

Please send some  
more stamps.

6 Blandford Place

~~NW.~~ Aug. 17/65

My dear Mamma,

Yesterday I called on Marshall  
but made nothing by it except  
finding out that he was not  
a person likely to be of the slight-  
-est use to me, and my opinion  
of him is, that in a small way,  
he is the greatest humbug  
I have come across this long time.

Afterwards I called on Forde  
who I liked very much, he has  
no work to offer now, but hopes  
that some of his Russian and  
German lines may go out when  
they get capital enough. He  
gave me an introduction to Vig-

-welles and also to a contractor named Crampton. Viguelles is out of town this week and Crampton was not at home when I called so I have those introductions still to present. I called on Venker this morning but did not find him so I shall call again tomorrow. I called on Harris P. to day and he said he could get me an introduction to a Mr. Chaize (or Cheyne?) and could further me in getting some more if I knew of anything definite to ask for. I thought it well to let him know what I was about and he was, as ever, kind and thoughtful

giving me some hints which had not occurred to me.

Is the Mr. Hore who shot himself the one we know?

Yesterday evening we went over the works of the North London Extension from Liverpool Street to Islington, they are nearly finished now, the station at Liverpool St. will be one of the largest in London. I send a copy of J. F.'s letter, which you might send to uncle Joe. I like Blairs better and think it is the more useful of the two, however it is well to have both.

It is quite possible that I may not leave J. F. at all, as, if the

Bridgworth Linc goes on, or any  
fresh work turns up, I expect  
from what he said that he will  
give me £100 per. ann. and keep  
me on, but there is no certainty  
regarding the Bridgworth business  
and I have little faith in it.

On Wednesday evening Bob and I  
went to one of Mellons Concerts in  
the Opera House Covent Garden,  
the pit <sup>and stage</sup> is all boarded over and  
forms the "promenade" (1/-) the rest  
of the house is more: the music  
was excellent and the place crowded,  
they are all the rage now.

I wish you would get and send me  
on Saturday a P. O. O. for £5 in  
case we should start for Wales on  
Wednesday as Bob wishes to do; I don't  
expect J. F. will let us off so soon.  
7. 2. P.