

Washington AM Saturday

My dear Mary/

Here I am again scribbling away hoping it will give you some pleasure, if anything can be enjoyed in such torrid weather –

I hope you are very well because I fear you will not tell me always if you are not. Leila says she knows you were not when you first wrote to her – she knows it by the tone of your letter.

I enclose you a telegram I received this morning from Phila about the trial trip of “La Sovrana” – you must make allowance for the enthusiasm of my friend when he says 10 miles an hour – if she makes 7 I shall be perfectly satisfied – it is evident however that she has succeeded & on this I think I can pride myself a little as I made all the plans models & calculations myself – I expect that her royal ladyship will make her appearance in Annapolis harbor on to day a week (3rd July) Mr. Scharff agrees to our suggestion about the name.

O Mary dear you don’t know how fondly I look forward to being with you again – to be right once that you think as well of me as ever – I am afraid to explain all my feelings dearest, on paper for fear it might seem foolish to you – this long week goes by so slowly, & if I could not look at your picture & reread your note I really don’t know what I would do – something desperate I fear.

Addio! doleissima – souo seimpre a’ voi

JBH

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To.....J. Buchanan Henry Esq.....

Made trial trip last evening fair running about ten (10) Miles per hour hope to start her by Wednesday latest

Fam. Pleasants

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