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My dearest Juma,

I c^d not write to you
 last nt, as I wanted to do. Many
 thanks for all you sent us. I am
 much pained for you to have this
 very heavy expense, suddenly
 coming upon you. One does not
 at all like the idea of Mac-S.
 Popish Mr. Knight, with her
 knowledge & experience, may be
 able to "kick him into shape";
 but, it is a thing I should never
 attempt, personally being con-
 vinced I sh^d get the worst of
 it. He may do better for the
 Maclear.

Macleod, or fellow-country-
folk. Is not Grey Villa a good
bit larger than Charlton House?
The sum named, seems much
for painting alone. I have
^{at the present time}
no access to any of our books,
or old accounts; but, as far as
my memory will serve me,
I think, we had the follow-
ing done (before we left in 1877):
— 3 coats on the Gable (at
the Grey Villa end), 2 coats on
the garden side of the
house; & one on the road
side. The latter, I believe,
I had not originally intended
to have done; but, when all
the plastering had been
attended to (cracks mended,
&c.), it looked so bad, that,

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may be a kind of man Mrs
Kriest can do with (He
never was with me). Use that.
Your letter to her very clear.
I will ret. that & her, to Mr.
W. It is almost post-time;
& I sh^d like to read them
once more. I have not been
at all well, & a brother has
been "kicked up" at 6. —
Over now, happy. I w^d. but
tell you at 10; or I know
nothing pointing; & felt w^d
brother you with some more,
&c. I — we were kept en-
tire in the Port, as to the
propositions made, until
all was over; tho' Miss
Mary knew of them!!!

I agreed with Cook that he
should do that too. This is
as far as I remember. My
idea is, that the painting
alone came to something ~~less~~
~~more~~ ~~from~~ £37 to
£43, I heard the former.
But I can speak "withal"
brok", you know. Butler af.
I proved of the estimate Cook
gave me; I came to inspect
the paint &c. I was quite
satisfied! Cook took particular
pain with the cable, & the
mull ^{very the ground} had been getting 2. damp.
He ^{very carefully} new-cemented the little
water-courses outside, there,
too. He took much pains
with the new-painting,
mending, &c.; I seemed really
proud

proud of his work. He had
been painting some houses &
houses (his son, for one, I believe).
& as far as I remember, I never
do you. I had no know that
he was up to that kind of work;
& then, in passing him, &
others, heard what he had done.
He seemed to understand about
paint, cement, &c. I think, if
dear Mrs. Bright takes Mac's
after your letter, she does, &
with her eyes open; & will
certainly be on the look
out for slipperiness. He, too,
may have a ~~unusually~~ kind
of liking for Ch. House, from
old Mr. B.'s days; & too, he
may