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Dear Sir.

I am perfectly and
entirely overwhelmed at
having received from you
yesterday a draft for 125L
from a London Bank.

It is so truly and kindly
of you to be always thinking
of us all, but I am sure
I cannot shut out of the
125L. You wish me to pay

for the dress which I have
ordered (Recoll to send
you 1500 florins) and get
something else for her.
Indeed as of course, as I
say you cannot possibly
intend all that amount
for Christmas presents for
us, that would be too
much, even with all the
generosity and thoughtful
kindness I am expecting
from you every moment.

a letter telling me what you wish to
buy for me, having as yet only received
the Catalogue announcing that you had
ordered Christmas gifts to be sent, which
it was so good of you to take the trouble
over - I feel so proud and magnificently
rich with your present and Ma's that my
heart is entirely turned - As soon as Ma's
check reached me I went by to Dr. Coll
to order a new visiting dress, which I had
not been so extravagant as to before and now
I shall be so set up that no one can feel
to give - You must write and tell me what
to get with your present - Perhaps you will
be perfectly disgusted when I acknowledge
that I have already chosen two pipes for
Hed one from Ma, beautiful, which he
is now enjoying and the other an immense

one from Gen^l for his Mas
gift, as he is rather wild on a
collection now and was going
over some in a window the
other day. Gen Know Venn
is the place to collect for
as they cost just double at
home in price. Julia
and I are perfectly satisfied
as to what to get for our
presents as we have decided
on 20 different things and
then changed our minds
I want to choose what

would be not only the
Incident here but also the
most useful of the mayor
and all, as I feel this is our
last chance probably.

India is very happy in the class
room. Sybil is asked her to
join, and I have paid a
great deal of attention to the
clothes this season so she
is well fixed up now for
the winter. I impress upon
the children always, how

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little they will have in the
future and so they take very
good care of everything
and I think will become
very sensible and not spoiled
but present Comfort, which
is more than I expect from
myself as it will soon
be a hard time to give up
our comfortable home here.

I shall of course regret in
the future, that I did not
buy more pretty things as

here and save more fut-
circumstances are such
that all that seems impossi-
ble - I have been enter-
taining constantly this
fall. We enjoyed immensely
Mr Lincoln's visit - and did
all we could for him and
now we hear that Mr Phelps
is coming in two days or
his way south of course
we must ask him to stay

But so as he visited us last month & is
visit him, and we do not want to feel that
I don't know what we shall be able to do for
him in such a hurry. He used to be Minis-
ter here you know. Yesterday Fred told me
at lunch that "Mount Baldhead" had called and
he had asked him to dine & come & make
an effort to have things nice as you know
he is a great writer - Editor of many papers &
I have already acknowledged I am afraid of
the writers - he was for years a bitter enemy of Genl.
Grant like "Saul" of the "Dem", but during his
absence (Genl. G.) Baldhead apologized, called,
and has made many overtures always being
immensely polite to the A. and I have quite
conquered the latter, to forget old wrongs, as I
don't think it does any good to keep up animi-
ties as others have encouraged him in doing
in the past - Baldhead is now trying to be

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respected - Now he has made
his money by abusing others and
has come right down to Ted.
He was much humiliated when
the President (an old school friend)
appointed him Minister to Berlin
and the Senators whom he had
abused in the past - came down
on him and declined to
confirm the nomination after
he had already engaged a house
in Berlin, and Phelps was sent
in his place - He felt terribly
about it - He & Edw

With his Augustus and Lady
Pope & Mrs. Loring & Mr. Loring
both called and been most
cordial since their return
this month. The Luchmans
have all called and been
very polite, as they also by
Christian Society does not he
son until later I am not
making my calls now. We
did not take our carriage
until this month as we
made no calls before and

did not need it. The horses are much handsomer
and everything better than last year.

As long as far I have been entirely captivated
both Americans but will soon hope to go
more into Austrian society. I have a
lot to write, but know you are busy and
will wait until later. The little portrait
sent I hope you will like the trimming

Just being Klein's latest. I was de-
pressed that your things were all gone over
in the Custom House last year (and I believe
your Jan was injured as you never said it was not
and Harrington thought it was) so did not
undertake sending anything, but you make me
quite miserable now for and I am giving me
all these fine gifts for which however you
know we are most grateful. You must
write me that you want me to buy with
all this money, and what to do for money

No. I shall a Moot-Only
Opera Cloak blue satin with
^(Cape)
blue tulle all over it, lovely
embroidery on the high front
sleeves and collar, and then blue
feathers around neck and
down front: ordered for
Princess Clary at Arcello -

200 florins - thought of you
as it is the latest, and lovely
but of course you are supplied
already. I see many pretty things
I think you ought to have -

Many many thanks & I can
never tell you how I appreciate

all your kindness —
We all join in thanks
proving for all a
"Happy New Year" — Julia
sent you card case by mail
perhaps they wont let it pass.
Love to all —

Yours affectionately —

Ida —