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Translation

Camp in Laughlinstown

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This, my dearest Mother, is to give you an account of another journey we intend to take in the course of ten days, to a different part of the country. I must say we have been very comfortable here, and as the arrangement of this little cabin has not been accomplished without expense and great fatigue for my dear Husband, my regret is increased in consequence. We have fixed it up in good taste and were having the pleasure of thinking that we would be here through the winter, but now all our *castles in Spain* have vanished. I assure you, dear Mama, I console myself with the thought of having much happiness in the company of my dear Husband, and I would a hundred times rather be on the move continually than to be separated from him. The only thing that gives me infinite vexation, is the expense incurred in moving.

I am happy to tell you that dear M. is entirely recovered from a dangerous illness with which he has been afflicted. I wrote all the particulars of it to my dear Father some time past, and I have also complimented you both on Therese's marriage. I repeat this now and wish them all kinds of happiness. I have not yet had a letter from her since that event, but I hope that I shall not have long to say that.

The arrival of Cousin Wright in England about a month ago was a great surprise to me. I had not heard that he had made an exchange into another company. I wish I had been in Woolwich at the time to have given her a good reception, especially as Aunt Mercer had just left Uxbridge for a place farther away, but I hope that we may meet before very long. I myself have no hope of returning to England before the war is over, at least unless my dear