this by the Steamer of the 4th of ~~August~~ September or October as most convenient to you and then I shall receive your letter in time to reply to it by the 4th of the Ensuing Month &c. Let me know all about New York, and our friends there, Your occupations, excursions &c. Do you find yourself gaining anything? I believe that I am doing so and certainly stand here very steadily upon my own legs. Besides myself and our minister and secretary of Legation there is but one American here, a Virginian of whom I see but little. In the winter however there are usually quite a number, and I found 4 here when I arrived. ~~Dear~~ How is W. H. C. getting on with your father's life? and what has become of his congregation? is it still in existence. I need scarcely tell you to remember me to all at home and to thank Mary for her lines. You may show her the gossiping part of my letter which I believe forms a good part of it, and she shall hear more particularly from me hereafter. Let me know if there are any prospects of a Mrs W. F. C. & believe me Yours very truly Wm Ellis — P.S. If you write from the 4th of September, direct to care of Wolff & Co Berlin after that simply to me at Berlin. What has become of our Electrical Machine?

This letter when done with ~~[illegible]~~ to be enclosed in a half sheet of paper & returned to W.F.C.

Per British Mail Steamer of 4th of August

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[illegible] Prospectus are a favourite amount here and are to be seen in all directions. There is a large park immediately [illegible] of the principal gate of the city which is the favourite resort of the citizens. Round this park are placed numerous [illegible] where concerts are given every evening in the summer & when the Sidiners and Bellinger are to be seen [illegible] and little tables, the women knitting & the men smoking and drinking the inevitable Cofetier by the gallon. There are the places [illegible] are the people and therefore I said them not very unpopulating. It is quite the fashion here to drink coffee or chocolate immediately after dinner in the conditorien and in one of these ages find half the learned men in Berlin [illegible] quietly over the newspapers, of a warm summer afternoon. I have got the addition of Schiller which [illegible] and [illegible] Paris prices I have been here and has not recently returned he is in high favour at court and is [illegible] has been [illegible] the king. He is now at work on a physical history of the earth called "Kosmos" the first volume of a [illegible] Humboldt has been [illegible] which has appeared [illegible] Let me know all English and American scientific intelligence when you wrote. I prefer that we [illegible] will write to each other by the steamer of the 4th of each alternate month. Thus you will answer [illegible]