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Violet Paget (Paris, France) to Henry Paget

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Paris August 1870

5 Rue de Luxembourg

Thursday 4th. In the evening we all went
to Mrs Jenkin. The cut of our visit was
to find out the address of the man to whom
Bruder ~~was~~ ^{is} to send his Essay. You know
that Mrs J. said that if he could turn out
anything good she was almost sure she
could get it published in the North British
Review, in which her son writes. The name
of the editor is — Douglas Esq^{re} and
he is to be discovered at Edmondston and
Douglas, Prince's street, Edinburgh. Mrs
Jenkin knows this — Douglas Esq^{re}
and he is a great friend of her son,
Flemming Jenkin. Bruder's Essay is
almost completely copied out and tomorrow
he is to send it to Edinburgh, with
a note of Mrs Jenkin to the Editor

Mrs Lenkin's son gets £40 for an essay
of 40 pages! Just think how nice! And
Vulliet has not given me a cent!—
The attaché whose place Bruder has taken,
Mr Leringham who lived in his rooms
made money by his pen. He wrote a
novel in one volume called "Life in a
french chateau" which is generally
considered to be bad, for which he got
200 £ and he translated the Countess
Guiccioli's book about Byron, for which
he got 100 £. Apropos just fancy
the Countess Guiccioli, Byron's Guiccioli,
being still alive and going into
society here!— Her book about Byron
Bruder says is bad—

Well but to go on about Mrs Lenkin.
Never were mortals kinder or more cordial
than both she and her husband. She
played for us. Mamma says she is a
magnificent performer. She has however
much more execution with her right

than with her left hand. Then they gave us
some delicious Tea and Albert Biscuits. Mrs Jenkin
~~is~~ is very helpful about Bruden's Essay.
"If the North British refuse it" said she "which
is very unlikely I think I can get it accepted
by the Cornhill, so we have two strings
to our bow". She lent me a volume of
Racine. I gave her my "Biographie" to read.

Friday 5th. Bruden received the ~~following~~ a note
from Mrs Jenkin, of which the following
is a copy:

Dear Mr. Hamilton

I have sent off my letter to
"Mr Douglas - & so you can send yr packet
by tomorrow's post. I want my letter to
arrive first that yr M. S. may not be
overlooked as unknown M. S. are often.

I read yr sister's feuilletton last night -
It is positively charming, excellent had she
been twenty & wonderful at 13½. If she only
does not overdo her mind, overwork the
power she possesses, she will make a
niche for herself. If I could have a
copy to keep that I could show my
friends able to judge her talent. I
should be glad. She is indeed a very
dear little woman as well as so
clever.

I am off to my painter again. I hope Mr
Mrs Paget slept after the sea.

Always yours sincerely
H. C. Jenkin

I said all I dared to say to Mr Douglas -
with Editors you indispose them if you
were too strongly - but I said you had
high attainments & pointed out the interest
of the new light from the archives of
Simancas -

Is this not a kind of encouraging letter for
both of us?

Saturday 6th I sent Mrs Jenkin a copy of the
'Biographie' a nice new clean one
with a polite note thanking her for her
praises - A report is spread by the Bourse
that there has been a great battle, that
the French have taken 25,000 Prussian
prisoners amongst whom the ~~Prussian~~
Crown Prince - It turns out that the
report is perfectly groundless and prompted
up by the Bourse -

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Sunday 4th We receive your most kind letter,
and I a note from that Donkey Valley,
of which the following is copy.

Commugny sur Coppet,
30 Juillet 1870

Mademoiselle

J'ai bien reçu votre précieuse
lettre et je l'ai envoyée avec les timbres-
-poste au bureau de la Famille, chez M^r
Georges Bridel, qui je l'espère, vous aura
expédié les N^{os} que vous demandiez. Quant
à la partie du manuscrit dont je n'ai
pas jugé à propos de faire usage parce qu'elle
me paraissait allonger le récit sans grand
intérêt pour la majorité des lecteurs, il
m'est impossible de vous la renvoyer en
ce moment; je suis ici en vacances et ne
retournerai à Lausanne que dans une
quinzaine de jours; j'y retrouverai alors
votre manuscrit et ne tarderai pas à
vous l'envoyer. — En vous faisant mes
excuses pour ce retard, je vous prie

Mademoiselle, J'agréer l'hommage de ma
considération respectueuse.

E Vallin min"

What a donkey that man is! To prefer
putting in that stupid Paestrina and to
leave out the Ottoboni! I could beat the
wretch! My little sketch ^{of the Opera} is finished
and copied out and I shall some time
or other show it to Mrs Leikin. I have
written 4 letters to Mlle Schüpbach, without
answer, I wish you would try and find
out whether anything has happened
to her. Please give Mme Egemann my
best love if you see her. I am so
busy in the literary line that I cannot
write to her just now. I send you
some extracts from the journal
Officiel of this ~~morning~~ morning.
Bruder has sent off his Essay this
morning.