

St. Petersburg  
Aug 5/90

Dear Larry

We reached here on Sunday at noon. A journey of about 42 hours from Hockholm in a very good steamer, the DobeIn, stopping at Helsingfort + having a good look at [erondstadt?] the fortifications of which disappointed me considerably. Yours of the 18th awaited us and that of the 22nd was received yesterday. I feared the house might be unequal to your requirements and

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the change must add greatly to your comfort. Poor Charlton Henry what a very sad way for a man to have his last days as clouded as you describe him, I trust Will will next fall in my way. His vagaries are beyond belief. I have drawn £160, £120 as London & Christiania opens here. £100 -- probably will be drawing again in a few days.

I am seizing the present moment to write you. The rest of the party have gone up to the top of St. Isaacs.

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I drew the line there. Some 600 steps! were too much for me. We lunch today with Mr Wurtz at the [Legation?]. He is getting passes for us to visit the Winter Palace. The Hermitage we accomplished yesterday. It is grand beyond expression. And the churches in mosaics and jewels fairly take your breath away.

Our present arrangement is to stay here until Thursday evening and reach [Moscow] on Friday morning, on reaching there I shall be governed by what I hear about going to Nijni.

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I have arranged to be at Ober-Ammergau on the 24th + the ride from Moscow to Munich will be a long one. I suppose we will go via Moscow, Cracow, Vienna. I will write you about plans after that further on.

Mama + Anna keep very well. The former surprised me very much by making the climb to the top of St. Isaac's. I am getting on well the hard work of sightseeing keeps us pretty tired all the time. The [Dorman] mortgage & Brooks mort.e are not the same. The Brooks consists of 2 morts, \$11,500 in all., I have no doubt they will pay up all right.

Much love to Dora] + the children we all long to see you very much.

Affly [sic] RML

12 ½ they have just come in from the Dome. Well tuckered out.