

Florence Dec 22<sup>nd</sup> 1864-

My dear Aunt,

Jew Strangers there  
at present, is likely  
to be - I think, till  
21<sup>st</sup> inst. <sup>leaves</sup>

(Group of 21 inst. Takes over  
by Snapping! - I have heard nothing of  
the dreadful diseases you mention - and  
have just asked our two servants (boomers)  
if they have - They say no, except a  
case or two of fever on the other  
side of the town - I was at a small  
party last evening - at Mrs Wilsons -  
where I heard not one word about  
unusual sickness in Florence - and  
we have some American friends living  
in a palace where the inundation  
was deepest. The water rose 8 feet in  
the house - nearly half way up the first  
stairs! They live there still - and are  
well - This is in Fardosi's St Nicolo.

The inundation was only partial, and  
not at all like the one about 20 years  
ago.

I will enquire tomorrow about this  
matter - and if I find any reason to  
alter this, I will add a postscript -  
with affectionate regards to you and  
Gour.

H. Powers -

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