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My dear George

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I was much gratified
by receipt of what, from you, was
a long letter - for usually you show
profound wisdom by ignoring the usual
spun out crutches. Characterizing
most (Mormon?) epistles. I have
having made this confession I
suppose I may spin to my heart's
content, but I think I have do much
worse than I really wish I knew at
side to begin I know how to trust it.
Taking the least first I may say that
this my Rankine was me a cutting
an English newspaper announcing

appointment as Canadian Com: on
 the Behring sea question, & for many
 reasons this news has given me more
 heartfill pleasure than the multiplied
 honours that have preceded it - for
 first it lifts fr my mind the anxiety
 that yr usual summer trips, fr: the
 dangers to wh they expose you, always
 subjects both yr father & myself. then
 you will regulate yr own conduct &
 I trust agreeable & Congenial society -
 just the change, it seems to me, that
 is most desirable that you shd have.
 besides the great honours & its just reward
 (withth of wh: do I chagise) so please do
 not throw down any letter in disgust
 because I mention this in place of
 usefulness ~~to wh:~~ I mt here given the
 preference. you have the name Murcer

but I retain down here of the nature
 of the old original marauder! I
 spent ten days in London going there
 on the 3^d June when I saw several
 of yr staunch old friends all brim-
 full of satisfaction at yr having re-
 ceived the I.R.S. perhaps especially dear
 old Mr. Roe who really worked towards
 this end I spoke as delightedly of the yr
 success as if you had been his very own
 son. Altho' he himself gave all praise to
 Mr. Geikie, whom he considered yr chief
 ally. Did any one tell you that yr were
 elected unanimously? Mr. Gave gave
 all these marks of the esteem of yr fellow
 men give me sincere pleasure Ches-
 Sarge, but as I believe that One higher
 than all our rules yr life I long that you
 personally shd consider & be led to do more
 - wonderful beauty & beauty of his great

plan for the salvation & the regeneration
 of all who will believe in His Scheme of
 substitution, through our representatives.
 the man-fact. I still desire to see you
 get that crowning blessing that will
 make more widely useful the talents assign-
 ed by man.

Fortunately some members of the family
 has told you of Eric's new honours - the
 little daughter is a remarkably good
 specimen of young humanity. She seems
 also placid in disposition & I think
 probably may develop after the likeness
 of her amiable sisters. Bath are as well
 as possible; the weather so cold part
 of the first month after my arrival
 is now almost like Canadian heat &
 I believe it is Kap's intention, to soon
 as quite safe for E. to travel, to go to some
 desirable place, probably to Italy had for a month

In looking forward to remain in England
 till the end of August, two months,
 the time appears very long before I
 can hope to see the others whom I
 love & long for, but by giving our
 cottage to Florence & disposing the
 furniture I feel I have cut off my
 retreat & in some degree am bound
 to stay; however it is surely my last
 visit to England & I must try to
 return as strong as all this much
 haunted "Change" can effect. It
 will I anticipate be charming at
 Holyhead & when E. is restored as
 Companion instead, as ^{at} present, being
 that of invalid it will make all the
 difference. Hope & she already promise to
 spend next summer at Metz & I hope
 they will, as time goes on, very begin

to allow us to indulge in the hope
 that you will add the pleasure of
 your Company - Paper & Amuse will
 show his little writing room there
 with you & we will allow you
 very three quiet hours every day for
 your Scientific researches. By the way
 Rankine in his note accompanying
 the "Cutting" telling of your appointment asks
 me to send his Congratulations & says
 "that a private Secretariatship will be
 received with thanks" - taking aside
 it is quite possible that you may take
 an opportunity of speaking favourably
 of him to Baden-Powell - a diplomatic
 position is the very thing R. will like to
 secure & he is preparing himself in that
 direction - He was one of a deputation to
 Salisbury last week on matters connected
 with Trade.

I regretted not seeing the Mac Donalda's
 of Victoria when in London but I
 had not their address & when I called
 on our mutual friends the Ceryils,
 where I hoped to get it, they were
 out. Perhaps the most enjoyed of
 my pleasures while in London was
 a Coach drive to Virginia Water.
 passing through Richmond, Bushy
 Park, Hampden Court & near Virginia
 Water the magnificent palace for Waring's
 education. Halloway's College. I greatly
 wished that I here had the opportunity
 of going over this grand pile. The
 Country was at the height of its summer
 glory - green as only England or its
 distant Island can be, with a multitude
 of flowering shrubs, to me, so old & yet

so new - the house landscape & its
adornments will long live in my
memory, but such luxury of beauty
had its regrets for I never enjoy alone
such gratification without some one
Armas' appreciative nature. And he kept,
through the best part of his life, in a
state of starvation. I think we must
plan out a nice holiday for him.

But now I must finish, altho' my tone
is not all spun, by wishing you most
heartily just the nicest most enjoyable
summer it is possible for you to have.
With all wisdom to decide justly & satis-
factorily on the important question with
a share of the responsibility rests with you.
Eve asks me to include her in all loving
good wishes while I am as ever
your loving
Mother