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Smyrna
17/4/84

My dear Macmillan,

Your kind letter of
has just reached me. I intend to start this
year's work as soon after May 1 as possible; I
after that to travel ~~to~~ⁱⁿ ~~the~~^{the} continuously.
The first difficulty is to buy half a dozen
horses, always a troublesome & annoying
business. I shall find it necessary to
engage more men than last year: I
considered last year that ~~there~~^{it was} ran too much
risk riding with one man, and I resolved
never again to travel with fewer than
two Mohammedans in my company.
The feeling against England is growing
steadily stronger among the Mohammedans,
and the necessity for caution is even greater
this year than last. I have some
money over from last year: the accounts
are still not made up, but with Sterrett's ex-

pense added on [I presume that, as you
have not said anything in reply to the ques-
tion I asked about Sterrett's expenses, the
committee thought it quite fair] that
total for ~~the~~^{the} the year was about £240
or not far short. I am now working
as hard as I can (though I have felt
rather seedy since returning from Berlin,
where I rather overdid things), partly preparing
for ~~next~~ the summer's work, & partly writing
an article for J.H.S. and "Phrygia" for Encyc.
Brit. I shall be much obliged by a remittance
as soon as convenient: I shall have overdrawn
before it arrives, but that does not matter. If
it costs money to telegraph, there is no use
spending the money in that way. We have
nearly succeeded in arranging that my wife
should come with me & photograph all the
Phrygian monuments. It requires some
contrivance to get all settled, but I expect all
is now safe. We have the use of a camera from
a friend, and will buy 250 dry plates. She
will take the baby home to England, I return to

next steamer.

I have had to buy a new saddle.
the one I brought out in 1880 is worn out;
it galled the back of three horses last autumn,
& I had to come home on a borrowed saddle
from the interior last October. I shall also
have to buy two or three guns, or hire
them.

Yours ever,

Wm Rausay

P.S. Please send money in instalments as
is suitable for you: on the one hand it
is troublesome to be constantly sending
small sums, on the other hand my
Scotch caution is always averse from
having large sums in any Turkish
concern, banking or bonding or anything
else.