

Madrid Saturday June 3^d. 1843.

It was amazingly agreeable, my Dear J., to have such cheering accounts of your operations & those which were contained in your last letter of April 28th. - I wish most earnestly that your cause was in as flattering a condition, and then it seems to me your position would be very agreeable. I like the name of "Mutual Safety," which I hope augurs well for owners or passengers. I saw in the last papers honorable mention of her and her Captain Fitch - Don't fail to keep ^{me} ~~you~~ informed of your operation during the summer.

I would have grieved over the breaking up of the little family in Laight Street, if it would have done any good; and if moreover, what I knew of the feeling of the men kind had not led me to doubt, whether the pleasure which Fanny & Rebecca received from being together, would not have been counterbalanced in that way:

Yesterday (June 2nd) made the complete & entire year since I took your leave on board the good ship St Nicholas: the parting scene came back upon me most vividly and among the rest the last glimpse of the pretty little Dream vanishing in the direction of the Harrows - I shall be happy indeed when I see all these again, and find you all in a flourishing state.

P.S. I shall probably give the Joneses a few lines of introduction to you in order that you may know something about us by word of mouth - he will arrive I suppose in the beginning of August -

Did I ever tell you of Miss Hamilton's friend, 'for forgotten her name' to whom I was presented, and who I imagine, from the hurry and agitation of the moment, squeezed my hand affectionately at parting, as she said 'could he try to my friend - I wrote you will?' - 'No a little later about I sometimes he became as I promised my best efforts - and worth of true to my word when I started the Book two or three hours every evening by the light of the moon with the young lady; until the period of the ladies' Calvin was fully occupied with the same?

I have been leading the most tranquil life, as my letters can testify, reaching the greater part of the day, and confined to the house for about a month - I am just recovering my natural brow after having been considerably shocked, and reduced to any extent by illness & distraction, caused chiefly by my 'nationals' - He had not returned to duty, and I am desiring the fruit of the earth, and no longer startled of my designs - He whether is a fugitive to the peasants: instead of a burning sun as usual, we have cold clouded days and even raining ones, and the cold in consequence are recurrent beyond comparison - I depend in this as it shortens what would otherwise be a long summer, which I expect to spend in tears.

I have two letters to Mr. J. from Charles Deighton, and Mr. Deighton - I am delighted to hear the favorable anticipation of 'Peverell's' conquest of Mexico' and the capital bargain he has made with the 'Harpers'. As there times it is something to receive \$10,000 for a copy right - My a letter from Mr. Everett, it appears whether left the Cabinet May 1st and departs straight to him as interim. The stories of the 'Gothic House' visit to England & France for some moral teacher seem very current - What is such a case

will he do with his 'Laff' & manufacturing friends?

Here they are at this old work of revolution, which they call 'Pronouncement' - the news of the morning is that the north is spreading in 'Anabaptism', and Granada, Melaga, Valencia, and some other places which I visited last autumn, have proclaimed independence of the god of Epictetus - National guards and troops had joined in the movement, and other forces are marching into the Sierra Morena against them. The Anabaptists however are well equipped & dangerous. No possible they are soft as their climate, and apt to yield without any obstinate resistance: the Catalans, and Aragonese are the people to be feared, and the Gov. have already sent their most active & determined officers into their country: should they rise on receiving the news from the south the country would be in a dangerous and critical position - Aragonese & Granada in the great war, and the late intervention of Barcelona, prove that they will fight like devils from behind stone walls - On reflection in consequence of these troubles are within more numerous than usual, as also the 'Anabaptists' - one of these captured yesterday in our street a short distance from the house: there was a quarrel, in the course of which a man walked out his knife, and slashed a woman in the head & neck: he was carried into the doors of the 'Alcaide de Barrio' & placed our office confined covered with blood. Luckily the Major's wife, as appeared by one of Hamilton's letters showing at the door, was also a barber and surgeon: the poor woman was badly wounded - there seems one of almost daily occurrence, and related by two or three lines in the papers: What can be expected from an ignorant population, of violent passions, always carrying a formidable knife, and hardened by their frequent blood fights, to scenes of blood & suffering?

Your friend Mary Mack writes to Mr. Strong that she

is waiting until the Country becomes more quiet to make a journey into Spain - on these conditions I will wait, like the peasant at the river side, for ever; certainly for many years, - the future has plenty of difficulties in store -

Do let me know something of my friend Sir Robert or rather his wife: I have been waiting to hear of his being a happy father to congratulate him hereupon; but with all the chances of these events, I have been afraid to write until I hear the result: It seems to me it should have occurred some time since.

Three or four days will bring us the Hibernian's return to May 15th - I am anxious to know if the flood which had commenced in business and trade will continue: it is surely high time some change for the better should take place. - The French Transatlantic Steamers are beginning to make their appearance: one of them the Labrador has been tried in the Mediterranean and gave great satisfaction - they have been announced to start this month.

I suppose, E. begins to think of the cottage, and green fields, and in a week or so will be moving up her little family. - It is pleasant to think of you all collected in the Country, ~~for~~ at a distance a Country home appeals much more powerfully to one's feelings than a brick front of 25 feet, even in the best of City situations - you can't imagine how dear to me is our youthful forest at Revis: I am anticipating such a growth in my absence that I shall be certain to be disappointed on my return: Remember me to your friends of the Club: Charles Livingston, Glover & the rest - I will send my warmth to the 3^d Floor during this month to challenge Robert to a game of billiards.

H. L. S. En- Yours ever A.H.

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