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My dear Father,

I have no news,  
not even any letters to answer,  
as I was disappointed at  
Bundick, not receiving  
papers or letters as I had  
expected - I write this line  
to let you know of my  
continued well being and  
to send all your love  
for the summer season.  
I do hope that you will be

able to take a more  
complete rest, and a more  
thorough change than you  
did last year and indeed  
I have done for some  
parts your Egyptian expedition  
was really the last though  
holiday you have had.  
I hope I hope quite well  
again, and the baby flourishing  
Give my love and  
best wishes. She, I hear, is  
to be at home with you, too.  
What a circle of grand  
children it will be!

I, I wrote to Mother a day  
or two ago from Bindisi,  
I shall send a line from  
Aden, although I can not  
now expect to receive any  
letters for a couple of months.

War and rumours of wars  
continued I notice uninterruptedly.  
What a singular condition the  
world is in as regards armed  
force! How strange a parody  
on the ideas prevalent so recently  
as in '57!

George and William are I  
suppose both away on their

respectively be at - me as a  
family have certainly  
down our full share of  
running two ops on the world's  
surface.

Lafayette to Colby, whom I met  
one day at the States, about the  
medical registration business,  
but had no opportunity of seeing  
Sir Charles Colman seemed to think  
that the matter hung fire on  
account of no action being taken  
in Canada, the authorities at  
home awaiting an application,  
which he did not doubt  
would be at once granted.

3/4 I am writing to you

day and referred to some  
difficulty with the local

authorities, some new  
attempts at petty tyranny

I suppose, on the part of the  
Lithuanian gov't. I do hope

they will not be allowed  
to ruin the medical faculty

of the University, as they  
have done the law

faculty. It would seem  
as thousands of patients, after

so much industry & sacrifice  
has been incurred in

building it up, I mean  
estimating it what it really  
is today, the most successful  
I imagine, as it is the largest  
I don't know, because of  
the humanity. <sup>in</sup> ~~the~~ ~~world~~ ~~it~~ ~~is~~ ~~not~~ ~~possible~~  
for all, to make a  
stand, I see connections  
with the provincial, by its  
altogether, falling back on  
the privileges conferred by  
Royal Charter, and refusing  
to recognize the party tyrants  
and despots? If it did nothing  
more it might bring the  
matter to a crisis.

The other day in London I  
was dining with Mr. Arthur, who  
is h. k. for St. Lawrence & proposes  
to be an ardent home ruler.  
As he talks of taking a cruise  
across to Canada during the  
Summer, I advised him strongly  
to study the workings of home  
rule in the prov. of Quebec, before  
attempting to help in handing  
over Ireland to be broken  
down by a similar set of  
unprincipled & bigoted  
politicians. He is a very good  
fellow indeed personally, &  
we have often discussed the  
questions before. But it does

seem fitable that the  
finds thing in the way of Ev<sup>t</sup> that  
the human intellect has been  
able to devise, after centuries  
of trying, has the effect of handing  
over all <sup>civil</sup> power to the lowest,  
least moral, most perverted  
& weakest element of society.

before I think surely, if anything can  
show it, what a share there  
is called a advance of civilization  
is, containing far more of real  
change than of any radical  
reforms or improvements.

Carlyle's idea of the inalienable  
right of the wisest & best  
to rule is quite out of it now-  
a-days.



Yet how odd it is that  
so many otherwise intelligent  
men in England, will  
not see that gov<sup>t</sup> there  
continues capable & pure  
in spite of these democratic  
innovations, not because  
of them, and that no  
other country that has  
adopted them has attained  
like results.

But I am not writing an  
essay!

With all love to Mother,  
Your affectionate son  
Franklin

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