

I did not make a bad shot
when I picked him out at
the Piræus - It was a new
chance selection but I thought
he looked a likely fellow to
make way for me -

I returned via Trieste, Venice,
Milan, & Como, & over the
Sklügen but of course I
was making a very hurried
& fatiguing journey - I was
at home in 31 days and
6 hours after leaving it -
I rejoice very much that I
made it by God's blessing
in safety, I feel it to be

as the important element -
That people will learn in the
sequel it strikes me that
the whole question of slavery
must be put upon a new
footing - Not that I can form
any opinion as to the merits
or the necessity of black labour
in the South - I am quite
ready if they please to assume
it to be indispensable - But
one man selling another like
a beast must degrade the
seller - We suffered for it
fearfully and do suffer now
& shall suffer -

a great acquisition, professing
as well as otherwise -

I read our Newspapers with
anxious eyes as regards the
American war; I look upon
it with very great interest
and consider its results to
be of immense importance.

Whatever may be the opinion
in that country as to the
nature of the war, I have
never yet seen any great
event in it, and do not
expect to see any where;
the black man does not enter

Fancy so short a time ago as
Genl Whitfield such a man as
he was making an inventory of
Colonial Possessions and putting
slaves between his carts and
his cattle - and then turning
round & preaching the Gospel to
the Methodists -

I have been very busy for three
last two months for my Cord
-futon have been taking holiday
and only rejoin me to day -
London has been very empty which
means that the rich go and
the poor are on our hands -
Now with very many thanks and
with kindest remembrance to Mrs Hill
and with many apologies that
I have been so slow in answering I am
Yrs &c truly Jno: Preston.

October 5th 1861 -
 10. Stanley Street Eccleston Square
 Pimlico S.W. London

Dear Sir

I think you must have frequently looked upon me as a very shabby fellow for not having written to tell you all about myself - a long time since - I have not forgotten your kindness nor the letter which I owe you in return for that wh is now before me.

I sh^d tell you that I called upon Mr Stanley and have left yr letter and Mr Sellers Book - There with a note fr myself to Dr Stanley telling him the why & the wherefore.

Dr Stanley of course I did
not expect to find in a long
vacation and unfortunately
I had no Oxford acquaintances
to whom to send the Book
tho I procured at once altho
it lay packed all ready for
more than a fortnight on
my Table. You will I fancy
have seen Dr Stanley himself
since I left - His mother told
me that he was on a trip
to Mount Athos with W G
Clark of Trinity Cambridge.
He will pass by Athens - I feel
sure you will not be surprised
that I have not seen him

I did hear a something against
this Boat before but they said that
the regular Boat was taken off
by reason of the King's voyage to
Europe - At all events the size
of it is quite insufficient -
I was quite knocked up by
the time I got to Patras and
remained below till I got to
Corfu - Then I got medical advice
but I was queer even at Corfu
profuse perspiration under the
heat made me drowsy and
quaky but I righted again
when I got home -

Alexandro was quite up to his
work tho' his terms are high
and we have been exorbitant
had it not been for you -