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My dearest Arthur,

I am filling up a chunk of time tonight to say that an expected letter which will determine all our plans for next week has not arrived this morning - but I fully imagine all will be straight & I can give final news before this goes tomorrow but I can now tell you at once how matters stand with us. We propose, D.V. reaching the Bedford Hotel next Tuesday afternoon - spending Wed<sup>s</sup> in town, where we have lots to do - going down by invitation to Wimbledon Park House on Thursday afternoon - to our dear niece's at Chislehurst on Sat<sup>s</sup> staying there till Mond<sup>s</sup> <sup>on Tuesday</sup> going back to the Bedford by getting home on Wed<sup>s</sup> on Thursday as business may be got through. In the which intervals we hope we may see something of you, & have some of our pleasant chats together. Meanwhile - as usual - I am going to trace you with me on two questions which I earnestly hope will not give you much trouble & which you need not answer - if you care to answer them at all - till you can do so "by word of mouth".

1. There was a certain Act of Philip and Mary, requiring the Mustering of the Trained Bands, and imposing a fine for absence from such musters. Can you give me the date of the year? —

2. Do you happen to know any of the Charity Com -