

I have bought you
190 Shambles worth of Gemma
fine quality or Cops?
I suppose it is better and
a much - which I expect
to send you the first
opportunity. If you are
interested in this way
give them to Laura -
and get your own

money or something else
what you may prefer.

I advise you again to
say nothing about potatoes
- has woman heard but
better on that subject will
enhance my success. If
you & Alto is near at
hand - you may
very easily do me a great
injury. I like you, I
choose to explain for
myself my own
position. Give my
love to Mr. Harich
and our new family

Tonight is a grand illumination
 and a "prouceville in Europe"
 but I am tired of all this, and
 avail myself of a little leisure
 to write to you, and the State
 Department. Monday comes
 "Metastase" at the Grand Theatre - and
 there come on ten or 12 paper
 balls. They ran - 10 I shall
 be won but I am not so good,
 as I don't enjoy such life now
 at all - and would manage
 to pass the time. I'll green to
 lotter things patiently, and thought-
 fully, and understand - remember-
 ing that health is the first of
 all the cases of life. I received
 the wedding-cards - and Mary
 is cleared out "at home" cards!
 Give love to all, and the
 little Annie. Hope you will
 be the time for rest and improve in
 spirit. Farewell. James M. Buckley.

St. Peter: Mo.
 Dear Mary Jane,
 Nov 10 1866.
 I am in receipt of your
 letter of the 14th ulto. I am glad to hear the
 wedding went off happily. I have a letter
 from Mary at Cleveland, asking \$500 -
 to permit her to visit where I have sent
 her. The estate I suppose would not
 be divided in the life-time. I shall
 by the way send a balance of
 the value of the stock, friends of Major
 general the best 12-5 of - in cash and
 miff of exchange for Mary, this
 salary - if Mary is supplied with
 funds I have agreed her to give them
 to Laura - and I will give her
 the value 180 dollars in money.
 My sister will be glad of the
 but now home - but better in
 little home - like I ~~do~~
~~to give her the~~
~~it is~~
~~the~~
~~the~~
~~the~~

I am sorry to hear of Mr. Callister's death - though a man of not much force of character - yet amiable - and we lose our early companions with regret as if reminded us of the fleeting quality of life. I had also that the baroness was killed ~~and~~ in the Broadway Hotel by a Mr. Stuart. Give me all the particulars. Her body is interred in a broad ground, and will long remain to be seen.

Yesterday last place the wedding at the winter palace, between the Grand Duke - Hereditary Prince, and the Grand Duchess Maria, Princess of Saxe-Weimar. The ceremony was magnificent. At the "fiancailles" the prince was robed in ermine - and sat night in a robe, interwoven with silver threads. The diamonds were beyond description. A coronet of diamonds - a necklace, and a superb set of work of the same

On the bosom, with immense ones on each shoulder &c. The wedding was in the little church in the winter palace: and the usual kissing all round went on after the ceremony. The marriage then presented to the Prince of Wales, of Prussia, and of Denmark - they all spoke of the "Mortars", which had created a great emotion in all Europe. At night we congratulated (they spoke to us) the happy pair - and concluded with the "ball" - which was the "poloise" - a promenade in which the Imperial family and the Ambassadors were both present - for the admiration of the ladies on - passing in all parts of the hall with the "gold-methis" no man's way, followed by the "pages" - straightening out the long trains!!

providently put! So goes the world
Prudent and prudent very much
alike. The more I see of
Monarchs and rulers, the
more I increase in horror.
The best ruler in Europe is
my friend the Emperor - and
he is no better than myself.
So you see I am not spirit
by count - especially as
some political parties would
intimate. I envy you all
the good apples and wish my nuts
cut all that now so plenty
at home - we never thank the
helpings we have till they are
gone! Love to all - and
especially to Anne. Ever yours
C. G. Loring.

St Petersburg, Jan.

Dec 1. 1846.

Dear Mary Jane,

I am in receipt of
your letter of the 6th inst and
the enclosed letters. I think you
will do all that may have formed
your views into a National Association
Society - I am glad they are so happy.
I would gladly buy back the
amount of your if I had the money
to spare, but I have not. If you
have any to let go in that way
you can buy it. He cannot
sell it to me because he
cannot make a little. You
may get the Legislature to pass
an act authorizing our trustee
who is Butler & Walker to sell

and revert the proceeds of
sale - if you choose you
may do so - and have your
my consent.

I have no money to sell
you now for the rights - you
must rely upon the sales of
the North West lands. Has
Lewis made any sales yet?

~~Some were given that the~~
rights with - was to be
of 8 times annual courent to
marry. I wrote you many times
stop that correspondence and
all others with men in the
degree of marriage.

In the letter of Beute you
sent me there was a horrible

number of imitations. I beg you
will mercely criticize all the
letters - except 3 which in my
last to him.

I am going out again and
have just returned from the
Duke of Cornwall's service. The
Duchess is affable and good
looking - and will be very
popular I doubt not.

The Prince of Wales has gone.
He is a fool fellow - and very
disfavored in all respects. He
loves after all the Georges. And
by the way you see the Queen
it is said has found some
one who very much resembles
Prince Albert! So the case is

He tells me he expects to make
as much money by his new
as his old contract.

Mrs. White has also returned
I regret to hear of her death
she is very quiet in the Home
Notes will tell us in for-
general.

The business of wool will
be made from you to Moscow.
The Government has made many
promises and will do
in consequence of the war
400,000 lbs of cotton have
been put out in ports and
disputes removed. Hope
you will succeed in farming
with your return - and the help
of your health and spirits. For to
be well in 11 days. W. L. C.

Dear Mary Jane, St. Peter's, Mon.
Nov. 16. 1866.
I am in receipt of your
letter of Oct. 26, with thank you
which was quite pleasant to read;
and gave me great pleasure to find
you content and happy with her
husband. I sent her \$15 wrote
you \$500 - to purchase her goods
and send her now by General
D. S. Roberts, friend's Miss
Byrne and Palmer of New York
180 pounds worth of fur.
Ermine Coats and mufflers
etc. - with directions if the
is supplied to you then to
Laura - and let you see the
money in that
you did will not to write
to Laura about the

Cleveland appointments
without Colo. Hunt's advice.

These offices are generally given
on strictly party grounds,
and unless the Colo. is a warm
supporter of the President he
could not hope to receive it,
and probably would not.
I shall not write myself
till I hear from himself.

The Duke of Orleans has got
done with his wife. She is
handsome and intelligent, and
seems over thirty - he is about
60 and well used up with
long living, and begins to
bobble along. But she

will be seen to get along
well and amiably together.

The wife of the French English
Spaniards, Mexicans and Bay has
Minister was present at the
wedding as well as the Austrian
at present all gayeties are
suspended as the Princess
going in open carriage
in procession that night to
her own palace caught
a severe cold and has been
rest ever since. Mrs. South
Duchess of the Duke of Salm's
brother whom you remember
is here again - under Whiting
employ in his new contract.

Johnston Empress France
seems to sympathize with
Dunbar, Mappin, England,
and Gladstone with the Greeks.
No one here at the end of
the matter will care anything.
I am looking out for
Green, and in regard to
the fund. Give my love
to all - and a happy
New Year. Miss
C. M. and let write as
usual. Ever yours,
W. G. Clay

St. Petersburg
Dear wife, Dec. 30. 1864.

I send you a check
for three of \$180 - in lieu of
the funds. You will charge her
with that amount; and also
with the \$500 - I sent her
before. Green must not be
charged with the \$1000 I
advanced him in Moscow -
I have paid for that. If Lucia
takes the funds you will
charge her account with
\$180 -

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If Mary should change
her mind and to the surprise
than Laura can have the
180 \$ to buy a piano & so on
as if you!

I learn there is no dispo-
sition in Washington to
recall me. I desire that
Mary and my family
should not write me
about political matters
in connection with parties
I choose my own time
and position and
utterance.

Mary has a slight touch of
illness, intolerance and
impudence & since that
you will count on her on
that subject - it is well to
be moderate in protest and
reply.

There is now a great
fear, and fear shipping
but a dull time otherwise.
Everybody seems to be on an
economical footing - which
is wise: as war is expected
in Europe, in consequence
of the Greek revolution
and the decay of the

part of his land - to pay his debts.

I see you thought the other
object very justly to you - again
starting you at his expense.
But if we have the land - that
will make ultimately to be
benefit - and money nearly
come too late - however
no count. That will probably
soon help some 10% Union Bank
bonds 7% - sent to the Northern
Bank to my credit - which
will increase the price for
reinvestment. Give love to
all and thank Anne for
her letter (letters) yours ever
C. M. L. C.

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St. Petersburg, Fla.

Dear Mary Jane,

Jan 21. 1867.

I have received your
letter of the 18th 1867. I am glad
to hear that you are getting better
in health and spirits. But I
am very glad that you have any
right amount building the new
house I would prefer to
content to live as near as city
as the Meadows, without
living in it. You have neither
cabinetry or city life thus.

It is the wisest policy possible
to be looking back at things

which cannot be remedied, unless
they are pleasant to think of.

See Dr. Talbot if I have good
prospects of political promotion
with the good management of
friends - to enter into it himself
of course he would in case of
success be rewarded - "to the
victors belong the spoils!"
You call the Duke of Devon
"Count" - he is Duke. He
frequently speaks of our affairs
of you. The task of accounts
during our stay, till the population
reaches us, will be a

Common Complaint. You must
much have the new English
way of making machinery
of the work done by
ourselves. I find after
all the most successful work
is done after some discipline
in the American style - they
are always at home. I don't
know how I am to get on without
John in America. I hope I
shall will enjoy myself in
the social part - but what
will the Philistines do about it?
I have nothing yet from you
about Green's selling us a

Count Stragoff, brother-in-law
 came to the Emperor. Sir Andrew
 Buchanan and Lady B. -
 English - so happy. Princess
 Bismarck (and prince her
 daughter) niece of honor
 to her Majesty - and the
 regular descendant of the
 foreign dynasty of kings.
 Count Plado and St. Laurent
 relations of the Duke of Saxe
 now visiting here. Count
 Prataff - Prince von
 - Prince Orbitsch and
 her husband the Col. of the
 guards. Prince Gagarin
 president of the Council of

You are
 Minister of
 Foreign Affairs
 St. Petersburg
 The Emperor will
 Count Plamont
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St. Petersburg

April 1 - 1867
 Your letter of
 the 30 March is received
 I sent your Green's money
 6,000 Feb. 6 - which
 ought to have arrived
 by the time of your letter
 his check on Danco
 St. Petersburg for 2000

18500 to come from road
 of my notes with the
 Johnson.

I am
 with great
 respect
 D.

You must raise the balance
for your by taking the
land. I wrote to Mr.
Hervey to take possession
of our sixth of the land
as you desire and
manage it himself: as
the title cannot be matured
at present. Don't take
any stock in the rail road
I've done enough for the
Public and now await
some return: it will
be well for us however
and is near enough.

if it crosses at Boon's bridge
or Dease creek. I send
a photograph for Mrs. B.
and some extra ones for
whomever you desire to
get them. So I am to
be a grand Papa soon!
Well time creeps upon
us unawares.
I gave some diamonds
to the City not having
given any for two years
- to return countries. I had
the Duke and Duchess of
Orana & Infants. The

Feb. 28. 1865.

Dear Mary,

I have received your letter together with the photograph of the baby. He seems to be a tremendous fellow - with a mathematically round face - those who like the French style of gardening when the mathematical lines are thought more beautiful than the curve line of Hogarth, will call young "Cub" a lovely boy. I am not the man who holden dispute it, when a mother says she is lovely. As to my hair your Editor of course lies. Every one almost here wears black hair - so I must follow the fashion - after awhile in America I will return no doubt to the normal state.

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from former
subscriber
in 1865

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As to your mother's health, I never had
the least suspicion that her brain
was suffering - or else I should
have gone home long since.

I have now resigned - to take
effect April 1st next for so soon
that a few of my things or shall
arrive. I'll try and get off as
soon as possible for home - and

not go to home as I had
intended. I could not
follow Johnson in his
union with the rebels - so
I am out for good and
of course in disfavor with
the white South.

Give my love to
Mr. Herrick, and to the
family - I shall feel
proud to follow.

In haste, your
affectionate son,
O. W. Day.

P.S. - I received a letter from
you via Mr. Sullivan, the same

day I received yours; she writes
very cheerfully. Having made a
long answer, I have the least
time to write to you. I shall
continue to write often - and
you write also cheerful letters.

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THIS

Private

St. Petersburg: ^{9/30} Thal.
Sept. 30th 1868.

My dear Calfax,

I send you enclosed
general documents nos. 1, 2, & 3. No 1, you
will please lay before the House of Representatives.
The others you will read and show to such
persons as you deem proper though most well
private. I have sent a similar despatch to
Jewett, who keeps Curtin here to injure me -
whose only business since 1865, May 24th is
to loiter around taverns and abuse me to all
proving Americans. Curtin is the most abandoned
blowhard I ever met of his age. He caused me
to fall out with Chandler, and in mediocrity
went secretly to him and borrowed books and
I had up 300 copies - the books he has only
coterly returned, and the money 600 rubles he has
now also paid. So soon as Chandler found out
Curtin's villainy, he denounced him to me, &
begged my pardon for what he had done to
injure me - and is now my best friend.
So Curtin went to every enemy of mine, Crowell,
Holtzschmidt, whom I had turned out of the Courthouse
at Moscow

Fewsen an English police spy, the Chautains, and Mitchell of the English Legation with whom I had closed to speak an account of National difficulties arising from the late war. He caused Leopty Murray and Beaumont to dislike me - who becoming better acquainted became my friends and refused to speak to Curtin. It would take a volume to tell you of all of his treacheries. All this time, Lewis as he is, he pretended to be my best friend, advising me to do things which would have, if done, greatly injured me in connection with his plots of injury! The whole course of the poor devil seemed to have been inspired by the hope of being Cheriff's heir - which he would have been long ago, had he been honest - but now that he shall never be by my consent. In addition to this swindle of 200 Rs. with my retained notes has been reported in all over 1400 roubles of debts to this legation - among my interference to collect for them. He is a habitual drunkard and also an acknowledged hypocrite, denying at times that he was a Catholic - which he is.

But why need I dwell upon the character of a man who is a proven criminal in the Wyshem case? - for he not only promises what he will not perform but what he knew he could not perform - and I learn that he neglected his time of leave of absence "beginning" as he told me on the

24th of Feb 1867, and drew the money on the
treasury for that time - so that he is not able to
plead that he expected the money on the 1st day
of Jan. 1867, as he promised Wyeth. Having
been reward in view for his removal, I appeal to
Congress to stop his pay - what right has
General to deprive me of a secretary, what the
law allows me? And what claim has
Curtis upon the Country that he should
have a reward - for the purpose of honoring
honest men, who have risked life and
fortune so often in the public service?

Relying upon your judgement and
old friendships I hope you will stop his
pay, and compel him thus to leave me
alone here.

As ever your friend,
Hon. John C. Colfax,
&c. &c.

Wm. Blair.

N. B. Curtis has not a single friend here
among all the Americans in the Statesburg and
Macon - almost all of whom have written
to reward the President against him. And
but Wyeth himself, and anonymous letters
as we has driven from society.

Blair.

St. Petersburg: Fla.

July 26. 1869.

Dear wife,

Though I have just
written to you a few days ago
I answer your letter of the 4th
July. I will now give you
no objection to the new
Copper, and come out
in ten days I hope. Yesterday
a dinner was given to me
by Mr. Wm. G. [redacted] to
whom all the Americans here
were invited. Among others
was Mr. Osborne the new
Governor from Florida. I was
cordially invited on all sides
Genl. Green representing
the [redacted] Osborne
and my services to the
County had been [redacted]

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discussed in the Senate - as
the dream of the great writers
of "abolition" into the hands
- and otherwise and approval
by the American people.

Even said no minute was
ever spent in all cases
as I had been - and

he was deeply affected

in his remarks about
me). Mrs. Whittier

personally speaks of you

- but I did not set down

to write but a few words.

Love to all. Ever

yours,

Quincy

E. B. Washburn wrote me
a very friendly letter
from Boston

On the Islands
a fine garden, a theatre, and several music halls,
and eating stalls, outdoors. I was quite
enchanted. Well for the first time I heard the
Hungarian Gypsy songs. There were thirteen
I believe - one harpichord, one clarinet -
and some more, and the rest voices. They
had all the grand effect of the usual Gypsy
music, with all its exquisite melody of the
music "for ear" - but they had no notes and

never had I witnessed better accord: of the
most pleasing effect. The Emperor's
Kronprinzessin will go south as soon as
she is able to travel. I have had several
beautiful letters of her to watch the Causo-
lithography of the Emperor: and they will both
be framed at home. I find the Russians all
very friendly to me. They have given us the
telegraph charter we asked for: and seem
desirous to be very kind in all ways.

Gowen, an American citizen, who took up
the matter for the Russians at Constantinople, says
the Grand Duke and Duchess Michael &
Olga asked about, and spoke very kindly of,
me at Tiflis in Caucasus, when they
were there. Oh dear, I hope I may see
you - I send you a beautiful lithograph
of the G. Duchess Olga taken from the
original negative. It is very, to the best, and

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of course very beautiful. I have not received
any letters from the children yet but
Yours, and one letter from Billy. I suppose
the remainder will be along after a while. There
is no place as beautiful as over that I have
seen yet in Europe, and when you have
completed the house - it will be quite a
place to see. I shall get many ornaments

statue too, of which she seems to be so
fond. I have one, of the three graces, in Italian
marble now in my view: and shall

buy it before I come home. It will
cost about 500 lbs. I am being very
cheaply in ordinary expenditure, laying
out no more principally in such things
as I can bring home. Pictures, silver,
jewels &c. I'm glad to hear that you are

all getting along comfortably - glad that
you is doing so well - and that have
studied so well - no doubt I never doubted.
I wish you would all encourage Bessie
to pass as I am already much mortified
that I could not induce Green to study
more: and to hear Catherine speak of her "Latin
fell!" with some show of justice. It is a noble
fellow - which makes me more regret her want of
education. Love to your mother & all the children. Yours
Daddy