

## Letter to William F. Webb, 6 April 1865

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[0001]

We lunch tomorrow with  
Mr  
Arkwright & then go to see some place  
over there

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My Dear Webb  
I am sincerely  
glad that no operation  
is to be performed  
on your knee. I  
confess I was very  
anxious about  
it for it was not  
a case of knee  
only but of leg &  
perhaps more -  
Ferguson must  
be a brick -

My brother in  
America tells  
[0002]

Weather delightful!!! Absolutely so  
and no mistake

me this morning that he  
will do his best to  
secure wild rice for  
you but it is not to  
be had before the fall  
of the year. He has  
written to a friend near  
Lake Simcoe to procure  
some from the Indians  
who gather it for  
their own use in  
winter. and also to  
a seedsman in  
Lanark. When he  
was living in

Lanark he says  
we had some of it  
growing in  
shallow places  
[0003]

My [...]  
might too - When are you coming?

but the wild ducks  
ate it up before it  
was ripe. On some  
lakes it is very  
plentiful, and if  
it is to be had at all  
this year he will  
secure it & send  
it to Liverpool for  
you

I mention this  
though I know from  
Kirk that you have  
got a letter as it  
shews that the  
ducks are fond of  
it - & that he attended  
to my request &  
will in time secure it  
[0004]

children all beautifully well -

fish coming out -  
about this size  
water getting so warm  
that the hands dont  
get benumbed in  
working in the water  
a good many had  
died above Reservoir  
not a single fish  
runs up though  
above the "ladder"  
it was 50 ° on Sunday  
I got a finer gauze  
put in the gas  
house place to keep  
them from going  
away till you come  
down

[0005]

the trout are rising  
very much at the  
quarry ponds but  
they must have  
put the eggs back  
in themselves. I  
should like very  
much to dissect  
& see, but wont  
till you come &  
say yes.

I have a  
commission  
to all the chiefs  
between the Portuguese  
& the Pasha of  
Egypt & Abysinia  
[0006]

I have taken it upon me to write & tell  
Lord Dalhousie all about Kirk

and particular care  
to say that I have no  
salary & no pension  
can be claimed.  
I mean to live after  
they are all dead &  
rotten and always  
get the petition answer-  
ed so "Give us this  
day our daily bread"  
I dont mean to  
make any howl  
about it but with  
love to Olivia & Mrs W

I am &c

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