

On board the Defiance
Berkham to Cardiff

Aug 24/65

My dear Mamma

We left London on Tuesday evening
and got to Salisbury at 8 p.m.
and put up at the White Hart.

Salisbury is changed since I
was there last as they have got new
drainage works and all the
running water that used to be
so nice has been covered in.

On Wednesday morning it was an
even downpour with no signs of
a change, but under the protection
of our plaid and macintosh we
did the Cathedral. The ~~last~~
restoration of the Chapter House has

just been completed and is very
gorgeous. I think it is the finest
piece of restoration I have seen yet.
At noon the sun came out
and we started for Old Sarum
and Stonehenge, it came on to
heavy showers and then rain soon
after we had ~~left Stonehenge~~
Old Sarum which is the largest
piece of ancient earthwork I know
and occupies a very remarkable
situation. It is 9 miles to
Stonehenge and it was tremendous
rain most of the time, however
it cleared up before we got there
and we had fine weather the rest
of the evening. Stonehenge is

less in extent than I had expected
but the size of the stones is very
great. Salisbury plain is not
very level - rolling like prairie.
We had a smart walk back, got our
dinner at the Station where there
is a very good dining room,
It we got off by the 6.30 train
and reached Glastonbury at 9.30
where we slept. There is a capital
old hotel there and it looks
an interesting place, however
as our train left at 8.15 this
morning we could not see
the place as the Hotel people
were late and we could not
get our boots.

This is a lovely bright morning
and we are sitting perched up on
some chest on the fore part of
the steamer, which although
it is almost quite calm
somehow contrives to roll a
little. I shall post this
probably at Cardiff.

The Bristol ^{channel} is muddy as usual
but the coasts look
pretty this fine morning.

Your affectionate son
Francis E. Poudergast

I don't think I told you that
Marshall asked me to stop and
dine but I did not. A girl
has just begun playing a Welsh
harp on board and the Celtic fans
on board seem to light up.