Mussellburgh
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Dearest Anna,

Last mail was late and letters from home reached us here only yesterday (Friday). I am writing today to Mr Bowyer on business and take the opportunity to enclose this. We are well and are making arrangements for lodgings for Mamma and George in a pretty place (Galahill Cottage) at Brownstand. So soon as George gets here I shall see them settled and take flight, either by the steamer of the 7th July or the 14th July.

I am sorry that I shall not be at home to see you off to Murray Bay, but I hope you and William will manage prudently and well. Please to keep yourself cool and do not allow yourself to be too much excited with the affairs

of your friends.

Thank Eva very much for the nice little letter which she wrote to me; and say to William that I think has every reason to be satisfied with his position, more especially as the examinations are a far better test of what he is and of what he will do in college than the places in class, in which I have very little faith.

Please say to Dr Carpenter that I have not had a moment to write to him; but that I have determined nearly all the shells and seen Jeffreys, Mechadieu Dr Carpenter &c, and shall report to him verbally when I return.

We leave this place today for Edinr and shall go next week to Galashiels & Dalhuth. All love to you all, not forgetting Rankine from Mamma nice

Your affectionate father
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