

Murray Bay, July 21.  
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Dear George

I would be very much obliged for a few specimens of the shells you mention in your last letter. As they are alive it would be a pity to kill many, but say half a dozen of each. But I dare say you have sent some by papa.

It seems that there is going to be a great row in Europe. As the papers don't come very regularly here I don't fully understand the cause, but it seems to be on account of the Spanish succession. Of course you have far

fuller accounts there than we  
have here so that it is quite un-  
necessary to tell you any news  
that I have seen.

There was a great storm at  
Montreal lately, a sort of tor-  
nado, doing much damage. It  
blew the roofs off several houses;  
& the rain came down in sheets,  
even running over the door-steps  
in St James St., & partially flood-  
ing many houses. O'Hara says  
no damage was done at the  
College; I will mail you the  
paper with the account of it  
if I can find it.

I cannot write any more to  
you today as I want to keep  
some news for mamma's letter  
Believe me your affectionate  
brother,  
William.