

Little Melis

June 17. 85

Dear Papa

I fear this will be  
but a very hasty letter  
as I have so little time  
till the mail leaves.

I write for mamma  
who begs me to say that  
you are a very attentive  
husband, & that you  
must excuse her  
being an inattentive  
wife, as she has so many  
little things to superin-  
tend, she is unable



Write this morning  
as she <sup>will</sup> be in close  
fellowship with a  
French woman who  
has undertaken to do  
some gardening, & will  
be obliged to give a good  
deal of her time ther.

The row-de-dow in the  
house has now ceased  
& quiet gardening has  
taken its place, which  
is a great comfort  
to our heads & ears.

Mamma has spoken  
of two of the castles abt.



your boat, but neither of  
them appeared much  
inclined to purchase  
it but will decide soon  
ab<sup>t</sup> it & let us know.

Anna left the letter  
at home in Mr. Rankine's  
Trinnyes address was  
given; Mamma thinks  
that you had better  
wait till the autumn  
Darrage ab<sup>t</sup> his things  
as the college will  
be closed till then  
& nothing can be done.

Anna received letters  
yesterday fr. Bernard  
& Rankine yesterday.



The former had arrived  
all safely & was well.  
Rankine was well, but I  
did not hear his other  
news.

I thank you very much  
for forwarding the  
telegram, &c; it was  
very kind of you to go  
round to look at our  
house. Trill was obliged  
to send that telegram  
to Mr. Howard, as there  
is only the C.P.R. telegraph  
line along that way.  
Trill is well & writes  
very cheerfully, he  
commenced his work



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last Monday week - he  
has a Mr Dodwell  
with him, Mr W. I am  
very thankful (as  
well as 4 men) - I am  
so glad that he is having  
this change & fresh  
air, it will do him  
worlds of good.

We shall all be very  
glad to have you & Bra  
down with us. I am  
very much pleased  
with Metis; & the  
sea air is doing us  
all much good.

We are all very  
well & happy -

Please excuse a hurried  
letter.

We all send much  
love.

Ever yours affectionately  
Florence



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