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My dear Sir

I am this moment favoured with your letter of 19th June & lose no time (as today is Friday post & near the hour) in acknowledging it; desiring till next post my answer to most of the subjects of it. I am very much gratified by the very satisfactory account you give of my son. He was always bashful, ~~and~~ ^{but} I hope will get over his shyness and enjoy the benefit of your kind disposition to communicate instruction to him.

I am very desirous that he should learn to swim; & shall be much obliged by your making arrangements for his being instructed in that very desirable art.

Sir Alexander Maconochie is abroad; at least I have not heard of his return from a little excursion undertaken by him. When he does I will ascertain his wishes as to his son's learning to swim. I have only

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