

Malta March 31 1841

My dear Madam,

This present is at the request of Mr Hill and
 one which I take great pleasure in complying with and to acquaint
 you with the ~~arrival~~ of Mr. Gynaud informed me on the 27th of
 the 28th of the arrival of the French Gun Steamer and that Mr Hill and
 Miss Mulligen were on board. On the following day I accompanied
 the Misses Gynauds & their brother to the Lazzaretto to pay them a visit.
 the pleasure of which was enhanced by seeing your sister in improved
 health, which I think may be attributed wth to the short sea voyage from
 Gyra to this. Ought we not to feel encouraged to hope by the blessing of
 God for a still further improvement if not a complete restoration of her
 health when she shall have reached her destined haven. On the 27th
 I had the pleasure of another visit in company with Mrs Todd & Miss
 Gliddon daughters of our much esteemed Consul John Gliddon Esq of
 Cairo. I was sorry to find your sister complaining of a slight affection
 of pain in her side. The English Steamer "Oriental" did not arrive
 untill the night of the 29th. I called yesterday morning at the
 Lazzaretto but they had left to go on board. As all communication
 is prohibited with the Steamer & the weather proving too inclement
 I was prevented from paying my parting respects. You

will have doubtless see this received intelligence that a war
threatens between our beloved country & England. God grant
that it may be averted. This intelligence operated for the moment
to deter Mr. Hill from prosecuting his voyage further. But at length
determined upon going at least as far as England.

I am now waiting in the most painful suspense for the next tidings
from home to enable me to decide upon my basis of travel. I have
prolonged my stay here principally with a view to marry off the winter
and thutly this island is more eligible over any other spot in the
South of Europe as a winter residence. No place can boast of a greater
equanimity of temperature.

I have to inform you that Capt. Graves this lady are daily expelled
from England.

I must now close this for the London Steamer waiting to depart
but before doing so I must beg that you will remember me kindly
to your sister Mrs. Upton the husband. Miss Baldwin. the Miss Walsh's
the friends to all inquiring friends. And accept for yourself my
dear madam the assurance of sentiments of the most profound esteem
with which I remain
Your truly
Henry P. Humphrey

Mr. Hill

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At 4 past 4 o'clock Hill. I have just returned from along side
the "Occidental" but did not see Mr. Hill they being at dinner. I
despatched two messengers to the dining cabin but I regret to add resulted
in my not seeing them. The Steamer got under way at 4 o'clock
P.M. & perhaps in you receive this she will have arrived in England



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