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Violet Paget (Florence, Italy) to Matilda Paget (place not named)

Vernon Lee (Violet Paget)

Matilda Paget

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Sat.

Palmerino (Maiano)

Florence

Pitiglio Pietrrese per Prataccio

Dear Mamma - A thousand
thanks. I feel very anxious
about E. So tell me.

I enclose numbered answers
to his questions.

Mrs French goes back
to S. Marco today, having
settled us here very comfortably.
In the morning it is bitterly
cold. But the air throughout
the day is delicious, even
when it rains, and I

Am ever so much better.

The country is beautiful.

After two miles or so
you get into beechwood

& places which look quite
like the North. Three

quarters of an hour's
drive takes one to the

top of A pass. To our

surprise we saw

the plain beneath us

with Pistoria and

even Florence half visible

in the mist.

I have asked Beladuff

to come for a day or

two, as he seems

Very ill & depressed. She
is now at Evelyn Wilmson's
apartment.

Some people I know in
Rome, the Spallettis, are
at S. Marcellus. They will
drive up here some day.

at S. Marcellus I met

Fenzi's youngest daughter
Emilina, married to a
naval officer. She
has the usual horrible
voice, but is nice.

So much love

J.W.

Kit seems to me much
much paler than, thin & weak.

I enclose a signed
form in case
I could like a
book from the National
Library.

By the way, Bella Duff
might tell him things, as

she is writing a history.

Love letter from Mary.
But I don't consider that
one has a right to say "Give
up this marriage or me" and
abide by it. Fancy how unfair
it she had set him up that marriage.