

Dresden

June 28. 1859

My dear Papa,

Your letter of the 23^d arrived yesterday.

I have had no letter from uncle J^{ef} -
- for as yet - from Mannheim I mean.

I have already given you a list of
the clothes I intend to take, and as
I intend that they shall all go into
a knapsack which I shall always
have with me, it must be as light
as possible; having a complete change
with me perhaps it might not be
necessary to carry any extra covering;
my flaid I am afraid is too heavy
and I am afraid I could not find
any light waterproof here. A bag
or trunk would cost a great deal for
transport and would tie me down
too much

My French master (Ayer) is going
off to Switzerland the last week in
July by the Aarau and Lindau
route, and then going on foot from
that to a place a little south of
Bern - not direct but seeing scenery
on the way, and I think it is very
possible I may go with him; if
we could average ^{it} it would be
very agreeable for me as well as
advantageous; I shall do all my
railway travelling 3^d class which
is an immense saving and in
summer is pleasanter than the hot
stuffed 2nd class. From the en-
closed slip you will have some
idea of the expense and time required
to get southwards. I calculate the
railway expenses to Lindau at £ 1.10

which with a night a Muremberg you may
reckon as £2. I shall not take
any cap, for the wide awake would
not go into a knapsack.

I do not exactly know what money
to take with me, but uncle Jeffry
says he thinks that Prussian dollars
in silver or paper are as good as
anything and have their full value
everywhere. I must get a watch
and pocket compass of course,
but there will be little or no trouble
about that, also a small hair brush.
I shall be very glad indeed to get
off for it is very difficult to
work in the house in this hot weather.
I wish you would say something
decisive about my winter stay in

Dresden for the Baron has been asking me about it and said if he thought I was coming back for two or three months in the winter he would keep a room for me. The colonel goes away in the middle of July and in his place comes a Miss O'Sullivan who Miss Prusser has recommended to the Is, and who is going to stay the winter here. As soon as I am off an American lady comes who is also going to stop the winter here. I saw her and her husband who ~~was~~ was here but is now gone off, they both seemed unusually well bred

bred people and I am sure
would be pleasant companions.
Miss Buckle is not going to
stay long so that when I
came back there ~~house~~ would be
just room for me. I like
the idea of being here for the
winter very much, but nothing
would induce me to remaining
longer than the beginning of March
or indeed, scarcely so long, I
was so out of condition and
half unwell last spring.

The Baron wants to know before
I go and then everything would
be settled. About Miss
O'Sullivan. I only know that

she is now in Sonagal, is a friend
of the Goulds of Derry (Miss
Pussers friends), is about 22,
has lost her father and some
brothers lately and has been recom-
-mended a change of scene, more
than this Miss Pusser could
not tell me. The American
lady is from Baltimore and
her husband is a large slaveowner.
The I mean the husband is not coming.
They were recommended by the
Crothers and Baldwin faction

Francis E. Prendergast.

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My dear mamma

I am very much obliged to you for the pattern of the collar, but I have got some already, I happened to ask Cap. Montgomery and he directed me to a shop where I found them.

I spent a very pleasant Sunday at the Brüssers who had a great collection of people viz, to Brüssers,

Mrs B's brother, a Miss Ward, a Swedish countess and her daughter;

then two very pretty young ladies, daughters of an Hungarian lady, ^{who is} married to a Saxon count, two cavalry officers who are quartered there, two

Polytechnicians, one from Leipzig, the other from Frankfort, and two

young Londoners who are at
school in Dresden, thus forming
a large assemblage.

I have got some woollen stockings
which I find a great improvement
on the cotton for walking.

On Saturday I took a long stretch
to a place called Radeberg which
is about 11 miles off to the north-
west, this distance I did (there
and back) in $5\frac{1}{2}$ hours, but it is
an uninteresting walk and there is
nothing to be seen when you get
there. I do not know how
far I shall be able to get on
my tour, but supposing I am on
foot the whole time and walk

22 miles a day which gives 150 miles
a week I would be able to see
a good deal; you may reckon how
far that would take me in
6 weeks, and 22 miles a day is
a moderate calculation.

You need not send me any more
envelopes for I am overstocked at
present, but send the straw paper
when you have room.

As soon as I get an answer from
uncle Frank I shall look for
a map which is one of the chief
points. It has been very hot indeed
to day and we have the hot weather,
bright sun, and no clouds again.

It is very late now and I have.

to be up very early tomorrow so.
I must close.

Francis E. Pondbergast