

June, 10. 1863.

My Dear Graham,

Your despatch of the 8th was taken to the Legation, so that I just saw it yesterday on reaching the office. I wrote a despatch in reply but we all thought that as Fiske would probably be in Heidelberg nearly as soon as the despatch, it was hardly worth while ^{to} send it.

I had a note from Fiske ~~sent~~ a few days since saying he thought he stay in Munich over Sunday, whence as, I suppose, he will push on to Heidelberg. I am all in confusion about him and his letters, I am afraid - for there came one from Bayard Taylor (judging from handwriting and post mark, 'Gotha') - which I forwarded under cover to Webster, Consul at Munich -

Now from Fiske's letter I learn that Webster was suddenly taken very severely ill, and who knows but that my letter, enclosing Taylor's, is still lying unopened!

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I wrote to Taylor, so I suppose his next
will be sent to Seidelberg. -

My mind is so taken up now with my
Beethoven work that I have hardly
commonsense for anything else and
if I make great bulls and blunders in
other matters please forgive and forget
if you can.

Do you know what I wish? No?
Well it is that you had come hither,
and taken dinner lodging in some
one of the exquisitely situated villas
near Vienna. I know nothing like
it near any large city - smaller
places, Salzburg, the Mist towns, & so on,
are amid still grander scenery
best for beauty of hill & valley, together
with the advantage of being near a large
center - nothing equals Vienna.

I am slowly but I think surely
working my way into Beethoven's life.

and really have ~~the~~ hopes that the
child will be born some time or other.
Are you glad?! - I am.

I have given Fiske a quantity of
"researching" to do for me, if it is
in his power - if not, I shall accept
his good will for the deed.

I suppose, saving the illness of
which you wrote Fiske (didn't you?),
you must have had a wondrously
good time in Italy - I do not envy, but
~~with~~ wish from my heart I could
imitate you!

With all the good wishes in the
world to you best of wives

I am yours
with sincerest regard

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