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My dear friend

I have not only a great respect for  
you, and for your time & for <sup>your</sup> patience —

On this account I have not troubled  
you with enquiries - I learnt from the  
newspaper that you, and Miss Portman  
were abroad and well -

I have now to bore you, with the enclosed  
note, which I have received this morning -  
What could Don Carlos know, more than  
I do - I don't say more than you, because  
you know everything -

Here we have been since the 10<sup>th</sup> of Sep.  
We passed a fortnight with Lady  
Colville, at her pretty home - the weather was  
frightfully hot - and Edythe became so  
poorly that we moved into Edinburgh to  
consult a certain D<sup>r</sup>. Keith, whom you

William Gull wished her to consult —  
Under his care, we remained a month — and  
then came here.

I cannot tell you how wonderfully she  
improved here. In four & twenty hours she  
was well — The improvement has continued  
and I shall remain here, as long as the  
weather will permit —

I saw in the newspaper, that Lord Jernyngham  
was prevented attending the Balthus dinner  
given by the Lord Mayor, by a domestic  
calamity — I cannot learn what it was —  
You will easily believe I have no news —  
Almost all those we knew are gone. The  
Boughtons — the Kincaids — Professor Knight  
from St. Andrews, he is the Secretary to the  
Wordsworth Society — and others unknown to fame —

I see more Carlyle — Are not Eight Volumes  
rather too much —

My love to Miss Bowring — I trust you have  
brought her home quite strong.

I see Mr. C. is bringing out a book —

What a clever woman she is — How much

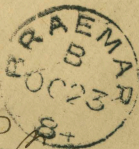
She Excuse. How much she thinks of.

Yr faithful old admirer.

Drum. B. Procter

Poor lady Lindsay - She has been moved  
twice in search of quiet -

Not to be forwarded



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