

Kell Gate Sept 27th 1839.

My dear Emma,

Before this reaches you, you will probably have been informed thro' your family of our affliction in the death of dear Phil at Vienna on the 12th of Aug.!! as soon as my anxiety for poor Mary permits, I have thought how gratified you would be with a few lines, relating to particulars. He left Constantinople the last of June, we had all received letters of 26th 28th & 30th in fine spirits announcing his determination to return this fall after passing thro' Germany Belgium & countries which he had not yet visited. He passed thro' an unhealthy portion of Hungary and reached Vienna on the eve of 4th August. Complained the next Morn^g of feeling unwell, and continued to do so until the 8th when his travelling companions persuaded him to send for a Physician. He pronounced him laboring under a Bilious attack, his friends unconvinced of any danger, on the Morn^g of the 12th his symptoms changed, in haste the physician was sent for, who brought with him another of equal eminence they gave no hope, and it became evident to to himself & friends, that his end was near. When asked if he had any messages for America -

My love to my Sister, & tell her I die happy!
He was then asked if he would like to see
a Clergyman. He said yes, but none could
be found who understood English. The service
for the sick was then read, by a friend
he joined in the prayers with much
earnestness - afterwards expressed a wish that
he might die soon, but feared it might not
be before noon. He expired at a quarter
before 10 so calmly that his friend (young
Cram of N.Y.) thought him asleep - and
thus dear Anna, the young, the gifted,
the cherished, passed away. I have no
words to convey Mary's grief. She was with
Mr. K.'s family, & had eagerly searched the papers
for the list of papers, thinking it not impossible he
might arrive any day. The shock was so great
as to paralyze her mind, for three days she lay
without utterance, or a tear, hardly conscious
of existence, circumstances rendering us extremely
anxious for her. She now awakes freely, and
seems willing to be comforted.

The Consul at Vienna found in
Phil's pocket folio, a letter addressed to Mary
which she begs me to copy

Pieris. May 30th 1839.

My dear Mary,

As I have made up my mind, I write this
Memorandum, that in case of my sudden death
you might know, in what manner I would wish
my property to be disposed of - You of course
as my Sister, are my legal heir - On my
death you will ~~become~~ become
sole proprietor of Elm Lake, you will have
your income from Grandpapa's Estate doubtless
and receive other additions to your fortune - you
can then well spare a thousand or two dollars,
and I wish to bestow them where they will be of
more value - My days of childhood were passed
with my cousin Emma, & my affection for her which
originated then has grown with my growth - I
wish to give to her all the money which at this
present time I have invested in any stocks in the city
of New York, whether in Banks, Insurance Companies or Rail
Roads, I forget how much, but I know that I have
something thus invested. Emma will have no legal
claim to this money, but I trust you will respect my
last requests & give it to her for me - I freely give
to John Herbert & to Mr. Jones all the monies which they
owe to me -

Ph. Rhinelanders.

Of course John's consent must be obtained before
you can dispose of your property, but I am sure
he will give it.
P.R.

Mr. King desires me to say he will immediately
ascertain the amount, & begs me to offer his services
in making any investment, if such should be your wish

or to transmit the money to you as may be. The
 father adds he would be most happy to do any
 thing relating to your wishes - & would be glad to
 hear from you soon - It is so long ^{since} I
 have heard from you that Mary is uncertain yet
 of her marriage. I make no apologies dear Emma for
 a very hurried letter. May God soften this blow to you, I need not
 ask for your prayer for Mary, if she is not soon able to write, I will
 again. With much affection believe me dear Emma Yrs.
 M. L. K.

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