

D^r Junkers^{sic} house at the
Pyramids.
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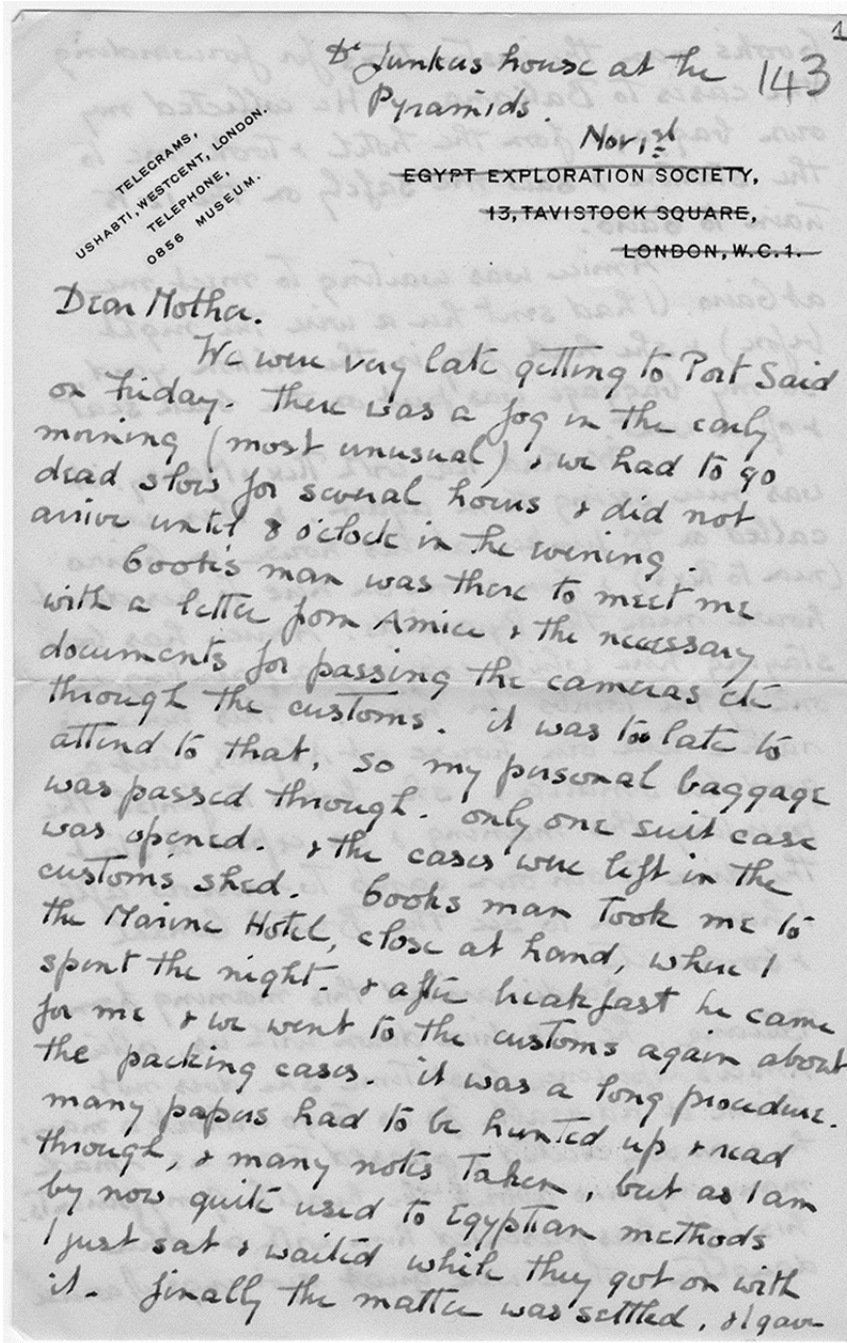
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EGYPT EXPLORATION SOCIETY,
13, TAVISTOCK SQUARE,
LONDON, W.C.1.

Dear Mother.

We were very late getting to Port Said on Friday, there was a fog in the early morning (most unusual) & we had to go dead slow for several hours & did not arrive until 8 o'clock in the evening.

Cook's man was there to meet me with a letter from Amice & the necessary documents for passing the cameras etc through the customs. it was too late to attend to that, so my personal baggage was passed through. only one suit case was opened. & the cases were left in the customs shed. Cooks^{sic} man took me to the Marine Hotel, close at hand, where I spent the night. & after breakfast he came for me & we went to the customs again about the packing cases. it was a long procedure. many papers had to be hunted up & read through, & many notes taken, but as I am by now quite used to Egyptian methods I just sat & waited while they got on with it. finally the matter was settled, & I gave



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Lots of love from us both
To you both

Your affectionate
daughter
Myrtle

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