

North Berwick
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George Dawson
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Dear Mama,

I received a letter from you last week, just the day after I sent my last to you, dated July 21st. You say at the end, "William has written very hastily I am ashamed of it," but there was no letter from William in it at all; all I can surmise is that you have found the letter too heavy or have forgotten to put it in. As for the postage which you talk so much about you need not fear as I have only had it once since coming here and that by special request and as for the weather I have not seen a thoroughly rainy day since coming to Britain. We have been at N. Berwick just a week yesterday and I like the place pretty well.

though I think Catoona was nicer
as a place to go for the summer
because it is more like the country.
The beach here is sandy with rocky
points running out here and there
so that we have plenty of both
and there is a wharf almost
opposite to our part of the beach,
which would be a very good place
for fishing if there was only more
to catch there is a high hill
higher I think than our mountain
behind the town; the base of it
is covered about half a mile from
us, I have not yet been up it but
I mean to go before leaving here.
We have had the pleasure of
having daily telegrams from the

Great Eastern telling how many miles of cable were run out, and about the two faults which were discovered and cut out but at last the messages became unintelligible and from experiments made at Valentia it was concluded the cable was snapt right in two and lost, immediately all the newspapers were out with explanations of the accident, but as the Great Eastern is expected of Valentia today we will soon know the true version. It is spring tides just now and we were down this morning gathering curiosities we got 16 sea urchins 7 sea mice several rare starfish and razor fishes. I have not heard from papa since the note I told you I had received from Edinborough though I can suppose he arrived safely at

London from the fact that
he sent me my clothes which
we had to leave there washing by
parcel post last week.

expect another letter from you
~~next~~ tomorrow and I hope I
may not expect in vain. ask
William to mind and weed
my garden. I intend writing
to Agnes next week, and
as I can think of nothing more
to say and time presses

I remain your very affectionately

George.