

Bethlehem:

May 20<sup>th</sup> /90

My dear Miss Everett.

We can get a costume made to order of any kind you like varying from three to five Napoleons according to the quality. Unfortunately I do not remember the kind of dress and jacket that Mrs. Bird took, but the veil I distinctly remember was one of the handsome old fashioned kind which are now getting very scarce as visitors give almost any price for them, the new veils of the present day are not half so handsome. I will begin at once to hunt for one to have in readiness and if you do not care for one so expensive, I can keep it myself as they are often asked for. I will try to describe the kinds of dresses that you may tell me which you would like. The cheapest

is dark blue cotton with trimmings of red and yellow cloth, the next is dark blue linen with a bright stripe of silk down each side of the material, trimmed with red and yellow silk - the fronts of this sort are made either with ornamented silk, or, worked in the old cross stitch on a piece of the plain blue. The third kind is all silk, stripes of various colours, blending in a very pleasing way but these are expensive perhaps two, or even three Napoleons for the size you require for the dress alone.

The favourite colours for the jacket are dark red, and dark green, which would you prefer? The Bethlehemitas do not wear any jewelry round the neck, all is fastened to the head-dress. Very massive silver bracelets are worn which cost <sup>#3.00</sup> eighty piastres and upwards, the pair. A woman in good circumstances wears three or four pairs of

such at once. If you require a woman's head-dress complete with real coins it will be very expensive. Without doubt we shall have some opportunity of sending any thing to you.