Vienna, Jan 10, 1853.

My dear Graham (and Wife),

I feel the want of you daily after you left and not all my experience in meeting and immediately being here and pleasant acquaintances kept me from having a sort of homesick feeling. However, I try to look at it as a great thing to have seen so much of you, and did not allow the thought to dwell upon the fact that I saw you no longer. Fiske and I are daily together and I feel toward him just that kindly sentiment which I find the rains everywhere. I am going to America.

I shall leave Vienna, I suppose, next after next; and meanwhile that is the "mean time" while I am in the ocean and good time while I am in your dominions. Fiske is to be my "Junior" here in the legation. Can you believe it - the Resident has reinstated Carvill's, so the hope of that Pechere is cut off in that direction. I mean to leave for Berlin.
I am excited about the Beethoven book, but have no great hopes that it will turn out of great importance as found. Still I very much desire to know what it really is.

I have at length really got to work on the Beethoven book and have real delight in seeing how the notes collected in all quarters fall into smooth mosaic work and each helps the other in making a complete picture. I am quite enthusiastic over times at the amount of the new & valuable, while those thus far created have only been found by a person from that Balianic Land, America.

Fiske is busy with a bee, but as he is a very bees, a closer (spelling) and other things to numerous for me to mention, but which one doubts, read in his letter to you.

I suppose you have had honor and anxiety of me, here all had—
needless too in a great measure, as it now appears, and caused by the kindly, lyin' and friendl'sh hand of the Times and its fellow workers for evil. Such malice, such coolness, such utter want of honor - a truth has never been paralleled in my experience except by Bennett's Herald. London Times, a New York Whig Herald - par excellence. 

How the question is - did Lincoln issue the Emancipation proclamation as the 1st inst.? I hope and believe it. He could not do otherwise especially after the defeat of the attack at Fredericksburg. 

When I reach New York I shall be four weeks behind the news. What will that news be? Is it all a dreary shadow, or that success is really bringing on the beginning of the end? God knows!

Let us only add the pleasure it gives me to have added you too to my list of dear friends! We shall sometime or other meet again and then we will clinch the nail which has been already driven.

God bless you both!

Alex W. Thozer.