

from Angelica & Eliza H.S. Leghorn Dec 31st Saturday evening

Dear Eliza

We arrived here this morning at 10 o'clock - that is to say in the harbour, but we were obliged to perform a pratique of 4 hours - we went on board the Steam boat at Marseilles on Thursday morning - we meant to go on Wednesday, but were detained - the morning, was bright & light, but very cold - & all the hills were all covered with snow, our passengers consisted mostly of Americans & English - the sea being quite rough - Uncle Ludlow & myself very soon were obliged to sit quietly - before we left the port - we received a bundle of letters - the latest dated was this - I received one from you & one from George - you can have no idea how delightful it was - I am sure it prevented me from being sick for a long time - but I could not all day - for I find I am not a good sailor - & poor Uncle Ludlow suffered more than any of us - we arrived at Genoa on Friday morning at about 10 o'clock - but were detained on board about an hour - at the custom, there is that the passengers could not go on shore without first sending the number of them to the Sanita - & then sending a health officer on board & then counting them - & if one is found wanting none of them would be allowed to go on shore - the ceremony is quite ridiculous - an officer came to us & the piece of paper which was given him with the number of passengers - he took it up with a pair of tongs & dipped in the water twice - then took to the Sanita - and afterwards all of us passed before a man one by one & were counted - one of the American gentlemen went down stairs on purpose to plague the officer - & then we were obliged to be counted over again - However we got on shore at last - & then picked up a ciang & went right to work to see the most beautiful church we have seen in Europe - & then three or four palaces - the pictures are too beautiful - in comparison with the French they are so soft - we saw many by the most famous artists - Genoa certainly deserves the name of the City of Palaces - we were very unfortunate in our day - it snowed & rained - but notwithstanding we saw a great deal - one church we visited - where it is said the true ashes of St. Ignace the baptist are - behind an altar dedicated to him - the gentlemen went behind the altar to see them - & Aunt Jane & I started to go, the little priest called after us & stopped us - we asked him why the Ladies were not allowed to go, he said as a woman had, had him killed - the women are not allowed to see them, on pain of excommunication - an express command of the Pope - we then dined & at 7 we all found ourselves on board the boat again - we found we had an addition to our crew - among others a Princess quite a pretty woman - we got off about eight but found it very rough, soon I had to put myself away - & Uncle Tom the same thing - this poor Princess was very ill, her woman the same thing & her companion a gentleman - so Pa was obliged to take care of her all night - she suffered beyond description - Ma & Aunt suffered from fright - Mary & myself slept - Alex visited the deck frequently - Pa was busy with the Princess & Uncle Ludlow was very sick - some were all employed in our own way - mine I think was rather the pleasantest - we arrived at Leghorn this morning at 7, but were obliged to stay on board till we all got out of patience - the Princess was the most grateful creature that could be - she gave Pa her name & said she would be glad to see him at Florence - where she lives - while we were laying in the port - Alex was walking on deck which was wet - slipped & fell, & hurt his head a good deal - he came in the cabin & I who was not feeling very well, & the excitement altogether - I was obliged to make a scene in the ship.

left by Madama who had been reading Byron, Scott & work store there
 nice little tabourets & screens, a piano, & such good beautiful little
 nicknacks, looking like Christmas presents, I believe it was in the
 same palace, that we saw a beautiful divan which struck us all, as
 being within the reach of our capabilities, it looked very East Indian
 large palm leaves worked in wood, or cloth, bright colours & strong
 contrasted - a different colour ground for each leaf, a round thing in
 the same style in the center, with a place for books on the top -

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Angela Chapman

Say to Davidson (George) that in the steam boat he is at
 so he thinks best regarding my instructions having my object
 my interest at stake & if possibly he make take my chance in his name
 He will do as to the story also which he hears of Johnson of Virginia
 with care as the fact has been noted that more may be told
 in the drawing. He is to let another be directed to be see his friends & settle
 to that end taking his first with him. The expense under not be very
 great & thirty dollars a year would be worth attention or of a boat
 that would carry 3 or 10 tons could be got to go up as soon as the
 we would want it as for steam engine, engine, or other
 we can all carry in station & will under my of at once sent
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