

Edinburgh June 24th

Friday

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Give kind
 regards to Mrs.
 Galt.

My dearest George

I trust you do not
 measure my love by the frequency of
 my letters: it has indeed been quite
 out of my power to write even a
 few lines. I now go with him to
 express a few hasty ones to relieve my
 own longing to thank you for the various
 little notes which we are always
 glad to get. The heat in London
 we hear is still great so we are
 most anxious from day to day but

it should lay you up. I hope
you found it possible to abandon
your laboratory work & attend only
to the preparations for other examinations
one week more & I trust it will all
be successfully over this year. I mean
by successfully that you may pass because
I think both you & we should be well
pleased altho you should not take a high
place this year. I have not read papa's
various notes to you, but I know he has
told you that we have enjoyed a
small Cottage in Burnt Island. I do much
hope you will like it. As in many other
things it is easy to picture what we wish,
but when you look for your ideal of

is not only difficult but impossible
to find it. We spent a very most fatiguing
day at Buntisland & neighbourhood, & not
feeling satisfied spent another searching
the Coast from Musselburgh to K. Berwick
(inclusive) with less success. I cannot
enter into detail. I can only hope our
choice is wise & won't much disappoint
you. Since being at the aforementioned
places - we have been two days at
Musselburgh, two at Galashiels, two
at Dalkeith & now returned to head
quarters. We have enjoyed many pleasant
dinner & walks. & altho' I have often been
tired there has been less excitement than
in London

The Bells share the expenses with us in
the Cottage. I occupy it ⁱⁿ detachments. We propose
to go to it on Friday 1st July that the establish-
ment may be in order for your Lordship.
You will write us more definitely about
your time of leaving. I will arrange
about some one meeting you in Edin
As probably it will be best for you to
come direct to the Cottage: where I hope
to find time to look over your Chart &c.
The boats run to Granton & it is easy &
cheap to go to Edin. Paper has had an invita-
tion from Milne Home (the gentleman who
advocates his cause in the Edin University
election) to visit him & join a day's geological
excursion near Kunse ^{on the} 29th & 30th. I think he

will go. Altho' he does not seem
at all disposed to be over-Cautious
to Science men here. He has decided
to remain another week here to see
us safely lodged in our new home,
& perhaps take an excursion with you
to some interesting part of the Country near.
Should you go to St Andrews I sh^d like
you to get your photograph taken there
by a Celebrated man whose photos
are admirable. I wish I sh^d succeed
in getting a good one of myself
they are Coe domus mine. Iina
Atticus tells me she will oblige me
to try an Edin. artist. But I tell you

that I am Bell is engaged to a
Mr Lennie? She wants me to stay to
the wedding & is hurrying her preparations
in the hope of my remaining. They have
not quite decided upon a house & then
it has to be fitted & furnished so they
will be very smart if ready by the 1st Sept.

This reminds me of an answer we had
to-day from Carnish about the time of their
leaving - August the 25th - I have not
had an opportunity of talking about it to Jeph
They are visiting Mr Bird at Hammusmith
at present. I extend their visit till July
4th. It will be pleasant for you to see
them, but I suppose you will not
be willing to spare the time. Mr

Kelly the gentleman Mrs Bird
told us she had heard lecturing
upon "Universalism & Infidelity" &
delivered the same Course in
Edin immediately after my arrival here.
I attended several of these & was
much interested. He is a very able
man. Little Georgie was delighted
to see Mr Dawson. We went out
to see the sea.

I must bid you good bye
as I am momentarily expecting papa
& take me to call upon the Davidsons.
Mammie Dr Limont. Jessie
Mr Limont. & this Aunt Miss Dr Limont

are the parties now meeting at the
College. I hope you will send
Anna some good advice - she
is too much tainted the Baynes's &
that set. She is worthy of better folks.

I hope you won't attach a wrong
meaning to this remark. Anna's thoughts
get belittled for want of the society
of people of wiser & broader views.

It was very thoughtful of you
to warn me not to overfatigue myself
you will be in full charge of me
at Buntingford. Meantime I remain

Yours loving

Papa desires me to add mother
that he is going to enclose
a post office order in this to the amount of £2.16.11
payable to the order of Mrs 179