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Buxton
Aug 18

Dear Alice
 We have been some 2 days at these
 baths with the hopes of benefiting me which I
 have not yet abandoned, tho I have not much
 benefited. I have now been three years plagued with
 Rheumatism & latterly it has affected my spirit in
 a most appreciable degree. Selma is also suffering
 in some small degree but as no lameness as I have
 we were indeed surprised to find Wm & Frederica in
 England & still more so that notwithstanding my very
 explanatory letter they went by the Atholstone sta-
 tion to sleep at Liverpool, some time I suppose
 this little mystery will be explained, but I am
 sorry they exposed themselves to unnecessary fa-
 tigue & probably somewhat increased rather than
 diminished the expense of the journey. However
 Frederica writes a flourishing account of her sister
 & family so it is all very well. I trust I shall

May be flourishing thro' that wonderful means I
cannot imagine. I see that the new Government
College at Welfost is just opened I hope it may
not effect the Presbyterian one to which I suppose
he belongs. How he managed to exchange his
Scottish college for this I do not understand he
was certainly lucky or well advised for the Free
School is becoming poorer. now the first zeal in
cooling & the mercantile difficulties have very
thinned people's pockets besides the failure of potatoes
in the highlands. There seems not the slightest
chance of any compromise at present
we are beginning a fine harvest & in better spi-
rits but there must be severe suffering among
the landed interest, in the autumn & winter
rents lowered & many not employed among the
labouring class. money is plentiful in the city
for every one is afraid of speculating & even
the cholera tho' not general adds to the rest

of the melancholy influences, & clogging of the wheels of
affairs under almost all circumstances
I was very sorry to see so little of Peirce & his presence
not come. My he continued. Peirce's presence
not I don't know how I expect very shortly
he seems quite content with the letter at least
abstracted from Palmerston & is going quietly
to Peirce in October. Not a contrast they will
have in the climate & people. But it will
there was not outbreak about it & a strong
& debate however brilliant would have been
from compensation for a rupture with one party
on ground which would not have pleased the
other - In consequence of the wretched state of the
ministry Palmerston stands high with the Liberals
I hope you have shade enough now, to escape
some of the heat. I wish we could borrow some
I shall be much interested in hearing how you
get on with Wyse & how he gets on. I sh^d expect
that he will chiefly look to a quiet life &

& the three ladies yours ever faithfully
C. H. Gracebridge
Green slipped away sadden before I could
answer his letter, being here home



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interfere as little as possible. while he employs him
self in what excites his private interests & tastes
pray put off Water & keep him quiet. it is im
possible I can make any new arrangement yet
I have not been able to answer Black et Al
Pray tell him with my best regards
believe me with kind wishes to yourself