

28 Jermyn St. London  
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My dear friend and ally,

Very often I have been intending to write to you, - first to learn how you made progress in your last summers excursions; but your little printed notice gave me a good account of that. Then I was to write you word what was the rate of fees that our chemists (of the Geological Institution) charge the public for analyses or assays. But here I had only to report that they have been unwilling to place the charge lower than private chemists in London, otherwise they would be exposed to the charge of unfairly endeavouring to cut them out.

But ever since Christmas we has been waiting from day to day to see what events would be brought on by the unprincipled



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breaking of peace in Italy. And I feel so  
strongly on the subject, I could wish to be worth  
1000 men and I would come over as a  
volunteer and fight for Oesterreich against  
the avin-spirious and mischief making legions  
who are treading your soil. But what have  
your officers been about? Why dont they contrive  
to catch Signor Garibaldi, and demolish one or  
two regiments of Zouaves, and they would  
not I think have much trouble with the rest.

I am very glad to see - in spite of the efforts of  
newspapers and our whig politicians, that among  
the body of our nation, there is a growing feeling  
of sympathy for the Austrians and dislike to the  
meddling French. It would have been much  
stronger but for that unfortunate 'concordat', which  
much estranges our people as well as North Germany.  
I knock that away and gain a good success over the  
enemy, and the old monarchic world stand high  
again in favour. I trust the national feeling  
is strong enough to strain every nerve to prevent your  
army from getting hemmed in on the East and



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West, and obliged to surrender at discretion,  
which people are absolutely talking of. I  
keep hoping for the best, and that something  
will soon occur to take a little off from the  
prestige which the enemy have been acquiring.

I can hardly believe it is a year ago since I  
passed those few pleasant days in the old  
Kaiserstadt! the same portion of time just  
now I was in our Scilly Islands, strange  
isolated rocks of granite with an equable cli-  
mate - like that of England carried to an  
extreme. I have been living a sort of amphibian  
life - in the water and under the sea, in the sub-  
marine rooms of St. Just.

You will I hope send me a letter from which  
I may learn that a good spirit of determination  
prevails; and meanwhile I pray Heaven  
may send you a good success and restate  
you in your rights, and with kind regards  
to all friends believe me  
Yours sincerely  
Warrington Smyth.



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