

Private

c/o Conulate,  
Smuzna,  
Oct 18<sup>th</sup> 1881

Dear Mr Newton,

I write from Denizli, two days (14 hrs.) from the railway. During my time in Aidin and in Smuzna, I had not a minute to write, and have seldom in my life worked so hard. It was very difficult to find anything in the shape of a Greek servant to go into the country so far, & as hard to find horses.

We take three baggage horses, roughly speaking one for our luggage, one for Blunt's, & one for the cooking utensils, provisions, &c. I intend to have all the goods weighed at our return, to find out the exact relation of the separate items: I think it will turn out that Blunt's luggage is as heavy as both of ours together. I have a question to which I must beg an answer: if I do not receive one by post I shall understand that your opinion is the same as formerly. ~~That~~ It seemed to me quite a fair way of allotting the expenses in case my wife were with me that I should reckon the additional expense

which she caused to the expedition, pay that separately, & divide the remainder. A cook & other equipments are there at any rate: & in various ways her knowledge of household matters keeps him in order & in check. If I understood you rightly, you seemed to consider another very different principle the correct one, to divide the total expenses into three parts of which I pay two. I wish not to do anything that seems unfair to competent & unprejudiced judges; at the same time I must point out that I shall not myself be able to carry out the expedition long on these terms. If you think that is the fair way, I take it at once, but ~~else~~ I have little money now to add to the studentship: & the expedition must take the consequences. You will see from my letters of last June that my first object in approaching the society was to get some help from it towards making a new excursion in Phrygia, & Col. Wilson suggested a companion artist as the best

way of attaining this. But the affair has grown into a scale which I could never have looked at; and which, even taking my way of allotting expenses, I shall have to pay more than half as much again as the sum at which I estimated the probability of going without an artist. I may have underestimated, but I did it with help from Sir C. Wilson, and had I found it dearer I had no need of going through with the enterprise. After the Society has embarked in the scheme, I feel bound to carry it out at any rate as far as I can, but I can't go on when I have exhausted my bank account.

You will see that the question is one of importance, and that I must ask the opinion of bystanders as to the fair way of dealing: that opinion I will follow. Meantime I write down day by day the total cost of the expedition, item by item. I may remind you that Mr. Blunt's parents were anxious that my wife should go; but that implies that they believed it would add to the chance of their son's being comfortable on the expedition. If in addition to this gain, he should have to pay only one third, instead

of one half of the cost of servants, the gain to him would be still greater.

I may add that it would have taken probably a week longer to make preparations had my wife not taken the whole charge of buying & packing the cooking utensils, provisions &c.

If I do not hear from you on this point, I shall understand that your opinion is that I pay ~~one~~ two thirds of the ~~total~~ expenses or else

Yours sincerely,

W. M. Ramsay.