

Flournoy Aug. 16th 1862

My Dear Marsh,

I must write of only a few lines to thank you for your book and the pamphlets - I have not had time to examine either of them - but shall do so soon -

Wm. Longworth and I got home last Saturday - 4 days from great Babylon after enjoying our trip very much - but disappointed at seeing so little - What can be done in 4 short weeks - in such a place as London? - I shall not now attempt to describe any thing - The American - Ordnance Department - raised my pride not a little - This of course in relation to the Exhibition! It beat all other departments out and out - in originality of invention - such neat and clever things! and so useful! - Storms rifle - has taken the world by storm - It is so simple! every one laughs at its simplicity - as much as to say - is this all? and yet you see at once that it is quite enough - nothing could be added with advantage - and there is nothing to take away - a little hollow plug - thrust on to the barrel so as to come up and down, nothing more - There is no perceptible addition to the