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To
George P. March

Theresa Smith
July 15th
1855

My dear Friend,

You will I know be very
anxious to hear about my poor
sister, she wrote a word to you herself
last week enclosing a letter which
had been written by my dear Brother
& which she passed in his writing-
case. I hope it will reach you safely.
Yes, this blow has fallen upon us,
how could we expect otherwise from
so many dangers from Political
Sword, how could we, except by a
miracle, expect to escape. Thanks for

for the service by which he has
lightened our sorrows - Early in the
day our Father, finding that he could
not possibly leave his post, came for a
day, gave us leave to go up to the
cannon to pay him a visit, we then
on board ship always either in
Hammish Bay or in Balaklava Harbor
& saw him almost daily, at first we
thought him looking very well, & were
quite surprised, knowing what duties
as well as privations he had gone
through during the Autumn & Winter,
he was really marvellously well, &

after the excitement of our first
arrival had gone off, he was more
languid & worn out with his work
than our child & I. Still it was a
very happy 5 weeks, how happy, for
who know & appreciate him, who
know how happy he & his wife were
together can imagine - a merciful
Providence lent us & kept us there,
a bright sun-set & such a good &
happy life - Many were taken ill
of Cholera, & almost all suffered from
diarrhea, so did he slightly, then
came the Broussard on the 17th

he had to sit out on the ground
L. Puffer from 3 to 4 p.m. of the
18th. Then came the disappointing
of the attack, then much harassing
writing work for him poor Charles
then on Thurs. 19th. During the day
I was in order to hurry the deed, he
thought he must go down into the
Trenches to get better acquainted
with the ground lately taken from the
English. On the Wed. he was very
but would not give up his writing
work which after an engagement was
very arduous, & on the Thurs. when
we reached the hut about 10 o'clock
in the morning we found him here

the Cholera had already begun,
for 3 days & nights we watched &
expected & prayed, until Sat. night
his pulse kept up, but then there
was a very heavy thunder-storm,
we could not keep the camp & great
change of atmosphere out of the
miserable wooden-huts, his pulse
weakened & on Sun. morning Feb
took him - Caro was able to write
him & the day last, she & I closed
those dear eyes & the next morning
we laid him in his last resting
place, how she has gone thro' it
all is a marvel, but she has & in

frailty of health she has not suffered
I hope - we had many kind friends
L. Taylor one of the most, until
he was taken ill, poor old man we
sent a respectable Dr. who carried him
off on the Thurs. after my dear Beth's
death. Caroline & I returned to this
pretty house / the one you wished
us to have / & here we think of remaining
until the 23rd when if all is well, we
purpose going by the steamer to
Trieste, & so to Venice & Milan into
Switzerland & there we shall perhaps
remain a few weeks to rest &

Gether strength & nerve for our
return to England - our idea is to
try, if we live, to get to 82 Palace
Lauren about October, if you know
write to us that would be our desire
late in October, I think Lausanne
will be our meeting place as long as
we stay in Switzerland - Now however
I am that I came on with my
poor Caroline, you said you would
not have her come alone, and
indeed it has been a year of trial
for I am sure beyond what any

of us anticipated, God has miraculously
helped us thro' days of anxiety and
trouble ^{myself} trust him for the future, thank
God as it seems to be. If I can
write with again from Lawrence
Ever J. J. J. J.

J. N. Burdick Esq.

Caroline's best love to you, thinking
she could have written but she
thought you would like best to
hear from me. - How is dear
W. March? we hope well. Take us a
great deal about yourselves.