

see Prof. Norton's letter of June 3. Sh: it be printed?

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To Prof. C. F. Norton

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My dear Sir

I have to thank you for your kind letter of June 3, as well as for another received some months since and which I fear I have left unanswered. In reply to your inquiries about my health, I am happy to say that I am well in all respects except a little lameness from rheumatism which I have vainly attempted to cure by the vapor-bath of the grotto of Montmarais near this city. I do not mind the annoyance of rheumatism except as it disables me for mountaineering, which is much the greatest material pleasure I have left; but the reluctance of the government to allow me to leave my post, even for a month's recreation in the Italian Alps, is so strong that I should probably feel obliged to renounce this enjoyment, if I were even as good a climber as Tyndall. My hand had a winter of much suffering, but has been somewhat relieved by hot baths. I applied for leave of absence for a sufficient time to enable me to consult an eminent physician at Paris. This was