

Cape Town as will do wonders for
her. No house as yet taken,
but very likely in ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~first~~ ^{first} street,
very near to the Library; only
afraid of mosquitoes; but
I take it only by the month,
^{we} can leave when we find our-
selves uncomfortable. Your
dear letters from the beginning
of August were very comforting,
but so short. I am, however,
glad you did not write more,
as it was much better for you
to enjoy quite your stay
in Germany, and not over
fatigue yourself. I mean you
acted thoroughly in the spirit
of

of what I wished you to do.
I was a little disappointed
in not getting a line from
you by the Calcutta, which
left England 27 August,
and arrived here last night
with the clothes on board.
Oh, my own Gemma, if you
have not yet left, and think
it really right and best,
according to what the state
of things is then, to remain
somewhat longer in England,
please do not ^{let} any thought of
our longed expectation drive
you away. We should not wish
you to come, if you do not rightly
think

think, you can as yet come.
No, darling, great as will be
the joy of having you at last
with me, - let this not lead
you to do anything which you
think not quite right.
Not that I at present
and from this distance
see anything which
should detain you, - but
of course it is impossible
for me to know all. - From
your father, I have not received
by this Mail any letter
in answer to mine; but
Loui tells me that even
before its receipt he has been
heard

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Cape Town, 20 Sept 1862

My Darling wife,

Only a few hurried
lines shall go to you this
Mail, as I do not imagine
that it is probable that
they will reach you still
in England. I am well, as
well as I have not been for
a long time, - and I hope and
trust that with care and
the comfort of a real home
all will be well. I look more
confidently into the future.
From Natal good news, except
that Loui could be better and
stronger, but I trust coming to
Cape -

indeed you think you could
stand it all well, and a
good opportunity in such a
vessel as in which you
are sure to be comfortable,
offered itself, - Do not on
my account alone hesitate.
It is true our wedding may
be deferred hereby till February,
and it appears to me such a
long, long time that I
do not like to think of it. but
it ^{may} perhaps be all for the better,
~~who~~ knows. But this may be
all unnecessary worrying,
and you long be off before it
arrives. I only want you not
to be embarrassed in any way
just

just on account of fancying
what I may wish. The fact
is, I can not wish and want you
to do anything quite positively
from this distance. But I
know you feel that yourself
well, and have already so
perfectly shown that you do.
I have been so glad of your
photograph, which I think
such a nice one, though
a wretched piece of art.
The expression of your features
in it is very sweet to me.
The first and second (Worcester,
and London) ones are of course
much better executed, but
they seem to give to me more
the portrait of a different person
almost, but this here is my own
Darling

Darling wife. I see in her face
that trust and happiness
which her letters breathe,
and which corresponds to the
inmost feelings of my own
heart. I have heard from
Anna and Hedwig, the first of
which describes your journey
up the Rhine, which I am very
glad you have been able to
enjoy. How I should have
liked to have been with you!
But the time may perhaps
come, where we may even
think of such things, though
we cannot at present see
how it may be possible.
Don't good bye for the present,
my darling wife,
your own
W. H. Schlegel

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heard to express himself
as viewing our intended
marriage in a satisfactory
light. So I hope, here all
will be right, though there
were difficulties at the
beginning. Yet I think
the position is not such
that it would do you or him
any good, if you went to
Natal before our marriage.
At least, I think you must be
prepared for much excitement,
and whether it would be wise
for you to undergo this just at
such a period, you will know
best, Darling. Yet I can under-
stand, how your heart yearns
to go there once more, — and if
indeed