

Dresden

June 30th 1859

My dear Papa,

I have had no news from anybody since I last wrote to you, and the increase of the heat is the only novelty here. My room is hardly endurable

between 10 am on 1, and about 3 p.m. I get a second edition of reflected heat.

I have ordered a jacket and a pair of trousers from the tailor, of a most extraordinarily light and thin stuff which ought to pack beautifully.

My French master is going off some day between the 17th & 24th of July and if you are content that I should go off then I should propose going with him. His tour is to go via rail to Zurich and from that on foot via Lucerne the Rhigi Interlaken

Jonfran Rhone valley, [&] Lake of Geneva
to Kulle. I am not sure but
that he may have friends to go with
and might not like a strangers
company, but I do not think this
is the case. He says that on
foot, living, guides, and all expences
included you (an Englishman he means
not a Swiss, for he can do it
cheaper) may travel "en prince" for
3 dollars (9/) a day. Supposing
I had got as far as Geneva I should
then come round through Savoy
via Chamouni, Rhone Valley,
Simplon, ^{across} Lake of Maggiore up
Lac de Como over the Splügen,
through the Engadins, and so up
to Innsbruck and home via

Tegern See, Munich and back to
Dresden, leaving Vienna & Glatzham-
-mergut for another time.

This is not of course a route to
be stuck to, but to be improved
upon or altered according to circum-
stances. I do not know what I
shall do about an over covering for
it seems to me that it would be
almost impossible to carry the
plaid it is so heavy; I was not
aware of its weight until now.

I am scarcely so intimate with Mrs
Whittle as to expect to be invited
to ~~stop~~ stop, if I did go there, but
it is much out of any possible
route that I may take.

My entire equipment will be of
cloth or flannel excepting waistcoat.

I must be on the look out for
some ~~maps~~ now - of Switzerland
I mean. Keller is said to be
antiquated and surpassed.

I am very anxious to be getting off
for the heat is increasing to a
fearful extent, (Dresden is renowned
for extremes of heat and cold)
and it is almost impossible to
work in the house; the actual
power of the sun does not seem
to me so great, but it is the
heated stifling air which is so
overpowering. I have tried all
windows open - all shut - everything
in fact but it is no use trying
to fight against being heat.
The worst too is that the nights
are so hot until about 1 or 2
o'clock

o'clock a.m., when the thermometer
often falls to within one degree of
freezing point! Colds in conse-
=quence are very plentiful.

I however stand the heat and cold
much better than the natives in
consequence of sticking to cloth and
flannel which is much cooler than
linen. The heat and the war are
the two - and only, subjects of con-
=versation here at present. I am
greatly surprised at not hearing from
uncle Jeffry; he said he would
write immediately and it is now
nearly a fortnight and I have heard
nothing from him yet.

2^d. I think your idea for my staying
here from October to January is
a very good one, and my ^{wish} will now

be to get off about the 20th or
thereabouts, as all my master's
months end from the 15th to the
20th and that will avoid entering
on a new month; I shall then
make my way down towards the
Lake of Geneva and try to get into
some family either there, or in
Lavay for two or three weeks,
and then begin to work my way
back viâ ~~Strasbourg~~ Insbruck
and Munich. I am going to
get ~~a~~ second flannel shirt,
a map of Switzerland, a small
brush and a pocket compass to
day - or rather going to look for
them.

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