

glad thro' the various custom-houses:  
there will also be the expense of digging up  
the stone & of a fortnight's living, which  
Mommisen has promised to pay.

(2) There is a young fellow - Brown,  
formerly of Exeter College - who is going  
to travel with me. I think he will be  
useful, as I feel confident he has some  
of the spirit of a traveller (inherited from  
his mother, whom I know). When he  
first spoke of it in April, I felt some-  
what embarrassed about expenses,  
which he proposed to share. On the one  
hand, I don't like ~~asking~~ making  
him pay such expense as would be  
incurred whether he were there or not,  
on the other hand it is my business  
to make the Fund successful & long-lived,  
and it runs some risk if Brown turns  
out not to be the handy style of fellow  
I take him for. At the same time I had

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My dear Macmillan,

I hoped to call on you in Lon-  
don on the 10<sup>th</sup>, but was writing all day a  
paper for the R. Geop. We read that ev-  
ing. For the first time in my life I had a  
paper ready from first page to peroration  
at the appointed time: but it was a close  
shave.

I wished to mention the cir-  
cumstances attending this journey.

(1) I hope to receive from Mommisen some  
money for the expenses attending work  
at the great inscription of Orcistus  
(publ<sup>d</sup>. C. I. L., vol. III no. ). This will  
cost at least £30: I have bought  
various small revolvers, derringers, &  
clasp-knives, as presents for officials  
& owners, & have got them safely & my

to answer quickly. I arranged that if he should pay  
£4 per week for eight weeks: after that he should  
pay £2-10/ per week till the end of the journey: if  
it lasts 12 weeks, that will be £42. As a matter of  
fact, I believe that, if no accidental increase of expense  
occurs, the additional expense caused by him will be  
hardly over £15: I have the same men, nearly the  
same food, and ~~rather~~ <sup>a little</sup> less luggage when alone.  
I am not going to try anything elaborate & ambitious  
this year as I did in 1884: I calculate on doing all  
the <sup>archaeol</sup> work myself, and if Brown does anything to help  
so much the better. I feel convinced however that  
Brown will make the camp go much better; and you would  
not readily think how much that will ease my work;  
— the anxiety of keeping things in working order always  
bothers me greatly (though I have no doubt that men  
with a turn for managing would find it much less  
trouble) — I made a firm resolution in 1884 that I  
would never again travel with such a large com-  
pany without a drayman to manage it.

I am going to hire two Turks this summer,  
and I am not without hope of making this ~~summer~~  
expedition a very cheap one & leaving a good balance,  
thanks to Morn's ~~promised~~ contribution.

As to Brown, perhaps the Committee &

you will consider the matter at  
leisure, and if you think I have  
proposed anything out of the way,  
it is easy & graceful to end off by  
making a smaller account to  
Brown. He hopes to write a popular  
account of the trip, and he will  
gain a good deal of experience at  
a small cost: I made him buy a  
prismatic compass, & hope to have  
him surveying before we finish.

I am,

Yours very truly,

W M Ramsay.

P.S. Brown arrives early next Thursday  
morning: I hope ~~before~~ we may start  
the same afternoon, <sup>or next day at latest</sup> from Serai Kem  
(143½ miles up by rail), & ride to Colossae.

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