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My dear Mamma

Our train arrived as usual 12 minutes behind time at Paddington but that did not matter much to me. I went to J.F.s at once and found all as usual. The berth Notcutt has got is on the Chatham Dockyard Extension he has indoor and outdoor work and gets £100 a year. I found a letter from Wynne here, he had been over to Ireland for a weeks holiday. I called on some

engineers but did not find any one at home. I met Forde here; he told me he was going abroad in a few days but of course I did not ask him what for. I dined at Bibras and took tea at Gatti's, both places I think are improved since last year. I have got a bedroom on top floor in 23 Northumberland St (where I was before) for 10/6 a week. I tried at Mrs Hitts but she was full.

This morning I breakfasted here, tea, toast, cold meat, 1/6, all of course nice as nice can be. A plain breakfast is 1/-.

The library on first floor is now finished and is fitted up as the general sitting and reading room, it is a fine handsome room but I liked the smoking room upstairs better, which is now bereft of papers and given up to the smokers. I see few members about the house. To day I saw Glover (Crouches friend); he was very civil but knew of nothing now. Yesterday J.F. gave me a letter to Baldry (Fowlers head man) but I got no satisfaction out of him.

To day I called on Scully and found Sir M. Sausse with him – just come home, retired on full pay. Scully was friendly as usual. Sir M. S. asked after Papa and offered to do anything he could for me in the way of introductions. He does not look much the worse of the climate. When Papa is writing to Lord Gort next I wish he would mention that I am looking for work. Does Lord Charlemont know any engineer I wonder? His name would be worth something. No news of W. P. P. Scully wants to know if Papa got a note from him via Vincent, and if so, why he has not answered it.

your affectionate son
Francis E. Prendergast.