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plans of the Berlin barracks are given I am reading from that describe them which are in some respects an improvement on them.

I think I said that one thing which was bringing me home a little earlier perhaps than I might otherwise have gone was my desire to see to the securing the endowment fund of the University. My zeal for that has been stimulated by what I have seen in Prussia or more properly Germany where education seems to be doing wonders among the working people of the country. The Schools of Technology have given them a power here which is being felt throughout the world and that kind of power we need greatly at home and I think no one can be more sensible of it than your brother Wister. I spoke to him once about it before I left home & he will be gone before I return I wish you would do me the favor to say to him that I shall be very much gratified to have his aid. Our plan is to get as many gentlemen to subscribe $5000. each payable at such times as would suit their convenience & to aim at a fund of $500,000. I paid my subscription before I left home & rather than fail in the object would add an equal sum but I hope others more able will improve the necessity by writing cheerfully in it. But the night is far spent & I have travelled 250 miles to day having breakfasted at 5½ AM

Remember me kindly to Mrs Morris & believe me very sincerely

John Welsh

Mrs Wistar & Hall have been to see me

Dr Caspar Morris
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Nuremberg June 14/71

My dear friend

I was startled indeed to learn, by your letter of 23rd ult, of your proposed journey. I am sorry for the cause, glad of the purpose, and very sad that to an already long separation is to be added another. and that is only one more ~~evidence to the~~ fact in the long accumulation of evidence you have of my selfishness.

If you come to England first, as is most probable, for I may possibly see you in London; for late in July, or the 1st of August, we hope to be there, on passports being taken for us by Mr Rumbold. Either by word of mouth, or by pen, I shall give you all the hints you need have, and they are not very many. The first, I will send you at once. A courier is absolutely necessary for your comfort. It is quite possible to get along without one, & certainly it is a saving in money, but in nothing else, if you have a good one. With such a party as yours, I would far prefer not to leave home, than even to undertake the care of the baggage alone, which has to be weighed at each station, & paid for separately from the purchase of tickets. This usually precedes by half an hour, and when a custom house is crossed to the station even a longer time. But there are innumerable other bothers that fall on a courier