

The Sea of Marmora.  
 Dec. 14. 1852  
 My dear Miss Fanning.

I shall be at Constantinople. Having  
 spent about 24 hours at Gib. Malta  
 & Athens. Coasting - we attempted  
 to tow a transport round the Morea  
 but - the weather which, for the more  
 than God, been most favorable,  
 protected against the act: (which tower  
 from Malta by order of the ad.) I  
 was ordered to cast her adrift  
 and to my surprise, but she  
 did ship. managed to haul away  
 by herself - but as I have seen  
 the elderly & infirm ladies who  
 appear dislike to dragging or being  
 dragged along. Our artillery

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Thanks to the fine weather. Oh  
that it may lead to Balaklava! I  
have done pretty well - considering how  
crowded we are. I wonder what fate  
he dare with us - filled up as we are  
I don't he surprised if we run backward  
I forward with wounded: & Stores.

Anything to be useful & employed.  
The Battery Ships being so much doing  
nothing are by no means to be envied.  
I think - I shall receive a message from  
Mr. Maitland - I wonder if I shall  
see her. - The four Captains of M. Artillery  
Regt. I spent half part of the summer  
in my labors - three of them are very  
good men and are to be seen. Among  
other matters, morning and evening  
they are intelligent men. & I shall  
miss them much. I have met  
the relations of two officers who were  
in Salamander with Priest: you  
would have been pleased to hear how  
he spoke of the words were too  
strong & forcible to be used. He said  
he had said that he is not to be a "rose  
tree to blush unseen" - Did my  
wife tell you that. I managed just  
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before the Dammles sailed to "dig out".  
Lewis - one of the deers; "Jocelyn Lewis  
Sainte Lewis" - It took a considerable  
deal of labour seeing that I was  
anxious as much as possible not to  
injure the roots of the said tree  
although I am afraid it will never  
come to much good. The worthy Paub.  
has enjoyed his redcliff trip.  
and is busy at his algebra. not  
far enough. I don't think he would  
ever have been a Senior wrangler.  
he is too gentle with his Equations  
as with everything else.

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