



Franklin

Suez
July 30th 85.

My dear Father

We have not yet reached Suez, where I hope to find home letters awaiting arrival - Our voyage hitherto has been pleasant, although not quite as brisk as usual - The little every day incidents of ship-life you are already familiar with from experience, & of anything more important or interesting there has been lately a great lack -
I joy along much as usual

2) in a contented simple
cost of way, with as little
thought as may be of either
past or future, the latter being
if possible even more
distracting than the former,
since I see no hope of ever
doing more than earning a
precarious existence in a
distasteful way.

I have just rec^d yours
of July 10th which have
read with much pleasure,
& for which very many
thanks. The weekly Gazette
have come to hand with
fair regularity & have
been appreciated.

3) For my plans, you already know of
the present Australian voyage. Beyond
this I have none. My present position
suits me well enough: - a doctor only in
name, practically a sort of gentleman at
large. Of course the remuneration is only
pocket money, & it leads to nothing; but I
don't see anything better. To create a practice
involves a desperate struggle against self &
surroundings, without any compensating
advantages. If there is a war I shall go
in for an army appointment. However
we can talk matters over ad lib next
summer when you come over.

Thanks for home news. I trust you will
amirably enjoy & profit by Metis relaxa-
tion.

Kind love to all.

Yours affectionately
Parkinson -

I shall write from Colombo our next
stopping place & again from Australia.
Very thoughtful of Lady Dufferin to remem-
ber me -