

Christiania
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Dear L.,

Last evening at 8 o'clock found us back after a very delightful but rough and tiresome round to our Starting point. [Yours] of 3th, 8th, and 15th July awaited us as well as Dora's of the 10th and we have had a regular revel in home news. And today are employed in rereading [talking?] and resting after the hard travel of the first night. Your letters are most satisfactory, and the cappings much to the point.

Above all we rejoice that Dora Yourself and the children are all well and happy +having a good Summer in spite of heat, I am delighted about your selling the bricks, and hope the loss is not more than \$2500 for you; Don't be Sanguine about [French claims], nor let yourself be disgusted about them. At any rate any more than you can possibly help.

Will's proposition [dine?] with his uncle was the height of impudence.

I am glad You get the \$5000 Lehigh Valley Loan. I see how quickly it was all absorbed. I suppose Nothing more has been paid off as you make no mention of it. I have drawn £160 + £120 I supposed they have been presented some time ago. I shall probably want more in a few days.

Our drive in Norway has been a Success. Weather favored us. It was cold, very cold. All the thick things we had in [requisition?], with the exception of about two days, my overcoat has been upon my back every day [inserted above] with that exception [/insert] Since leaving Sandy Hook. The journey was made up of 200 miles of rail, 500 on Steamers through Lakes, and up the coast and 300 miles in [carioles?] and calèche. The driving by Port [Horses?] sleeping at Port Stations.

The fjord Salmon=, salmon [lunch?] , Reindeer, cheese, Milk Coffee Hot [bread?] etc. The Scenery in places very grand. The [Romsdal?] and [Doverfjeld?] rather disappointing but the Fjords + coastline very impressive. At Molde Nearly as far North as [Thronjhem?] there was no Night at 2 ½ Am. There was a bright glow in the sky and you can make out to read.

To-Morrow Monday we go on to Stockholm + spend two or three days there, + then on to St. Petersburg reaching there I think on Friday or Saturday Aug 1 or 2nd and then on to Moscow but I can't work it out beyond that.

Mama stands the journey remarkably well and seems to enjoy it. The 300 miles of driving due North hurt her back.

Much love to Dora & the children. Give them a Kiss all round.

Affe
RML

Just returned from a Norwegian Lutheran Service + Sermon of nearly an hour in length.