

86 Boulevard de Port Royal

William

Wednesday

Nov. 24, 1875.

Mr. J. S.

My dear Father,

I write this evening in the hope that the letter will go by the States, leaving England on Saturday by the Cunard line. As they send all letters from here to England first, as it would seem, I suppose that this is the only other opportunity in the week besides the Allan line.

I enclose the receipt from Dr. Arzouze, & write now so that it may reach you before the box as it may be needed for passing it at the customs. I called at Dr. A's this afternoon after five, but found that the box is not yet quite ready. He is going to put some extra strengthening around the same box, and I am to see it tomorrow afternoon, to see



that it is all right & properly addressed. He will send it on Friday morning & promises also to send me the receipt from the Railway Co. as he sends it directly to the station himself. Sampson Low & Co ought to have it shipped from Liverpool on the 2<sup>nd</sup> December as I already mentioned unless they are very slow about it.

I am very much obliged for the £100 which you have put to my credit and which I have already acknowledged through Mother. I drew £20 on Tuesday to pay Anne's house & have some money on hand besides. The exchange was unfortunately very low, as I only got \$501:50 for it. I found that Gil had not yet got advice of the additional amount which you have arranged for, but I suppose he soon will; at any rate there is still £60 of the old account left as this is the first I have drawn since coming here.

I received your letter of Nov. 12  
this evening inclosing Mother's &  
Rankine's, of the same date. I  
am rather surprised that I have  
got a letter so soon to this address  
as I hardly expected to before  
the end of the month.

What a narrow escape Mr  
Selwyn has had. I can hardly  
think about anything else at  
present. Charlie's sensible prompt-  
tude too, ~~is~~ certainly does him  
great credit, especially consider-  
ing what his own feelings must  
have been in such a moment of  
uncertainty. I am hoping to  
hear more about it next mail  
especially in regard to how it  
was that Mr Selwyn changed  
his mind about the date.

Believe me

Your affectionate son

William.



21 Thursday morning.

I mail this letter this morning and it will leave here by the night mail to London. I think this will prove a pretty direct way of sending letters, & I would like to hear whether it proves so.

The weather this week so far has been cloudy and threatening though without much rain. The wind keeps from the N.E. and the temperature has been pretty low within a few degrees of the freezing point I should think.