

Dresden

March 27. 1859.

My dear papa,
Since I last wrote we have had
a great change in the weather,
viz. the ground covered with snow
and a pretty hard frost; the snow
only lay a few ~~a~~ hours but it
has made the air very cold and
Dresden is in a shocking state
of dirt. To day it appears very
cold and occasional showers of
snow-sleet fall. Otherwise there
is nothing ~~new~~. Since Wednesday
- this being Sunday - the only English
I have spoken was a few words
to uncle Jeffry yesterday - what a
difference from Hughes's! Indeed
the only English I speak is when
I see uncle Jeffry which is generally

for an hour or so every second day.
The Thompsons (Co. struin) are
going home immediately and have
their furniture auction on Tuesday
at which the Seckendorffs intend
to buy some articles. They have
been here three years for the edu-
cations of their children. Young
Boyton too is going to England
at Easter; he was here before
Christmas and can hardly speak
two words of German, which
comes from his living with his
family, where of course no ~~English~~
German whatever is spoken. Miss
Taylor and Miss Thompson left
on Friday for Rome, on the preceding
Friday two Miss Forbes friends of
uncle J. left for the same des-
tination; They were going to travel

the whole way to Venice (per rail)
without stopping! $2\frac{1}{2}$ days I think
it is. Mrs Whittle and the
Allens I am afraid will soon be
en route for northern Italy and
the Tyrol. Everybody is on the move
and I shall not be sorry when
I am en route for Prague and
northern Bohemia. From what
I hear I am inclined to think
that Northern Lombardy - the lakes
I mean - and ~~southern~~ the Tyrol
are as well worth, or better, seeing
than Switzerland. The Baron
says that he never knew a
country more thoroughly spoiled
than it is by the English and tourists
generally. Every one speaks of
the Italian lakes as something
indescribable. It seems so odd

to be within a couple of days of
everything. Switzerland France
Italy Venice Hungary; and even
Poland ^{is} not 24 hours from Dres-
-den! I intend to invest a few
shillings in a poCKET compass
(a word compass) which is a kind
of thing to be had cheap and good
here. The night before last the
two young Gs. had gone out to
a party, and I happening to talk
about maps to the Baron he
produced a gigantic atlas of
Germany over which we sat
for an hour and a half, I
getting lots of pickings out of
him about the various parts.
He has nearly the same manner
for maps that I have.

Is there

Is there the remotest chance of
my hearing from uncle Frank?
Uncle Joe I have not written to
or heard from for some time so
I must try and make him up a
letter some day soon. Uncle Jeffy
has just got a large historical
atlas of Europe which I think
you would like very much, it
is a most formidable affair, but
apparently very good and proportion-
-ally dear. The universal feeling
of liking for Austria which seems
to prevail here surprises me very
much, I had always thought that
they were universally disliked, but
it seems that the Prussians come
nearest to ~~do~~ this description.

Do you ever think of coming on
the continent in summer?

I am very sorry that my passport
was not vis'd for all possible
countries before leaving England,
it saves endless bother and I
imagine is the cheapest in the
end - for instance to go into
Bohemia I shall require two or
^{a new passport I hear}
three vis's here, all which
trouble would have been saved
by having one Austrian signature
in England - and so with other
countries. 28th Your letter of 25th came
this evening. I had also one from uncle
Joe which you may mention in your
next to him. Also a note from aunt
Eliza via Carola Strasse. Do you
generally post your letters to me
before or after 12 noon? and when
do you usually get mine?

Francis E. Prndergast.

Dresden.

March 28. 1859

My dear mamma,

Since I began my letter to papa
the weather has again changed and
to day it was cloudless and quite
warm. Yours of the 25th came this
evening enclosing one of grandmamma's
for which I am very much obliged
to her. Keep her and aunt Nannie
(and aunt Flora too for that mat-
-ter) up to writing as often as
convenient to me. Thank Aunt
Flora for her present. I do not
want any of my money at present
my wants indeed are few and far
between. Aunt Margaret was
at Mrs Whittles. By the way uncle
Jeffry and she are going to Hamburg
for a few days; they go on Wednesday

and will be back before that
day week. I have not been at
Hoghe's for an age, but I hear
that there is a new Frenchman
there, I met the Swiss in the G.
Gardens to day. Tell uncle F.
that time or no time he must
write me a letter on the subject
of the new Liverpool steamer
that has been put on between
Belfast, Queenstown and America
The boat "City of Manchester" is,
as I best remember, a first class
steamer. If it succeeds I think
one is likely to be put on between
Dublin, Queenst. and America.
I went off to my gymnastics at
7 this morning and enjoyed the
fine morning very much.

None of the trees here are green yet
but some of lilacs and other shrubs
are very respectably out. The larks
too are singing as if they were
trying to split their throats.

Yesterday I took a tolerably long
walk and got wet coming home

There are now only two roads from
Dresden which I have not explored
but I shall soon knock them

off. I find my pocket glass
a great luxury, I wish I had had
it last summer. The people here
are all taking out the outside
frames of the double windows
and some already getting the green
jalousies in their place. The
Gidonien Strasse is fearful even
now of a hot day and in summer
it must be unendurable.

Tell uncle Charles and the boys
that I wish they would give me
a line, I wish I had Georgy
here to accompany me in my
walks. I have already given you
my direction on and after the
4th April. What news from
Magherafelt? I think I will
finish this now, as it is 11.50
p.m. and I must be in the
riding-school at 8 tomorrow

Francis E. Pendergast