

Between Thomas Longmore, Sr., and his wife, Maria (née Elcum)

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August 27th - 1822 Tuesday

My dear Husband,

You cannot imagine the pleasure it gave me last night in receiving your letter. It was late when I received it as we did not return from the Palace of Versailles where we had passed the whole of the day until eleven o'clock in the evening it is the most beautiful place I have ever seen, or ever shall see. I do not believe for situation & for splendour there is possibly can be many places on earth to equal it. The gardens are almost innumerable, the whole suite of rooms in the Palace are absolutely nothing but gold, satin & the most superb paintings by Titian. Tho' we have been so short a time in Paris there is scarcely any place worthy of attention that we have not seen. You will be astonished I have no doubt to hear that Mamma's intention is to quit Paris next Monday Evening just altho' she brought £200 with her from London through the unavoidable expense of Coach hire & dining at respectable houses & purchasing some few little articles she has now no more than will convey us home. We have not heard from Stephen altho' Mamma

Maria & Margaret desire their love to you
& the children & to Charles & you are to tell
him his Maria is very much pleased with him
& will not forget to bring him something from
Paris



PORT PAUL



London

Not from the Edinburgh & Newcastle
to London & Newcastle

You cannot wonder at my writing being so
I tell you that the Rev. & by the way from London has
done all my writing & Margaret's also since we have
been here without ever having been mentioned having no
Pen knife - I hope Sir Robert will not think me
unkind with regard to the Eyes I think you had
better remember him from having them off this summer
Artist has an Agent in Soho Lane London who sells for him
there at not much more expense than here -

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London Mond Aug 13th 1832

My Dear Maria

I did not receive your

letter till 3 o'clock this afternoon
I was happy to hear you had arrived safe and
was something better which is quite as much
as could be expected after the fatigue of tra-
veling such a distance without eating
or drinking. With respect to the dear children
they are perfectly well and happy, M. B. as
usual exuberantly so. The principal trouble
is to keep his Lordship out of mischief. He
spent the whole of yesterday at my mother's
and is there again this afternoon. I give him
the preference as he does not go out so much
as the others. The little ladyship is in good health
and good spirits, you would suppose she had quite
forgotten her ma'am, if it were not for the hearty
apostrophe

spent the 24th, when I saw her. If I shall
go and fetch her in course. Susan has gone on
remarkably well. I have not a single complaint
to make against her. She has taken the children
out every day since you have been gone, with
the exception of 2 or 3, and they always return
as hungry as little hunters. Lord St. Albans
has been getting rapidly worse since you
left London. on Sunday last Mr. Harvey
considered it necessary to perform the operation
of tapping. I was with him as his assistant. He
bore the operation better than we could have
expected. He had a gallon and a half of water
taken from him, but he is by no means so much
relieved by the operation as I could have wished.
Indeed if he is to remain here I see very little
hope of him. I am much concerned at it, as he
becomes more interesting on more intimate
acquaintance. He has engaged in the political
movement the last three or four days when
ever I have written him if I had had a letter.
You will have made the enquiries respecting
the eyes keep your wife of air, you will

send me early postcard, twice especially, and
you had better write that part of your letter
so that I may read it to him. John set out
for Worcester on Friday last, he is to be married
on next Monday, to be in Bloomsbury Road
on Wednesday evening and then goes to set out
for London on Sunday morning, so that
in all probability he will join you there on
three days after you receive this. I trust
before you receive this your health and strength
will be quite restored. I should advise you to
avoid fatigue, particularly of getting into the car
at Paris which I should always understand
to be beautiful, and the air excellent, you must
care that you are in no haste, and that you eat
good as much as possible. Mr. Harcourt has been
not heard from. He had nothing particular to say to
you, mother, tell me in your next if you have written
to Harcourt and what news you have from him. It is so
near the end of the year that they are all fast asleep. I
shall not close my letter till tomorrow, but I shall
send you the latest news. I have seen Mr. Harcourt
might be desired to give his best remembrance. He
has been most kind to me on the ~~three~~ ^{three} concerning his
health. He desired to be particularly remembered. 25th (Sunday)
called this morning on his father for an hour. He has been
sitting there, both this week and the last, he is doing well and

