

Paris 28th June 1890

Dear Domingo & Julia

you will be surprised that

I am still here & very likely you will have heard from Samuel Br. that the London firm sent a telegram on the 13th Inst. saying I was going on the 26th but unfortunately owing to your Mother's illness I was obliged to put it off again to the 12th of July. Dr. Pean who is treating her now, said on the 23rd Inst. "she was not to go now" & although I told him I had to go, he replied "I won't admit it, because she is not in the state to go" she said after she will do what I am ordering now, she will be able to go in a fortnight, & follow afterwards the treatment, besides the internal treatment there is some 'something of' 'leirurgia' which takes about 8 to 10 days to be ready & I have great hopes she will ^{have} improvement with this Doctor & I am sorry she did not go before. She went last month to Dr. Labie who is one of the first doctors (operators) & he wanted immediately an operation & said she would be all right after the operation, but she has been so weak that I would not venture such a thing, besides this I have no money to pay Labie, who wants 10 to 20.000 francs for an operation, while Pean who is also an "operator" & Labie's doctor, says the operation can not be done now, & first she has to go under the treatment she has prescribed, & he says he feels sure she ~~will~~ ^{will} improve very much with this treatment & perhaps no operation will be required, he is

& one of the
first for
Labie's

James L. Smith

Dear Benjamin

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a very nice man, & we were recommended to him by one Brazilian Consul & Barbara, who know here all the great "celebrities" of Paris, & I hope now after all the money I spent here in doctors, Ducloux, Medicines &c &c will be rewarded with the treatment of this Doct^r. Werneck knows this Doct^r team if you see him, tell him she is now under his treatment, because with Dr Tarnier she was always the same & had consequently to change for another one. & luckily it seems we have now the right Doct^r, so you will see I could not do otherwise than postpone the voyage, & the worse was that it was only on the afternoon of the 23rd Inst^t that Bean said she was not to go now, I had already 5 trunks in Bordeaux, my cabins chosen, & ready to go, when I had to send telegrams right & left to ~~change~~ ^{change} my voyage.

I am sorry not to be in Rio in time for the Bill due on the 22nd July, & please do your best to have it renewed, as Dr. Jacobini is now in the Bank I think you can easily speak to him about it & he can arrange matters with Amara. I am writing a letter to Mr. Ernest Haefner as in the last estimate you may go & speak to him, as he has a good position with Mayrink, & in the Banco do Estado Unido, they may perhaps be arranged to transfer the Bill to this Bank, only if this is done, have it longas prazos say 12 months or more if it is possible, to give me time to arrange the cash gradually.

I received on the 23rd Inst. Domingo's Telegram

asking me when ³ I was going, & I am going to reply
on Monday "Lacombe part d'aujourd'hui"
& as the telegram will arrive before my last letter
you will not take the rooms as I asked you
in my last letter to do so. I will telegraph from
Bahia, & you will then decide the rooms you
will take for me.

As I said in my last as soon as you wrote to me
saying that B. Jose Felix & Americo Barbosa had
come to Europe & had gone to London, I wrote to
Nelson & asked him to be attentive to them, & he was,
he sent twice to the Hotel where they were to ask
if they required anything, & I expected as soon as they
would come over to Paris would call on me; both
have been here about 12 to 15 days, & I have come
back 10 days ago from London, & called on them
only leaving a card, & thus about 6 days ago, & until
now none of them have made their appearance
nor even to leave a card. you asked me to do what
I could for them, "I did it," but as it seems they don't
wish to see me, I shall not trouble them anymore.
Good by my sons, remembrance to Bellina & all
the family

your father
L. L. Lacombe

To your best about the Bill, & have it renewed the
best way you can.

