

Dresden

3.30 p.m.

June 13th 1859

My dear Papa

Here I am in my old quarters again and have just read your letter of the 9th. I left Teplitz this morning at 9.40. a.m. and arrived here at 2.15. I had got my dinner in Bodenbach, and was just in time for the coffee after dinner here, which was very agreeable.

The Baron had only arrived from Hamburg an hour before; they were all very glad to see me back, not having expected me till the evening, and somewhat to my surprise I heard the news of Palmerston's re-entry. The Germans look upon this as a great blow to them, for now they expect England will go

with France, or at all events that
they have no more chance of
assistance from the west.

They say they don't care for England
or her army but they speak in
very respectful words of the
fleet, ~~they~~ the very name of
a line of Battle ship serving
to inspire them with awe.

I travelled with two young
Belgians this morning - at least
I think they were for they spoke
French and were everlasting
talking about Belgium.

You speak of bathing in the
Elbe as being a refreshment; I have
not yet tried it but by all

accounts it is pretty much the
same as a hot bath, and uncle
Jeffrey says that he has given up taking
bathing in the river as it does
not cool or clear you a bit.

As to the Polytechnic School
there are lectures open to strangers
for a small payment; but from
what I have heard from
Adolf, Scott Russell, Ettinger
and others, one does not get
much benefit from them, as the
professors will not take any trouble
with one. The professors too ~~are~~
generally speaking are drunken
dissipated scoundrels and very
few of the scholars are gentlemen
being mostly fellows who are
learning to be mechanical

engineers. Perhaps some of the
out door lectures (afternoon
expeditions) on botany and geology
or engineering might be of advan-
tage, but I doubt it, as from
Adolf's account there is more
beer drunken than work done
in these. Mr E's object when
speaking of ~~the~~ ^{it} was, I am sure,
for the sake of ^{the} German I would
learn there, but I could hardly
be learning and speaking more
than I am at present, - ~~was~~ ~~there~~
I believe what uncle Frank says about
the Russians is very correct but
our little colonel is a very quiet
unassuming little ~~man~~ man.

Francis E. Prendergast.
I managed my expenses so that I
have only brought back $\frac{1}{3}$ in Austrian
money.

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My dear mamma

I have just read your letter which I found here on my return and as I have told papa all, or nearly all, the news I shall only answer your questions.

As to the flannel, I could not exist without it, for when everyone else is complaining of the feet, I am enjoying it greatly, - except that I cannot work over books; as long as I can walk or take exercise I find it not disagreeable - ^{for} which I have to thank the flannel, much to the surprise of the Germans who wonder that anyone can like to walk in such weather

As to the Guy Mannering, uncle
Frank gave it to me long ago as
a birth day present, but I never
wrote my name in it. I think
the only borrowed book I have
is 2 years before the mast which
belongs to uncle Willy, but don't
return it unless he asks for it.
The Leckendorfs, servants and
all, call me Mr Prendergast,
at Hughes everyone said Herr
Prendergast, but English people
in Sweden, generally speaking, are
called Mr, Mrs and Miss by
way of determining to what
nation they belong.
There is no fruit ripe yet, except

cherries and strawberries, but
both are dear as yet. Gooseberries
are not much sought after in
Germany and are much inferior
to our own. I look upon

uncle Georges movements as a
myth, and until he has gone,
or said "upon his honour" he is
is going, I shall doubt the fact.

The Elbe water does not look
enticing for bathing as it is
of a dun druckety yellow mud
colour, somewhat like the
Rostrevor river in a flood but
much yellower.

I am writing this in a great
hurry as the I's are going at

5 o'clock to a concert - open air -
in the Grosser Garten and
I want to go with them.

I hope you may get aunt Elizalett
to come up, and don't forget
to ask her if she remembers
meeting Miss Tudor at Glenarm
- or the other place near - I forget
the name of it - Carraloughgu?

Francis E. Prendergast

This letter will be over weight
of course, but I can't help it.

P.S. tell papa my expenses were
under 15/- everything included.