

Marina
Music Room - "Lamia"
April 9th 1886

My dear William

I hope you have
received the note I wrote from
the ship before leaving Portland
yesterday. We left at 2.30. but after
having crossed the bar we hung
about for two hours awaiting the
arrival, by a tiny steamer, of the ship's
papers. The sea was calm & although
cold our party managed to sit on
a deck, read aloud & otherwise spend
the time comfortably till dinner time
shortly after wh. I retired & so have

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had a good long rest, a charming
salt water bath this morn & today an
excellent breakfast & lunch with long
deck reaching between. I write
now not because I have anything
particular to say but because I know
you wd like to receive a note
& tomorrow we propose to go on
shore early & have a tray over
Halifax & thus may be prevented from
writing. At present our party embraces
all the ladies on board & Mr. P. Laffan
the only gentleman, altho' there are some
four or six more men. About a
dozen passengers are expected at Halifax.
Let me humbly acknowledge these

We find the Chiers, you were
 do good as to get us, both
 Comportual & useful. There are
 Camp studs on horses with wh:
 I may have been contented but the
 yours are certainly to be preferred, so
 much so that Victoria intends to try
 to possess herself of one similar at
 Halifax.

I have read your Tract with much
 interest & feel as if I wished to circulate
 it widely amongst all people who
 have enough general information
 about the current modes of thought
 & Scriptural matters to follow it intelligently.

4 for instance Miss Lamm, Miss Compher
Mrs Scott - also Mrs Leticia Skelton.

Mention this to Anna. She wd I think
like to carry it out.

I told Roberts to put the board ^{for the hat pins} 1
but there was taken off the front hole,
on the back hole, a foot higher than the
one at present there with, say, four
of the hat-pins but neglected to tell
Nathaniel thus I had taken the board
up to the lobby of the attic. The pins
are in the trunk drawers in the sewing
room. - All this however too late if
not thought before I can now tell you.

If I do not add anything to this in
the my. Consider all is well.

With all love to Anna, Bernard, Florence
& Will. I am your loving wife Margaret.