

Zoar Cottage

Aug 26

Received from Buchanan Henry, Esq Aug 16, 1891 cheque for 78 ^{18/100} for [?] quarter ending Aug 16: 71 ^{43/100} due for [Reg?] \$6^{7r/100} H R Irving

Dear Mr. Henry

You must be wondering why I have left your very nice letter enclosing cheque so long unanswered – but it has just this very moment reached me – ten days after it was mailed. The delay has all been owing to the stupid carelessness of the post office. Many thanks for the letter and cheque – for which I enclose a rather confused receipt – but it will serve for future reference if necessary. All you [text wanting] up to Aug 16th is now settled. I am much obliged to you for your assurance about St. Austins [sic] – for I am very anxious to have [Frank ?] Jr there as soon as is old enough—he is very bright & having my youngest nephew Pierre to [?] him will get on very well with the work – although I am kept pretty busy – but I feel well and strong I do not mind the two months at B--. The [?] strengthened in both so much that we can bear the heat of work. I am glad you [text wanting] are all well -- & that Reg gets on so nicely – I fear he will always be hard on his clothes. He is just like my nephew John – a regular “Peggoth” on [bullins?] & his trousers were repaired daily . I cannot say whether from [?] with or not with [?] to your house – from your house..[?] for a great advantage. H (I mean L.) is very well notwithstanding the great heat of the weather & seems perfectly content & happy – just now he is playing with his little friends Berty & Johnny who have come over to see him – he enjoys going out with me & to-day we have had invitations to dinner – I am going to the McCullohs [sic]. Everyone is very good to him & it is a great weight off of my mind that he does not seem to pine – he is the joy of my life & I feel very content in our little house [?] – Marions [?] our one maiden [not sure what follows]

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If you should sell or rent your house unfurnished, I would like to take Loulie's set of furniture until you again require it. [parts of four lines wanting] such furniture as I have of his – this Autumn as he writes me he expects to form his new home in December & I shall miss it. I wish you had enclosed [Shilly's ?] letter from [?] you will but do not – please sent it. I of course know [?] but that extra 600 – a [?] will not take long to mount up to 2000 – which is the [extra] price you expect to get – but I hope sincerely that you will succeed -- & you generally do with your [?] – I think your idea of building steam [?] a good one. I think we long ago talked it over & it would be a pleasant occupation for you. But I wish that Jamie would get the Annapolis appointment & you could all go there. I would [text covered]. I am very [?] to hear [text covered] he is getting on so nicely [text covered] him to have any drawback [text covered] [?] of him. Thank Reg for his very nice letter . I will write to him in a day or two. Frank sent a letter to Syd yesterday – he had two weeks getting it completed. Give much love to all [?] [very?] sincerely yours

H. R. Irving.





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