

1 April 19th. Drew 50 £ of Union Bk. Ordered plate engraved for music box. Examined Clarkes patent "fire
2 escape." Obtained a permit to visit state apartments of Windsor Castle, which we propose to visit to
3 morrow. We are fortunate in regard to time as to morrow is the last day visitors will be allowed to enter
4 the palace. The queen is expected the next day, and sight-seers are excluded when she is at home. We
5 shall probably leave for Liverpool on Friday morning and hope to reach home in 3 weeks from to day.
6 Mrs. Van and the girls called on Mrs. Geo. Wright this morning and found that she was sick in bed with
7 neuralgia. Left card.

8 April 20th. Left at 10:30 this morning for Windsor where we arrived at 11:15, the distance being about
9 18 miles. We first visited the state apartments in the castle, or palace. First the Queens audience
10 chamber containing a few portraits and frescoed ceiling by Verrio. "Fair to middling." 2nd, the old ball
11 room, or Van Dyck room, as all the pictures in this room are by Van Dyck, consisting entirely of portraits
12 of distinguished individuals. Next the queens state drawing room. Here are 9 large landscapes. Don't
13 amount to much. Also portraits of the three first Georges and of the father of Geo. 3rd (Frederick Prince
14 of Wales). In the antae room is a colossal statue of Geo. 4th. Next visited the Waterloo chamber, a large,
15 well finished room containing portraits of the sovereigns and others connected with events from 1813 to
16 1815. Next the Presence chamber, elaborately fitted up, contains a large malachite vase presented to
17 the queen by the Emperor of Russia, also some very good Gobelin tapestries. Next St. Georges Hall, 200
18 feet long, 34 feet wide, and 32 feet high, with paneled oak ceiling. A very magnificent room. Full length
19 portraits of the English sovereigns, from James 1st to Geo. 4th, adorn the walls of this room. In the guard
20 room we found a collection of old weapons, suits of armour, and many interesting historical relics,
21 among them a chair made of a piece of timber taken from the roof of Alloway Kirk, mentioned in Burns
22 Tam O Shanter, and whose roofless walls we examined last June. Also a chair made from an elm tree
23 that stood on the field of Waterloo at the time of the great battle at that place. This palace does not
24 make much of a show compared with the luxurious extravagances we have seen in the palaces on the
25 continent, neither is the magnificence and finish of the apartments worth mentioning as compared with
26 others we have visited, but the exterior, on the other hand, is far superior to any other we have seen in
27 Europe on account of its vast extent and picturesqueness. Saint Georges Chapel, forming a part of this
28 grand arrangement, is a perfect gem in its interior arrangement and Gothic finish. We next ascended the
29 great tower passing up over 218 steps. From the summit we had a splendid panoramic view. It is said
30 we could see a part of 9 counties. Whether that is true or not, the view is certainly very extensive. We
31 next visited the royal stables, carriage, and harness rooms, and here I give English royalty credit for their
32 good sense compared with the royal nonsense we have seen in similar establishments in Europe. The
33 carriages, horses, and harnesses are of best quality, but there is none of the extravagant flummery
34 about the carriages & harnesses that is seen in the stables of the kings on the continent. Having satisfied
35 our curiosity on these points, we employed a guide and carriage for a drive in the great park & Windsor
36 forest, covering 1800 acres. The day has been all that we could desire, and we enjoyed this delightful
37 place to our hearts content. We drove 3 hours in this park passing the palace at Frogmore where the
38 queens mother formerly lived. Also the mausoleum erected by the queen over Prince Alberts grave, a
39 place she visits every day during her stay at Windsor. Three miles from the castle is an equestrian statue
40 of George the 3rd. I left the carriage and climbed a hill to get a close view of this old gentleman as he was
41 the father of a great deal of trouble to us Americans 100 years ago. Next drove around an immense
42 artificial lake called the "Virginia Water." It is the largest artificial lake in England and is of extraordinary
43 beauty. I left the carriage and, with the guide, walked 1 ½ miles along the border of the lake. The ladies
44 did not care to take the walk, so that they drove to the hotel at the upper end of the lake where I found