

Villa d'Elci
fuori porta S. Gallo.
Dec. 1, 1869.

Dear Bro. Marsh

Every day since receiving your kind note I have tried to see you at the office of the Embassy, - but every day I have been too early or too late. I hope for better fortune tomorrow, but I write this lest the same ill luck should then attend me. If the weather should be fairly good, - of which I fear there is little chance, - my sisters ~~would~~ hope to see Mrs. Marsh tomorrow. My Mother never makes visits, - and I am sorry to say that my wife's health is such that for the present she is forced to deny herself the pleasure