

the hall and on the stairs, that eventful evening, Tuesday
July 18. 1865. - I want to see you in the same position
again under a very different aspect. I am delighted at
the thought of having a Photog. of your rooms, so we shall
then be able to imagine you in them, & that will be very
pleasant, for you seem quite to belong to us now, in some
shape. Do not forget that you promised me a Photo of
Swancombe. The little Fern you sent is planted & looks
very flourishing in the greenhouse - it is pleasant to
think that I have got some little living thing that
you have given us. I wonder whether your book (The
Duke of Manchester's Court be.) was the same I read last
year - which of course interested me, so my Grandmother
was a Mortgagor. - How can you ask me for advice about
Cromwell, when I behaved so very shamefully to you on that
very subject! Please to remember that I only felt vexed
that one I loved so much should think so differently from
me & my belongings. I could admire the good parts of
Cromwell as well as you, and when I was your age
I thought him perfection - but I found out the shield
had two sides - & my reverence for the Bible led me
to feel that however wrong Charles might have been -
and I know he was - the safest side is even that of o-
bedience to Him who has bid us be subject to the higher

papers. Do I may understand that as far as we are con-
cerned we shall love you all the same whatever your views
may be on that point. - About Guizot, I hear from my
learned companion, the senion of this house, that he has
not seen that part of ~~the~~ his history of the English
Civil War - but that he considers him a very fair and
truthful writer, and always worthy of attention, though
he thinks he has hardly done Richard Cromwell
(whose life he has) justice. When you come here at
Xmas - which of course you will do! - please to bring
Guizot with you, as we have not read it. & then you shall
look over Rich^d Cromwell's papers with my father. -

About the Moon - You have highly honoured the dirty
disc (not dish!) by framing it. - it is very pleasant to
me to think that you appreciate & so fully enter into my
husband's tastes & pursuits. - I have not done with
you get about the vignetting - if you have an opportunity in
London will you ask if it is possible to get rid of the
background in Louisa's portrait - she unfortunately sat at
the side instead of the centre, & so the porch is brought
in, which I detest, ~~there is~~ such a demand
for their photos amongst our neighbours
I am sure that I want to send you a good one.
When you write next, please after the
1st direct to us at "The Lady Emily
Harding, Elmwood, Stratford on Avon

Mon. after the 9th to "W^{rs} Stackhouse
Acton, Acton Scott, near Church
Stratton" where we shall remain a
week. We are likely to go from
Stratford to the British Ass^l Meeting
for 2 days, & I dare say we shall
be writing to you from there, but
always bear in mind that it would
make me unhappy if I thought our
writing to you prevented you from
~~doing~~ your work, & I trust to your friends
to say so. Your excellent mother might
well send us a letter of reproof if
we interfered with duty, & upon the
same principle you must not if you
love us worry yourself to write to us,
much as we prize your letters &
value your welfare in your College life
as none. Thank you for your kind offer of doing any
thing for us in London - we have nothing at present. If your Fa-
ther in Oct. would be so very kind as to receive our little dividend
of sh. he is quite obliged. - Do you ever look at Goulburn? I think
he is very fair. I am going to look at (may I understand it?)
Day's's Genesis & Geology. - My Father & my
dear Mother (who has been helping
me to write) write in kindest love
& believe that I am always your
very affectionate & faithful friend
H. M. Webb -
Sandwich Aug 24

My husband gave this to me
& I shall give it to you because
I think you worthy of it. In
my mind it is invaluable
being the original ^{done by his own hand} of the
first Map of the Moon
published in the *Philosophical Transactions*

Mappe Selennographica -
Politica et Topologica, in 4 Sectionibus -
But mind he does not get for John
manuscript instead - because he has
been getting that necessarily in at least
3 people, & it will run in his head - that
in chronological matter in chronological

Thank you very much my
dear friend for your loving
letter just come in. But if
you love me don't sit up till
2 o'clock to anybody.

The bookseller is an ass. -
Ask Bumpous, 6, Holborn
Bars to send for Beer &
Mädler (turn back anywhere)

Thank you very much for
your friend's letter in regard of
the book we sent out of the

Mappa Selenographica -
published at Berlin, in 4 Sections. -

But mind he does not get your former
man's Map instead - because he has
been getting that recrully for at least
3 people, & it will run in his head - which
in astronomical matters is shallowish -

E.g. I was positive to that somebody had
come to him to enquire whether he had sold
his Map of the Moon - he replied No but
he had got the Ordnance Map of
the Moon! nevertheless give him a cor-
rect title, & he will do well by you. -

Whereas we are all off to the Black Mountain
 the old guide has but a minute or two to tell you we
 wish you were of the party - 'tis a splendid day -
 My wife sends you some better photographs than we
 get satisfied with her paper for printing - a speci-
 men of Photographed Fern, among them, & she wishes
 have your opinion as to whether such things (i.e. a little
 book containing 2 or 3 doz. of them) w^d. be likely well
 for charity - ~~the~~ She was very much disappointed by your
 kind letter which has been a great comfort to us, &
 she understands things much better now - she always
 has letters don't interrupt x+y - if so you must
 stop there.

With a best love to kids & up for yr little
 pupils
 your affectionate
 D. W. Webb.

be on the whole when a better agent of you
 I am Mother.

Please tear up the old photos of the
 children my niece now you have
 a better, I wish you more with us to
 on the B. Mountain