

Santiago de Cuba May 12 1830

Mr the Wright

My Dear Aunt

DUBLIN M.  
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COLLECTION

6, EUSTACE STREET.

Your interesting letter of 24<sup>th</sup> of  
 11<sup>th</sup> month and 7<sup>th</sup> of 12<sup>th</sup> month have both been some time  
 to hand, but a continual pressure of business had hereto-  
 fore prevented my replying as soon as I should otherwise  
 have done - I feel sorry that it was not in my power  
 to realize my expectations of the past year so as to have  
 paid a visit of some length at least, if not to have finally  
 fixed myself for the rest of my days in my native land -  
 I tenderly thank you for your kindness in forwarding  
 Joseph's profile it is dear to the life, and is of course  
 naturally & duly appreciated by me, he was the flower  
 of the flock, and his death was the breaking up of  
 many of this life's enjoyments to me and retarded  
 my advancement both socially and commercially for  
 many years - I am glad that Benjamin at last  
 wrote in time, and beg you to present my thanks to  
 friend William for his efficient attention in  
 the settlement of that affair -

... some improved in health and

You may recollect that Father never in his life liked  
to write therefore it is not surprising at his age  
that he should not write often to any one indeed I don't now  
recollect myself when I last had a letter from him, but  
I know it is a long time since I had that pleasure, but  
it rather surprised me that Bechemiah or some of  
the other members of the family do not use their friend  
often in the performance of that duty, which ought to be  
a pleasure to them, I am well satisfied that I am gene-  
rally more occupied than any of them, and yet you  
perceive that although not at all time I very punctual  
shall want to spare time to scribble a letter occa-  
sionally - You state your winter commenced severely  
I have however noted that it has essentially turned  
out as mild a one, as has been experienced by you  
for many years, it is no wonder that your sight  
fails, but bear in mind that you are now of an age  
that a change for the better is not at all uncommon,  
and I should not wonder to learn from you before  
long, that you are using younger glasses, I am com-  
pelled to employ those of 10 inch focal, but I cheer  
myself with the hope which I now hold out to you  
that as I get older my eyes may be stronger than  
they are now

In Jamaica some still hope that the great moral experi-  
 ment may turn out well, but the great majority think  
 not and I am sorry to say, my own belief is in ac-  
 cordance with that of the majority, you observe that  
 enough to do what is right without looking to results,  
 expect, but I think it is frequently the result that put  
 the seal of right or wrong upon me. Sure I have  
 received Lord Palmerston's appointment as Pro Consul  
 of this City, and between my business & Consulate  
 occupation I have not much time for delay.  
 I generally rise at from a half past  
 and am at the Counting House at Ten o'clock where  
 I am usually till about 4 O'clock afternoon  
 occupying perhaps 15 minutes in both  
 breakfast & dinner, which I generally take alone,  
 in my Office, I am thus constant at my 13 years  
 retirement make it necessary to look about  
 me as the Manager and Director of the Concern  
 at my re-employment as an active merchant

Believe me Dear Aunt most truly  
 & affectionately  
 your loving nephew  
 James Wright  
 Remember me affectionately  
 to all in Skinner Row & all other relatives

Answered <sup>2</sup> 23 of 10<sup>mo</sup>  
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