

Florence

April 6. 1866.

My dear Mamma

I enclose two letters which please forward. You can read that to C.E.J. On Wednesday Mr Jones, Brassey's agent at Leghorn was up here and I presented my letter of introduction to him (from Dr Duffey). He was very civil and told me a good deal of news but as to any but an Italian getting work out here in any subordinate position, he did not seem to think that at all likely. His work is just finished out here. Yesterday I got a letter from Wynnes - forwarded by you - he is now working for the Contractor on the St John Wood Metropolitan Extension at £ 3. a week. Brassey's post is that of Mineralogist to the Indian Geological Survey; salary £500 a year, with liberty to leave it for any other place, a very important part of the agreement, people being generally tied in some way. I had a letter from Dora yesterday. They were to leave Cannes yesterday on their tour. She says the weather there is really too hot. Dr Battersby (of Cannes) pronounces C.M.P.s lungs to be in a very much better condition than when he arrived at Cannes. Mrs Greene had something astray with her and Cannes cured her, I hear. I intend leaving

Florence for Cannes early next week (say
9th or 10th) so till further advised address
Villa Marie-Thérèse Cannes.

I have had enough of Florence for the present
and Jones, and French (the Banker) give such
news as to work here that I think there is no
use staying here on that spec. Besides I
want to see Cannes again. If you are likely
to be at Oxford in the Spring I do not see much
use in my going to Dublin, and the only places
I much want to see in the S. of France are ~~Home~~
Nismes and Arles which are on, or close to the
Marseilles and Paris line. If you do want
me to come to Dublin find out about Dublin
and Bordeaux steamer, I think I gave you
the advt. to keep when last at Oxford. The
agents are I think Burns & ~~Harrison~~ McIver
1 Rumbold St. Liverpool. However I do not
much incline to that route home.

It poured all yesterday and part of this mor-
ning; let us one praise the Florentine climate.
The two Russians and many other nice people ~~of~~
have left and we have a flood of 16 or 20
new-comers, everyone second-class Americans
and consequently not attractive. I shall
get Mr. Dick to forward any letters that may
arrive after I leave. Your affect. son

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