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Hardwick Vicarage, Hay, May 24. 1870.

My dearest Arthur,

I am very glad to find that you are enjoying yourself so much, and getting on so nicely. I have only time today for a few lines to "report progress"; and, as usual, give you trouble.

I wrote to thank Mr. Martin. I did not call upon Sir J. Duffus Hardy, because I had not time. I called at Somerset House - but Mr. Watson was not there: ditto at the War Office, where Lockyer was out. I called at the Queen's Office, where they told me there must be a mistake, as they were not in existence in 1851 (the date you gave me) - it must, they thought, have been in 1861, when they recollect a very large note - but did not seem to refer to my description of it: however you are the better able to file, whenever you may like to call.