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Dear friends

I have been very neglectful as to news  
 sending. your letter was so good that the Times  
 consented to put it in with a preface - & I am  
 sure it was the very best way of getting funds. Mr  
 Robert Ingham has thus behaved as our cause for  
 word as well as Bishop of Manchester & Lord Lindsay  
 though we were obliged to wait till the birth  
 of the general is over. You can now draw on  
 me or use my money as far as 3000 Roubles  
 I think we can hardly get less. I have begun to cir-  
 culate your letter & in the form of a note & by next  
 week they will be all out with 2 advertisements  
 in the Times - The paper was sent you two days since  
 I was glad to hear from <sup>you</sup> ~~you~~ that something was already  
 begun for repairs - we were obliged to alter one or two  
 words in your letter & leave out the same named, with  
 a latent hope of getting more. In the railings 21 tonight  
 all interest is absorbed in Disraeli's speech already we hear

he has been speaking 2 hours - I am advised  
by Mr Knowles Sec. to write to the Bishop of  
Gibraltar to recommend a small ground  
in order to avoid any discussion about it, wh<sup>o</sup>  
by this post I hope to get £10 that way  
I send you an illustrated news - nothing could be  
better managed or "performed" than the Great Duke's  
funeral - & the Performers were the Sovereign  
Consort the 1<sup>st</sup> Prince of the Blood the Bishops Peers  
House of Commons L<sup>d</sup> Chancellor & Judges the  
Generals & Army the elite of the nobility  
& Gentry the London House dwellers & the People  
of England all doing honor to the great Gentlemen  
& Nobles & sealing with their final  
dictum of applause the record of a life passed  
in the practical discharge of Duty & world  
wide known Patriotism. 3 miles nearly  
every window full - I stand outside the House  
& look the people 4 deep each side the street  
St Pauls made into an amphitheatre in  
the center of which was the grave surrounded

of stools in which sat the sobbing grey headed  
veterans - of all the thanks Napier the most  
striking - only 2 accidents no row I marched  
to & from St Pauls with the procession & was  
in the nave when the line of the dome fell across  
it by the last for first pensioner - & I never  
heard in the streets an oath or even an in  
jurious joke - The eve is much criticised  
too many cooks all at the dinner one -

we are full of N O M of <sup>Pitcairns</sup> St Caesars island  
was ordained Tuesday & was on 17 to his  
170 he has been their prophet 25 years  
& now can give them the Sacrament  
I will send you the book when finished  
he is just the man you would fancy

Yours ever  
for much haste

(W Marshall)

we go home to my Schina well of 4 of

minutes of service



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