

Pension Kettner Montreux

August 13.

1859

My dear Papa

Yours of the 9th arrived
this morning, and tomorrow
morning at 6 a.m. I hope
to be en route for ~~Stix~~
= Les Bains via Geneva.

I took a great dislike to
Geneva the day I was there
though it was only for a
few ~~days~~ hours, and if I
can manage it, I shall
not stay the night there
Supposing I get into some
Pension on the 15th of
this month I might remain
four weeks, viz. till

* and one is not in these parts every day - or year either.

September 12th. Longer than
this would hardly do, as
at least three weeks must
be allowed for getting back
to Dresden, and according
to the agreement with the
Leckendorfs they are to have
my room ~~from~~ ready for me
from 1st October.

It would be a sin to
~~from there~~ pass through
such scenery as there is
between Lavy and Dresden
at railroad speed.*
My idea would be to
return via Cormayeur
(on the opposite side of

Mont Blanc to Chamonix
(which I shall avoid) Aosta
Matterjoch Termatt (said to
be the finest scenery in
Switzerland) Val Auzasca
Lago Maggiore, Lago di
Como, and then Splügen
Furtenbach &c. & viâ Munich

I had hoped to spend
a day in Milan as it
is only an hour and a half
from Como by rail, but
now I suppose the time
will be too short for it.

Mr Apthorpe was wanting
me to accompany him
in some Alpine rambles

towards Monte Rosa and
Zermatt, and when I told
him of my intentions he
asked could we not meet anywhere
in September? He seemed
to have taken a fancy
to me ever since our walk
- and indeed ~~As~~ yet I have
not travelled with anybody
I liked so much. In fact
I shall be sorry to leave
Montreux, and still more
to leave the Appenzelers,
who I ~~should~~ say belong
(if there is such a thing) to
the old New England aris-
-tocracy.

As to money

As to money, I have at present
in gold & silver not counted
^ 30 ~~fr~~ Napoleons from
which I shall have to
disburse about 55 francs
for lodging here (11 days)
not more certainly. This
would leave about 27 Naps.
which reckoning at 10 francs
a day - and it not usually
so much - would last till
the 2nd week in October,
or at all events I should
pay till the 1st October.

My Keller is getting into
a very venerable condition
from having often got wet in
the pockets, sitting upon &c,
and I shall have to get some

small map of the Chambory
district as it has not got
it.

The Russian colonel and
wife who is here now is a
very pleasant person, he looks
exactly like uncle Irvine
in voice figure and ways
and ⁱⁿ ~~idea~~ is exactly like
him in face except for a
white moustache; he is
a great butterfly fancier,
so that we have now
four fanciers in the same
house, viz Mrs Apthorpe
and her son the colonel and
myself; is not that a great
collection?

As to French I can speak
a certain amount, enough
to ask questions and get what
I want in an hôtel but not
enough for anything like a
conversation. Withayer.

I never spoke anything else
(by the way the conversation
at Interlaken was entirely
German). I am not aware
of having made much progress
but I rather think I must
have made more than I am
~~am~~ aware of particularly
in writing it. Everyone tells
me that Italian is very easy
to speak and understand
and I wish I could pick

up a little. I think that
one half of the waiters in
the French, Switzerland must
be German, they seem all to
speak German and if you
ask them where they come
from it is generally Baden
or Württemberg.

I cannot say that I was
very sorry to leave Agnès,
- probably because I knew I
shall see him again at Dresden
but I always liked him and
the liking rather increased than
otherwise, but of all the people
I have yet met on the Continent
I like this Mr Apthorpe best.