

Miss Ashmun

The Hollis Wash Duty Liverpool
June 11th 1839. June

Dear friend

Your kind note of the 8th inst^o proceeded from my home in London. Came to hand this morning. It conveyed a reproach to me for I have been in receipt of your former note from Naples for a week & have failed to send the letter to Mr Rodpre as I ought to have done. But I have had so much confusion & distractions & trouble. I hope in view of your importance, or I shall take more shame to myself than I can throw off until I get your kind assurance of forgiveness. I know that my delay has injured none. You see I do not question your kindness by asking you for forgiveness. I know you will make all allowances for me.

I ought to have thanked you for your kindness in attending to my wishes in the matter of the Steamers place from Naples to Marseille. I ought to have acknowledged through Mr Stone the receipt of Mrs Kipling's letter. I have left undone the things which I ought to have done and — been quite

The reverse! how you thank Mrs Bigelow
for her letter which was such a kind as it
could be. I will thank her myself at as early
day. Meanwhile will you kindly tell her that
the wretched Italian who promised to make
the scarfs by Prozia did nothing of the sort
& made me nothing which he had promised:
perhaps if I had remained later in the season
after the hurry was over I should have accom-
plished these & many other things. but my
sudden recall - at last - threw all sorts of
things behind hand. I will get them for her
in October next & shall have them faithfully
if I "perish on the attempt." - You kindly ask
me of our plans - which have been somewhat
disarranged. I hope to get back to my own home
in London on Monday¹³ then to remain until
the middle of August - when I again come here
to be with my mother & the friends our friends
then before going again abroad. I hope to be in
Paris sometime in September & shall trust to
for a little trip into Switzerland before proceeding
to Italy for Emma's next year's work - which
promises well for her. The photograph of her
little figure of the "Ginny" has met with great
approbation at home. & Mr. H. has
from her a much finer order. & with this has

Come great Encouragement & faith. Truly does well
for me to be thought well of. No. dear friend we
did not see the "Evening Post" containing that
letter. Mr. Ripston shall cut it out & send it to
1. Brolton Row May Fair London. perhaps by Mr
Ston & I will send it back to you in safety. I wish
you had taken it into your wise head to run
on to London on Wednesday with your wife
Emma Stebbins & a dear Boston friend of mine
Mr. Thayer - to see the great race at Ascot on Thurs-
-day night - the Queen's day. when she drives from
Bridson - up the course to her grand stand to see
this famous & Elephant race. My friend by purpose
doing the affair in the most democratic or Repub-
-lican of ways - viz. going down quietly in the morning
by the 10 o'clock train - getting a place on the grand stand
quietly & then getting back to town in the same im-
-pretending way - What say you will you come?
You can be back in Paris on Friday evening. I accom-
-plished "much in little". Then the great Handel
Festivals is in the following week. The first day of
which will be a thing of this century to see & hear.
Will you come? We shall be so glad to welcome
you. Ask the Misses to spare you for a little!

Truly do hope this Emperor will prove himself
the great man I believe him Capable of being, if
they will only suffer him to carry out his best
intentions - but you may make the best man
bad - by constantly doubting his honesty.

If he helps Slaves to their freedom - with no
intention of pain to himself or family further
than through the marriage of his Cousin to the
poor little Sa'diana and child princess. he will bear
a name greater than Washington or Statesman
& Humanitarian. Already has he proved himself
a greater Statesman than any man living. I doubt
much if he is not the greatest genial living. & will
prove himself of the European power as not become
rivals of him - as soon, already - & endeavor to
undermine him as they see his weakness - fearing to
allow too great a fame for France to build a future
upon. And surely the French are vain enough already.
Poor Caurobert? I hope this news is not true - but
I fear! - Have you met a very nice American who
is living, this ~~month~~ ^{summer} in Paris. Mr Galtman of Penn-
-su. I hear there are so many nice Americans in
Paris. I was so glad to see dear good Harry Stone
he is a piece of good fellows. Hoping to see you
before September somewhere & some how - wishing
dear Mrs. Bigelow all sorts of good in the coming
year of trial. Hoping to hear as soon as possible
after the war - whether I am "an uncle or an
aunt" - with our mutual kind love to you both
Believe me ever faithfully & affectionately
Your Christian friend
John C. Brown