

Wrote to Mrs. Ward, who said they were not as large as she had seen, by candlelight. - They have a very delicious flavor. I shall send father some roots of this. Perhaps the varieties in the fall (Myatt's seedling, & British Queen. We saw much larger roots day at Horticultural Exhibition. They looked like ^{such} tomatoes for size & shape. - huge distorted things. Mrs. Ward writes, also his son Dr. Ward at dinner at 7 o'clock. - nice time. - music in the evening. - Mrs. Ward of Essex (also a physician) such a merry man.

+ Saturday, Dr. G. went to town in the morning on
 business. ~~I expected to have a heavy~~ The visit, Mr. Ward,
 & Miss Ward, Dr. & I, in a brougham (stopped first on
 Clapham Common to see the splendid house & grounds of
 Mr. Sutton) & drove thro' Wandsworth, Putney, & across
 Hammersmith bridge to Chiswick. - the 3^d & last great
 Botanical Show of the season. Many thousands of people
 there - (tickets 5^d) scattered over the grounds & most splendid flowers
 & fruits, shown under open tents. Heaths in pots bearing
 some millions of flowers on one plant. The Duke of
 Devonshire threw open on this occasion his (adjacent) grounds.
 So fine a stage & picturesque, and such noble Cedars of Lebanon
 near the Villa - among the very largest in England, the lower
 limbs stretching out 40 or 50 feet & spreading a thick plateau
 of foliage, the extremity of the lower layers resting on the ground. These
 were three of the finest found in England, that of the 1st Life Guard,
 of the Coldstream Guard, & the other regiment I forgot. - The
 villa was fine, not very large - Hosker pointed out
 the room in which ~~Van Riebeeck~~ died. - Fox died in the room on the other
 side of the building. We found Sir Wm. Hosker & Mr.
 Brown ~~waiting~~ looking for us. Of course it was the greatest
 day of my life in St. John's opinion; for Mr. Brown escorted me
 on his arm for a long time, & was very polite & agreeable. Hosker brought
 letters for Dr. G. to use on the continent. Morning in drive home.

through Kensington - saw Holland House & Kensington House in the distance - stopped at Mr. Cooke's (a friend & companion of Ward's) to tea - He is the best living marine painter, the house full of admirable paintings & a little garden that was a perfect wonder - I should not forget to tell you that at Chiswick house, Mr. Cooke pointed out to us the windows, Landmark house - a "Laying down the Law" the dog as Chancellor, improving it - & the "No King" -

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... day. Mr. Ward well enough to come into
Dorring room in afternoon. He went to Chopham Rise Church in morning.

Monday morn. (Paid adieu to our good friends - left with three quantities of baggage & one carpet bag, loaded the truck, & went by railway to Dover, between Folkestone & Dover very striking, going thro. long tunnels & terraces of the chalk cliffs that wash by the sea - Chalk cliffs more ^{even} imposing than you would imagine from the pictures, towering up so very tall & white, crested with green at the top - the sea washing the base. Castles very picturesque -



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