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London 4th February, 1839

Monday Morning, 8 o'clock.

I think I shall have an opportunity, my dearest friend, of sending my letters to Liverpool to-night, for tomorrow's packet. I have therefore snatched a little time to continue these sheets, and send them by this packet; which I am anxious to do to apprise you that by the next vessels ~~that~~ I expect to send parcels. By the Great Western, which is to leave here the 23rd inst. (tho. she has not yet arrived from New York) I hope to send a very small parcel, with which I intend to trouble Mr. Booth (brother of Dr. B.) who expects to return home by her. By the London packet of the 15th I hope to dispatch a box or two of plants, books &c. of which you will be duly apprised. They will be sent to Wiley & Putnam's Broadway.

My expectation is to leave here on Saturday (as there is no boat for Boulogne direct ~~before~~ Thursday) go down to Canterbury, stay over Sunday, ^{except on} and go down to Dover on Monday Morning in time for the daily boat to Boulogne. But I shall have to work monstrously hard to accomplish my undertakings here in time.

I must now give you my plan for the Continent. I shall shorten my stay in Paris as much as possible. DeCandolle is expected there in April and I shall try to meet him, if he comes early enough. My future route is settled by conversations with Bertham who has prepared copious notes for me, and is to give me letters as far as I may need. I shall not expect to hear from you at Paris except by letters already sent to that place. Let me desire you to send letters to me, up as late as the Havre packets of the first of July, to Geneva, addressed to the care of Hentsch & Co. Bankers of that place. All the month of August please send by Havre and Hamburg vessels to Hamburg care of Parist & Co. On the first September please write me again to London (where I hope (D.V.) again to be about the last of that month, - I fear I cannot be there sooner) From Paris my plan is this. - Chalons, Steamboat to Lyons - to Arignas, - by Rives to Montpellier & Marseilles. Steamboat to Genoa, Leghorn, Rome, - Then Florence, Bologna Padua, Venice,

Trieste, Israte, Vienna. Thence by a part of the Great
Saltway to Munich, by ~~the~~ Innsbruck and the
Grand Pass of the Stelvio to Milan. Over the
St. Gothard to Lucerne, taking in the Oberland part
of Switzerland on my way to Geneva, - a separate excursion
to Chamouni & perhaps to the Great St. Bernard. From
Geneva, by Schaffhausen to Tubingen, Burenberg
Dresden - Leipzig, Halle, Potsdam - Berlin -
to Hamburg. - Back to Pyrmont (Scientific meeting for 1839)
- Göttingen, Cassel, Frankfurt, Heidelberg, Mannheim
Steam down the Rhine, Mayence, Coblenz, Bonn,
Cologne, Rotterdam, Leyden to London. There is
a route for you. I do not expect to be here again,
and I hope to accomplish this. I would like to return
to you before autumn, but I must try to accomplish
this first. I shall be as expeditious as possible, and once
home will not run away again. I hear

I hear no more of Princeton, so I expect that is
given up for the present. Do let me know where
and how you are to pass the summer, that I may
imagine when you are always.

Love to the girls, and kindest regards to all the
Houschold, and last not least, tho. he be smallest,
kiss little Herbert for me for whom my love is not
small. Adieu, in great haste - your ever
attached & devoted
A. Gray

Mrs. Torrey

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