

Between Mrs Thomas Longmore, Sr., and her children, Maria, Benjamin and Charles

Publication/Creation

c.1837-1854

Persistent URL

<https://wellcomecollection.org/works/ks5978g6>

License and attribution

You have permission to make copies of this work under a Creative Commons, Attribution, Non-commercial license.

Non-commercial use includes private study, academic research, teaching, and other activities that are not primarily intended for, or directed towards, commercial advantage or private monetary compensation. See the Legal Code for further information.

Image source should be attributed as specified in the full catalogue record. If no source is given the image should be attributed to Wellcome Collection.



Wellcome Collection
183 Euston Road
London NW1 2BE UK
T +44 (0)20 7611 8722
E library@wellcomecollection.org
<https://wellcomecollection.org>

L. 16/1

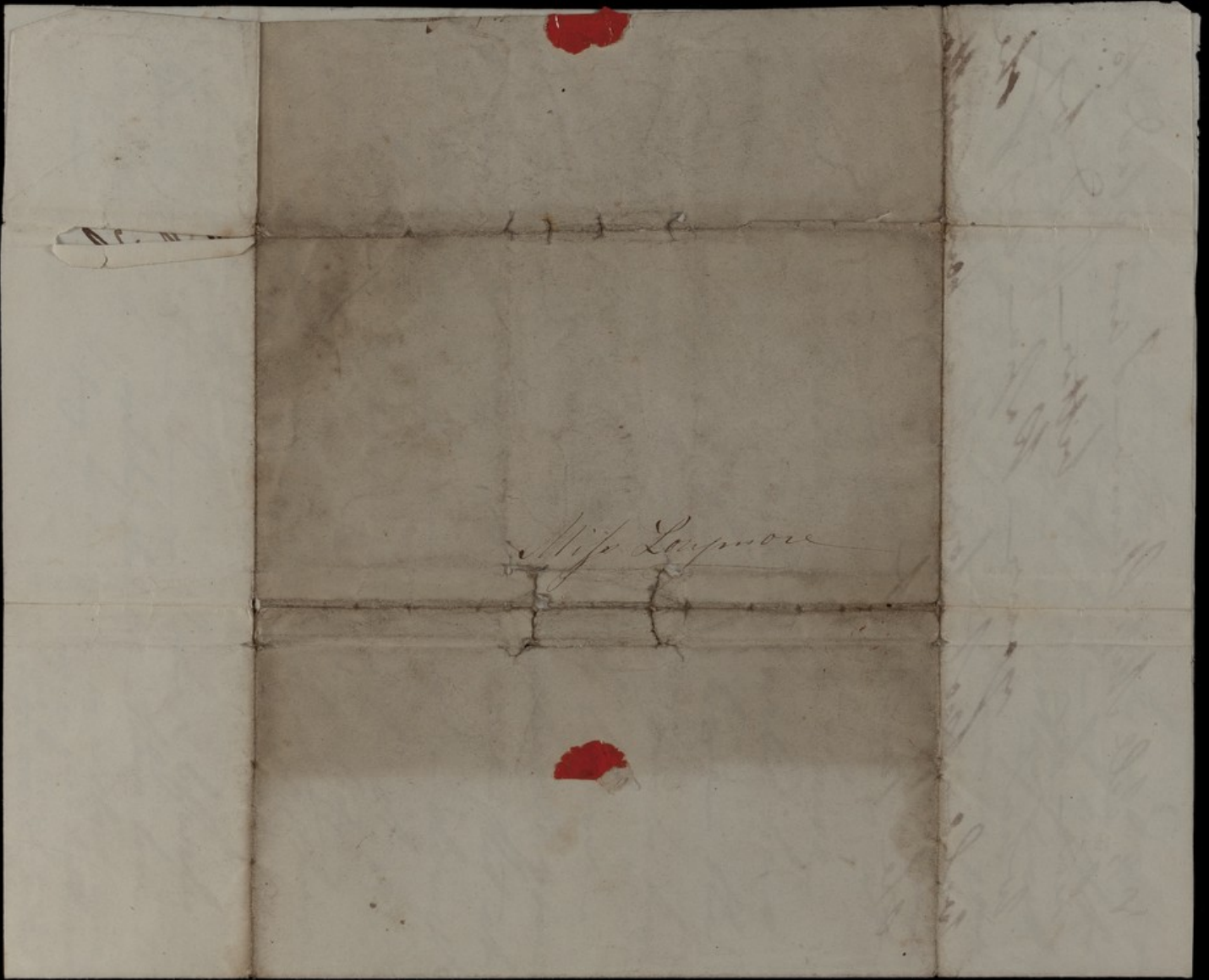
Tuesday Sept 26 / 34

My dear Maria

I received your letter yesterday
and was glad to hear that you are
better and that you arrived at home
safe and dry I feared when I parted
from you that it would have
ruined the remainder of the day
I was very sorry to see when I returned
home that you had left your
house shoes I am sure you must
have been very ill but care with
your new walking shoes constantly
in the house as Thomas purports
to be the bearer of this I will
send them by him
I hope you are careful
not

not to be out after dark and that
you do not sit up late at night
I trust you will in another week
have got rid of the pain in your
chest. We received a letter from
Benjamin last week he is at
Whitings boarding at the house
where your Uncle Charles has
been. I expect him home this
week - your Papa joins us in kind
regards to Mr and Mrs Cleave
I Miss Silke is now writing to you
when you write or come but it
be not French and never direct
a letter so near the top it is
not like an educated young lady
you must write large hand papers
to get out of the copy hand you
have got into
Pammy, Martha, Anna, John & Charles
would if he (could) desire their love to
you
hoping to see you in a short time
in good health and
as well as if now I remain
your affectionate Mother
M

N.B. Tell Miss Cleave I am glad to
hear her leg is better - find by
what your Papa says of the
will not love the paper without
she reads it



Miss Seymour

L. 16/2
Tuesday July 4th

My dearest Maria,

Our Emma is so fast
recovering her strength that she
was able to accompany John
& self to spend the evening
at our excellent friend Mrs. W.
and quite enjoyed her visit.
Such successful good has re-
sulted from our late trouble
that I can now and now
trace the merciful hand
of God in it — how mysterious
are his ways! Through this afflic-
tion your sisters Harriet and
Muriel are reconciled to each
other — trying every means in
their power to show that affec-
tion which God intended
should

subject between such people in a few days — I hope
allied relations — may you have had no more
nothing again wish to die — cases of cholera in Carmerthen
with them — we purpose giving Henry on land that the potatoes are
the main business of here not generally diseased
livestock (which you will think of having an early
removal, he is the best town derive — so as to go to Sea
day) a hundred of writing to spend a long afternoon
cards & paste so that her with Charles on the water
card case may be useful to use in the air — It is
her — can you think of any pleasure if nothing occurs
thing she would prefer — to prevent it that all but
if so you must direct your me shall spend the day
answer to Mr. Grey's to at the cottage tomorrow.
prevent her seeing it —
I was rather surprised the With my love tell your
Mail has brought no letter Uncle John I hope he
from Ben, as in his last he will excuse my forgetting
should he should write about his pencil case —

your box arrived & I found it with
I was rejoiced to find it with
I found it with the
I was rejoiced to find it with
I found it with the
I was rejoiced to find it with

thought to have been so all
expected that without your
having reminded me of it
it would not have
been sent for at all —
Mother has been for it
Mrs Price told her
I shall send in the evening
when her husband would
be at home, so that I cannot
send it by to day's post
I should not have it
this evening I shall send
it regularly until I have
with our united love
I remain

Your affectionate Mother
M Lou Moore

P.S. I have written to your
Aunt in French — induce her to
write to me — You did not say it

Feb 7th 15th 216/3
/51

My dearest Ben

At last I have the pleasure
of replying to your letter, & since you
propose to write more frequently
for the future, I can easily forget your
own anxieties & remembrances, only the
crosses & cares you have had to bear
from all those who I trust in sin will
repent of his enmity, like trust
I trust towards you, as then I am sure
he will forget it his study so to
concentrate himself as to make you
have a friendly feeling towards him.
It is truly regrettable that persons
want of Christian feeling should ever
have power over either man or beast
but we know there will always be in
this lifetime something to injure our
happiness — it is true you have had
much to vex you of the which all here feel
much grief about, but nevertheless
that with such a wife & two lovely
children as you have to make you
happy, you have a much larger share
of earthly bliss than most of your
fellow creatures & you must therefore
expect something always to occur out
of your possible circle to embitter
your cup of enjoyment.
I enclose you a letter I guess your
brother James it has been waiting as
you will see by the date some time

to be forwarded to you. I much regret his extraordinary dislike to letter writing, as well as his want of attention to it when he does write. But since he has lately begun to write to us all I must be careful not to let his own eye shine by pointing out all the faults in his letters at once. He writes with a little more attention in the French language than in his own. I very often regret that their faults being good correspondents. I hope you will encourage him to write a line to you.

I have a very interesting letter just received from Paris, the which I would have read earlier, but for it double your postage. I will send it next mail. I was happy to say his trip to St. Columus has brought with him of the information I will give you an interesting extract or two.

Washington D. C. Jan. 11th

I am well on my way back to Canada - I am nearly twice as stout as when I started & all that excessing of my workouts is a slight (or no) comp. & weakness of my left foot.

If you have read Sir C. Lyell's second tour in the U.S. which I hope you have you will have a very fair account of the means of travelling & the character of the country in the places which I have passed through. Our newspapers have been idiosyncratic, excepting that he went

South by the Emigrant, & returned by the Western States, while I returned by the ocean. Because of the high cost of my own passage I thus gained in respect to obstacles of the fact. The Ohio & other Eastern rivers were now impassable, while I can ascend going West by 12 miles up as far as Burlington. I believe as far as the head of Lake Champlain. The sleighing thence to Montreal will be very short. I arrived in this city up the Potomac on Monday evening 15th. I met here by accident two English gentlemen with a brother officer. My success & stay of some days with the regiment during the short time I spent at Quebec. There were the first English journals I have happened to see since I was at St. John & was therefore the more glad to see them.

Since I have been here in addition to the public establishments, I have been seeing something of diplomatic life. On Thursday evening I was at the French Minister's, M. Boie le Comte, & afterwards Sir Stourm & Lady Butcher introduced me to a party where I met the chief people among the Canadian and political men. In the conversation I had heard some of them in our interesting debate (in the Senate) on the English blockade of St. Salvador now in progress. At this party I was introduced to General Scott - one of the tallest and stoutest in the Yankee sense of successful exact appearance. I had no opportunity of judging of his proportions in that respect - but physically I would

stood on his toe to talk to - he must be
6ft 6 or 7 in - So night I go to a reception
at the Spanish Mission. Don Alderson
& tomorrow Sunday I dine at six St
Bulwer's own dinner in this
evening. I had intended to have left
you St Paul this evening but was induced
to prolong my stay until Thursday by Sir St
inviting me to dine with him.

Last night I was at one of the President's
receptions - I was introduced to him & Mrs &
Miss Silvester - I'm so conscious, apprehensive
& nervous, in Europe they would help
you very seldom any persons indeed, & contrasting
the simplicity of the whole affair with the
luxury & drawing houses of "Queen's", it
was very difficult to realize the idea of
the President being a person who in regard
to the most important of the British States
holds very nearly the same position as the
Queen of England does in regard to the
British possessions. He speaks French &
converses freely with every one - there are
no troops or guards - no servants in being -
no bands - in fact no particle of any kind
& were it not for the direct jurisdiction of the
Department, nothing would lead to the suspi-
cion of being elsewhere than in a private house.

I was thinking of putting together some notes of
my trip across the Atlantic to St Orleans & describing
them to Charles William for one of Mr Parshur's Mission
if satisfactory enough for publication. I met with some con-
siderable success on my way there. Love to Ben & the children
when you write.

I have given you so many copies of my
Spain letter that I have only paper & sufficient left
to write that we all write for every one here to your
family & the boys & girls children as well as
to your mother & father & your dear ones.

Feb 7th 1851

My dearest Ben

At last I have the pleasure
of replying to your letter, & since you
propose to write more frequently
for the future, I can easily forget your
own writing & responsibilities, unless the
business you are here had to be
done. Mr Booth told I trust in some way
of his contribution like that of
your towards you, as then I am sure
he will excuse it his study so to
confront himself as to make you
more friendly feeling towards him.
It is surely better that persons
want of Christian feeling should ever
have never over either man or beast
but we know there will always be in
this distance something to make our
happiness - it is true you have had
much to vex you of the which all here feel
much grief & about but never can be
that with such a wife & two lovely
children as you have to make you
happy, you have a much larger share
of worldly bliss than most of you
lands but always & you must therefore
expect something always to occur out
of your family circle to combine
yourself of enjoyment.

Enclose your letter to us, you
to other papers it has been expected as
you will see by the date & your name.

L. 16 / 4
May 11th 1853

My dear Charles

Your letter dated 12th April
reached us the 25th - We were all
pleas'd with its contents as all
my questions in my first letter
to you were so fully answered -
for the first time of travelling,
your encouragement was believ'
able
I am very very sorry to find so
little attention paid to Religion
& spiritual I was placing you where
you would chiefly be professing
your duty to God & yourself
but as it appears you are
unable to do as you please
I trust you will not regret needly
a portion of the Bible & reading
& praying & remembering the kind
teaching of Mr Newson -
You find it difficult it appears
to pronounce some of the German
words - This does not surprise me
I imagine that every foreigner
has the same difficulties to
overcome before they can speak
the language fluently - I shall
be very pleas'd when you are
able to write to John in your
newly acquired tongue -
You will be surpris'd to learn
that dear little Albert has been

rescued by Death - I would
love him if we his family
but as it was his happiness, no
one but his Parents could prevent
his removal from this sinful
world - he was buried in
our beloved Mury's Grave quite
dry week the day of his letter
reached us - My dear Mother & John
were the only visitors - Mr
Osway & your Uncle William
were invited to follow, but were
prevented from attending -
On the Wednesday evening at 6
P.M. - Henrietta, Philip, Steffy & Louisa
all left us to go to Barre, where
they safely arrived by noon - In
a letter from them since they
state the children are delighted
with the garden - all but now
decide to that God will bless
your progress & their undertaking
for their present & future welfare
and that Henrietta will become
a useful Wife & Mother & have
off thinking so much of self -
we should all try to think
less of self & then we should
have more opportunity for serving
others - I forget if I told you in my last
letter that your father talked
of visiting home & Uncle John, hoping

to recover his strength so as to be
able to walk without pain - he
thinks he shall be as usual here
fit in health, as he was when
he went to Niles -
Yesterday being a very fine day
I accompanied your father to
spend the day at the Lewis town
& think such little trips do him
good - We have two houses to let on the
Square & two rooms out door
so that at present how we make
good I might yet give the change
I do not like to leave home
at the same time I feel the
weight of anxiety & fatigue I have
so long had to bear, principally
from Henrietta's increase of
crossness and good management
have much weakened my
nerves & peace -
Mr Samuel Sherburne, your
Aunt Mary's brother died the
week before last, & was buried
the same day as your little
Albert - this is a great loss
to your Aunt - he was very
liberal to her -
When you write home again
be sure to desire to be remembered

to your Uncle William - Aunts
Henry & Kees, as I shall show them
your letter & they will be pleased
at being remembered in it -
To day has been very wet confining
us all to the house -

William & they is now arrived to one
of the Miss Blounts - we
have paid the wedding visit -
they have the upper part of
Keestrop house on the Curweny
Mr Miles came by my request
& took Ben's Portrait for me
before he left, he also took
little Albert's after he was in
his coffin -

Should you like me from
time to time to send you
a No. of paper or do you
sometimes have an English
newspaper through the other
pupils -

We all hope you are well
& working hard to surprise
us with your acquisitions
when we shall have the
pleasure of seeing you at school
we must be contented at
looking at your Portrait -

Received
John Church, London
M. P. Jensen, Prester
Pinnberg
near Hamburg
Germany
Hornum

PAID
B
SPD
1853



5 Sep 17
P.D.

KING OF THE BIRDS

-2 16/5

7 Oct. 1853

My very dear Charles

When I last wrote to you
I forgot what I particularly
intended writing to you that
I wished you to have the five
you divided in your room
as long as the weather made
it necessary for your comfort

I have sent you 3 Mr. Trowsers
(with the paper you required by newspaper)
and if you need them you
must buy a pair suitable
for the coldest weather &
I will cheerfully pay for
them when I pay your
schooling Bill.

Your Aunt Pies on reading
your last letter expressed
surprise at your stating
you would speak the
Yiddish language & she
as well as myself thought
that as a matter of course

your had hitherto always
I spoke in that language.
It has passed in my mind
to ask you if your Uncle
William would take care
whether you would like
to be watched to him -
whether you think you
would like the proposition
I should like you well
to consider the matter
before giving your answer
but remember we if you
were agreeable to it I do
not know that it would
be practicable -

I am daily expecting Mr Jensen's
Bill - I shall forward the
money as before I write to you
when I have so done - write
directly this parcel reaches you
that I may know for the future
how long it takes for you to have
what you require to be sent -
I would have sent a note but
Mr Jensen once told me his son or
daughter when at school in Germany

did not think it worth sending - but
if you are of a different opinion -
I shall be sorry for being obliged to
what I should - I must make up
for it in another way -
No news since I wrote to you last Monday
Yours affectionate Mother

October 7th /58

My dear Miss Lake

My dear Charles

Oct^r 27th / 53 L. 16/6

I was surprised
at not having received Mr
Jesse's Trevellyan's account
& no acknowledgment from
you of having received the
parcel & letter I sent to you
on the 5th or 6th Instant -
I expect to hear this intelligence
before you receive this - If the
parcel had been of much
value I should have feared
it had not reached you, & by
not knowing sooner about it
might have prevented me
knowing it -

Your sister being still
residing at Cheltenham
for your poor Aunt Phoebe is
not yet strong enough to
return to the house -

I expect Henry will return
tomorrow as I heard from
Maria your Uncle William
& necessarily would be in
Belfast how to they -
We expect your brother James
in London next week for a
few days -

Benjamin is still at Bournemouth
& I was happy to say they
are all well -

We all at home are in good
health excepting I have been
(by over walking perhaps) my
left foot - I have been resting
at the last four days - I trust
it will soon be strong again
& that I may feel thankful
for the excellent health I
have hitherto been blessed
with whilst so many of my

fellow creatures are seldom
without suffering either in
body or mind -

John is fully employed
butely with his hospital du-
ties - he is not strong in
health -

With this note I forward the
Illustrated News -

Your Aunt Pears & Ellen
have been staying for

some weeks in London
& Newwood - to day they
have returned to their
home at Brighton -

M^r Hobart dined with us
last week - he is not much
wiser than he was many
years ago -

As it may interest you I
enclose a letter I received
from Flouville - butely -

Things, all together, seem
much the same as when
you were here - but
we are getting older
I frequently wish it were
settled what your future
employment is to be, that
our plans may be formed
if for the medical profession
you would have to begin
not later -

I pray that you may be
directed, from above, to
choose that which will
be for your good here
& hereafter -
with our united love
I remain
your affectionate Mother
Mary Anne

Thomas & his friends
 are still surviving
 they are all of them
 to be expected
 to be dead
 a few weeks ago
 your dear friend
 a P. W. G. letter
 I have you
 in my English paper
 that I have
 presented to
 Surgeon in
 my letter to
 2. 16/7
 (2pp)

My dear Charles

You have deferred writing
 till so near your time of
 leaving the Rectory that I hardly
 know how to set me up and
 your travelling expenses — you
 do not even state that the Rector
 would allow you to remain
 on day or two longer as a visitor
 with him until the money
 reached you — If he will
 kindly lend you the £4 I will
 immediately receive the bill of
 what I owe him remit it to
 him as heretofore —
 You should have stated in
 your letter why you or the
 Rector have marked out a
 different route to the one I sent

you copied from Mr Schmidt
route via "from Hamburg to
Limbach - Lelle - Haldensee
Altfeld" (from there he would
probably go to Carlsbad by the
Post Coach) - Carrel - breakfast
upon - from breakfast
through Muehler & Ladewig
Hotel - he will be with us
in about 5 hours"

Your Uncle Thomas calculated
that this travelling would
cost about £2 110-0 -

Which does the Post but
will be the cheapest route
in the day time you could
travel in the third class
we calculated you would
have to sleep at breakfast
and be at Mr Schmidt's

the following day
summe this by reference of
Post that I may send the

necessary money you
must show the Alpen Card
at Hamburg =

Do not delay answering
this quickly

Give my kindest regards
to Miss M. J. G. &
state that I think Mr

Phillips said his son is
about 15 years of age

he has been for some
time at a school at
or near Wuppah to

become the French
language - if I can
at any time recommend

Mr J. G. J. school to get
his pupils I shall have
much pleasure in

the day so for the kindest

L. 16/7

p. 2. 13 Mar. 1854

Catharine Sparking

33 Parker St

Queen St N

This address has given
me by the nation at
the Institution in the
stand; the said the
could recommend the
person named above
but she does not belong
to the Institution, but
as she has been a copy
since I don't think she
would be suitable as the
Iron-Devotional Queen

July 31st

L 16/8 /54

My dear Anna

Your Aunt Sussey has
sent me the "Daily News" I wish you
would cut out any carefully from it
the letter for me to enclose to
Charles as I do not think I could
send him an old Newspaper
for the same postage, as a newly
issued one -

I have written to Mr Stowey to ask
whether if Emma had better
take a bath or two -

I wrote to Benjamin I think
Monday, but have not yet received
an answer - he may have been
professionally engaged - has
your Aunt Sophie returned
her letter - if so enclose
it to Benjamin -

Sophie has obtained
the bill from Vincent Storr
for the money for it - your Papa
has said several times that he

particularly desired John
the day before we left home
to go for it -

I hope John accompanied
one of you to Church or Chapel
on Saturday morning -

Has Margaret (Catherine) called
did she mention where her
mother is lodging?

As yet I have not seen any one
I know

The weather hitherto has been
most pleasant - not at all
hot - generally a pleasant
breeze blowing -

You will know by my telling
you that your Papa now wears
his shoes how greatly reduced
the swelling in the feet must be
he has also left off the huge
stockings -

I much regret one of you not
being with us - it would be so interest-

ingly pleasant to Emma to have
a companion to sit on the bench
with her as she is necessarily
much alone there on account
of my not liking to leave your
father who comes so well
to amuse himself in the house
when tired of reading -

Your letter of Saturday came
this morning - I thank you
all for your affectionate
wishes for my life to be prolonged
I trust it may be as long as I can
be useful to my family & feel
safe for heaven -

Do you daily water the convolvulus
& geraniums at the back drawing
room window, as well as those
in the garden around the
withered tree in the long bed
going to the Water Closet?

Have not Mr. Humphries rec-

Mr Edwards yet called?
Tell me when you have
paid for the drawing room
paper -
Do not forget there is half
of the sheet in the two yellow
bottle in the corner of the
paper near the Water closet
I suppose you have sent your
Papa's Counterpane with the
one from London but to be
winded -

Let Rachel get the Illustrated
News as usual & after you have
read it part it to me, so that I
may after reading forward
it to Charles -

Emma has just brought
in two such long ribbons
bunches from the sea
to carry back with us -
like an narrow scarf -