

I hope to see you
soon - and look
forward to welcoming
you at our bridge.
Very Sincerely Yours

My Dear Captain Matthews,
I received
your letter, and fully
appreciate the senti-
ments which prompt-
ed the same -
You are right, the
marriage of my precious
child is a matter
of the gravest concern
to me - Having lived
so much longer, nat-
urally, I look farther

ahead than you
two young people.
It is a comfort to
me to believe you love
her deeply, and to
hear you spoken of
by those who know
you best, as a man
who may be depended
upon. His means
much to me - Ahann
is very delicate - and
while I am sure you
know it, I am taking
my first opportunity

to emphasize the
fact. You must
grant, independent
of spirit will make
you understand me.
She seems very
happy in her home
and I am trying
to think only of this
instead of dwelling
on the pain of separa-
tion - It is a
great gift and trust
I am bestowing
on you.