

Rome. May 8<sup>th</sup> 1800.

Darling in heaven, thank to me that you should  
suffer Mrs. Whitwell to make terms, about your  
staying for a more days in Paris. That it shall  
be cut off from this or that sojourn. so as not  
to our Switzerland short. One month in Switzerland  
is all you want & six weeks is all you want in  
England Scotland & Ireland. so that you will  
have plenty of time for Paris before sailing.

I shall leave London the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> of June. so you  
will have to the middle of July for your English  
tour. to the middle of August for your Swiss tour  
& that will leave you a fortnight in Paris previous  
to sailing the 5<sup>th</sup> of September. surely that will  
suffice. & I do not think you are doing quite  
justice to your father's confidence in you when  
you suffer Mrs. Whitwell to interfere in the  
slightest manner with your plans. I saw all  
the winter that much of the feeling & indisposition  
was patronage of me by Walter. & what you  
have now told me in your two last letters con-  
vinces me that I was right. My giving myself  
upright trouble to make out your list of  
names was from no gratification to myself

but to save you all trouble & loss of time - I  
fix'd your arrival & departure & left no room  
for indifferences which seem'd to me on  
all accounts necessary. The remarks with  
regard to your dear friend Miss Cushman are  
simply womanish spite & you should not suffer  
me to irritate you. Simply say "I am going to do  
this & that. after consulting with Mary. you are  
not abroad for Miss Whitwells pleasure - but  
she is abroad for your convenience." which  
changes the case very much. In purpose leaving  
here on the afternoon of the 12<sup>th</sup> - sleeping at Lint  
Ischia - leaving that place on the 13<sup>th</sup> - if there is  
a storm we shall certainly not go. but wait for  
the steamer of the 16<sup>th</sup> - which would bring us  
to Paris on the 18<sup>th</sup> at the latest. It does not  
depend upon my self transfer - but on the storm.  
The moon changes on the 12<sup>th</sup>. so we expect very  
good weather - we shall see. Hoping to get to  
Paris on the 15<sup>th</sup> Hoping to hold you in my  
arms on that or any day after I live. I do not  
think Miss anybody could force me away  
from any city without seeing me if you were  
expected there in the course of a week. Miss  
Whitwell is able to <sup>part with</sup> ~~send~~ you away. She will be  
stronger than I think. & you. has claim than

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usual. I cannot do more what you want  
done in three days. Besides you can learn certain  
anctions then - for work to be finished and  
made for me - so that you stay in August  
will not necessarily be so long. But as you  
will. I shall do my utmost to get to Paris by  
the night of the 15<sup>th</sup>. If I do not - it will not be  
my fault. - Your dear letter from Brunat & Du  
Roi has reached me still in an unmistakable  
of your son. Bless you both for all things!  
I am so proud to love the little Mark Edward  
ring. of course it would not be safe in the post  
although there is no Post Office rule about it. The  
letter carriers are too ruddy here & elsewhere  
perhaps it was stolen at the Hotel in Bern.  
I am quite sorry to lose any of my darling's  
love gifts. I will make all enquiries at the Post.  
I am so glad you are getting on so well without a  
single complaint. but I might have known my ~~work~~ that  
my son would have been polite & kind to my  
darling. How will you manage with Ned of the  
honorable with you. It will <sup>the latter</sup> spare you like a lyre.  
Though I cannot see when he should be allowed  
to protect you any more than Ned. Ned will be  
madfully jealous you will see. but you must  
tell him to be polite & not make an enemy  
of the Duke. but seem to be more <sup>attentive</sup> polite to Mary  
than to you. — If you are compelled to travel

Paris before we do. you will be doing some  
looking forward to my joining you again  
then. so you will have two opportunities  
getting me. I shall be in America we will  
meet again. God bless you my sweet one  
I am anxious so anxious to see you. but  
shall do as you please to be established.  
You let us seem to promise that. Remember  
in cannon or too guarded. for you have  
jealous eyes upon me. I have received  
word this winter from Mrs. Stebbins  
that I should be joined to awaken it.  
we must be prudent. but shall be happy  
to see you. I love you I love you as you  
have me. Aunt Anna is in bed with  
she has been laid up for 40 hours with  
severe face ache. from cold. we walked  
the fields to St. Peter on Sunday & she had  
cold from sitting in a draught after. She is  
dreadful for she is anxious to get some  
thing before going away. which this illness  
renders impossible. Rome is literally swarming  
every body from. yesterday had been riding with  
Mrs. Townsend & her brother. borrowing down with  
me this morning. God bless you your darling  
dear