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Manchester 2nd Mo 1st /56

My dear Mother

I rec^d the enclosed
this morning & it seems I must
not expect another for a fortnight
as the Packetts are altered
I suppose Eliza had one I
think it is not worth while for
us to write oftener than once a
fortnight as they get the letters
in couples they seem to be
very well & getting the house com-
fortable I have just written
to Jos.

We spent a very pleasant
evening at Dr. Beards last night
about 27 in all many I know
but some were strangers

The concert passed off very
well. On 4th day afternoon
Father, Susan & I took baby
in the carriage round

Broughton between 3 & 4 miles
it was beautifully fine Emily
walked some of the way
yesterday she went out with
Father for an hour & walked

most of the time, she will not
be carried. I have nothing
particular to say having
written so lately intended
sending this to Mary but as
there is one for her I must
let you forward it to her
with my dear love.

I hope thy shoulder is better
suppose you are busy clapping
with our united love to
both believe me

Thine affec^t

Mary Ann Watts

Manchester 2nd Moth 1866

My dear Mother

I was much pleased to receive thy last kind letter on 3rd day evening & as there was so much interesting news in it I enclosed it with mine next day of 4th. I have no letter from him last week but hope to tomorrow & am writing this in haste to send with it. I am quite alone at present Emily being asleep & the rest at chapel & meeting, the weather is cold & so foggy I feel rejoice to think there are no fogs in Canada they affect my chest & make me feel weary & stupid. On 3rd day Mr & Mrs Curtis & Mr & Mrs Bowie were here to tea I asked Mr Curtis how he bore the cold in Russia when he was there & the degree of cold he said it was 32 below zero but he thinks he had felt the cold in Manchester this winter as much as he did there & a family who have lived 24 years in Russia are returned to England & have frequently been confined to the house by the fogs & damp

air w^h affect them more than the
severe cold & dry atmosphere of Portland
but they have their heated brick so
differently there they have 4 rooms
on a floor all joining & a square stove
in the centre 1 side of the stove being
in each room so all are heated
alike with one fire, then they have
double windows fill^d between "round
the cracks" with sawdust or moss
they also wear furs a great deal

We spent a very pleasant evening
& are to return the visit to Mr. Curtis
on 5th day next. On 4th day we
had a party of ladies to tea Mrs.
Buckett's 3 Sisters & Mrs. Wotton who
is American born & has crossed
the Atlantic 3 times she is a
shocking sailor so gave me a very
dis-couraging acc^t of the voyage as she
was obliged to be in bed most of the
time but Mr. Poore who has been
several times to Portland, since she
was ill the first week & after that
was quite well & did lots of work
so what a difference there is in people

I fancy you very much enjoyed
the evening I am happy spent with
you I sh^d like to have joined your
party I long to see my men of
Camden. but how soon if all be
well shall I see the place itself to
think tomorrow I shall have been

here 9 weeks of the 12 if I stay but
3 more I shall not do all the work
I want to, but I have done the thin
work & shall next make 2 or 3 thin
frocks for baby as what she wore
last summer will be quite too babyish
for her. I got some very pretty muslin
in ferts for 3^d per piece but only
enough of one sort for a skirt for
myself. I quite forgot the gas bill
was not p^d for I told the young man
to have it made out for one up to
January day. Mr. Walters may please
himself about paying it or let them
call when I am in Bristol & also
you please to keep an acc^t against
me for whatever you may pay for
me. I suppose Miss Powell has not
called with another shilling -
The person I spoke of who, owed me
4/- it was told next door to West -
but I fear it will be useless trying
my love to Mr. Walter & I desire my
family will be very pleased to see her
baby. I think it was 2nd day last.
I wrote to Eliza, that afternoon
we all except John & Sunday went to
Mr. Walkden's to see met 2 of her
Sisters there & 2 or 3 more we were
quite a party & spent a most

pleasant evening Alice & Mary aged
4 & 5 being played together so happily
3rd day having rec'd a letter from
Jas yesterday at noon by which I
to Mr. Gowen who came to forward
I send both to you as it is so inter-
esting I shall like you to read it, please
deliver it soon. How pleasant it is
to know that it is so well pleased with
his change & hope the directors will
agree with me & that I shall be as
satisfied & I hope the Illustrations
London must get started with the
birds of Hamilton & a short life.
It is just the same as the little
picture I send. As for without
me & so by steam I must again
think of it very fine at the beginning
I am sure shall go to Liverpool
by a steamer. I quite imagine
to it myself we rather put up with
dinner & supper for a fortnight than
be quiet for a week. I shall
think all the while the noise was
succeeding me over the water
when once I get to London I
must have it shall long for the
day when I shall once more
behold my beloved London
If I go by steam I shall be in

Change of view with

Rebecca Watts

Brentford 5th Nov 1854

My dear Mother

This is a very shabby
sheet of paper but it is the only scrap of paper
I have in the house & I feel inclined
to have a sheet with these things written
& answer they last to go! The thought
suppermost in our minds is the state
of mind Eliza is in she must be very
anxious poor girl & I long to know how
she will decide surely she has given some
explanation before now Eliza will most
likely have the money tomorrow week for
her voyage & to Rev. Philip he has not sent so
much as John but I suppose it will be enough
& before she comes he will have saved enough
to defray the expense of meeting her &
bringing her to B^c, he has begun digging
the post holes for his fence & bulks of brick
tied up a quantity I suppose for a work
shop he wrote home yesterday but
don't know whether he wrote to Eliza
or not he brought us letters & papers from
post with mine to Eliza & a scrap from
Mary enclosed in the chief in En.
My sister says they had heard from
J. & B. Brownell who had disposed of
their business & taken a house near
Mary how pleasant it will be for her
she will begin to feel quite surrounded
by her friends. My Father & Mother will
I expect be in London this week & will
be delighted to be with J. & B. so near Mary
& Eliza. we have not yet heard any
particulars respecting the childrens doing
wth them mentioned. we long to

know how Aunt Mattie & Henry have settled
their affairs whether P. is married, what
Aunt will settle & something about Becky
is she gone or going to Australia. How good
to Devon do not stay so late at last time
for fear of rheumatism. I suppose Wilkes
does not find the pin making very remuner-
ative as he has taken the old horse, or
else he is making haste to get rich. I can't
say I am sorry. Myrday is disappointing.

Speaking of the Fox brings us to the
neighbourhood of Mrs. Manly how is she
I expect their garden is looking beautiful
with flowers & blossoms our dear love to
her how is Lauree now & Louise I forget
her other name. Do Miss Clark still
remember us & Emily I can just fancy
her talking to her on the counter & say-
ing she was the happiest little dear in the
Parish. How sorry I am to hear such an
account of Mrs. Thomas I do hope she will re-
cover shortly is it a low nervous affection
or nervous? do you ever see Mrs. Bryant
I should like to be remembered to her & Mr.
Guest & M. A. & A. Selfe also Lucy, Eliza
Cole I should think there is a good opening
for their girls & the situation chosen a
good one. I wish them success.

I do sincerely hope J. & Co. happy days
are commencing what sort of a baby is
the last & is the little boy returned yet
perhaps it will be interesting to John to know
that the local Physician in B. is fast be-
coming an abstemious the last 12 months his practice
has greatly increased for he was formerly
a great drinker but tolerates on a/c of

his skill his name is Digby & I think
I shall engage his services, is it not nice
that Margaret will come to be with me? no
doubt it is all for the best that the girls will
not be out till it is over if I am only
favoured with a good getting up I shall
be much more fit to receive them than
in a good time. It is a satisfaction to
know Fanny has decided to come & also
to hear such very satisfactory news of
Alfred poor fellow I feel a greater regard
for him than I ever thought possible
we have noticed a decided improve-
ment in his writing & style may be he
preserved in the right way. We shall
feel quite Patriarchal when we have so
many young people gathered beneath
our roof. I have been writing my letter
last time unfinished until now & having
just had the pleasure of reading them
of the 8 inst. also Mary & Eliza's I will
fill my sheet if I have time will
write to Eliza also. It is very pleasant
to find them all so well & enjoying the
company of thy friends. I fear poor M
Cole will be a sufferer while she lives whom
did not mention the baby I suppose it
is nothing out of the common I am
glad Mr Thomas is recovering & that I
have at last given up the necessity of
passing the M^d. Thou hast answered my
questions about Goodleigh. It is well that
of thee to send the Postage stamps but
a pity if my Mother sends a few
now & then quite as many as we have
any use for as they will not free
a letter in this country. W. Williams

brought the letters from Louisa but no papers
I dare say we shall have them to morrow
now when this is posted. Jo & John left
the Depot for this week, on 3rd day at noon
& have been busy ever since on the ground
have fenced in the whole 2 lots & have
a man or couple of days to rake up the
earth & plant 2 bushels of potatoes we
3 cut them up they are a fine good
sort & I trust will yield a good produce
Jo has set many of the seeds sent us
& 10 slips of lilac trees from Mr Dymond
in a border round the front side
of front garden they do not come
home till dark so have their tea taken
up this evening briefly & I went with
the bread & butter & cheese I got a quart of
milk from a neighbour who says
if we will take a qu- every day we
may have it for 4th copper which is less
than 2^d sterling I have not tasted
tea now for a fortnight I have not
been troubled with heartburn since
we mostly have milk sometimes I
take water we all sat down together
& had our supper on the grass in
front of where our house is to be I quite
hope to see it up next week this the
raising has not commenced yet
it is almost dark so I must see for
briefly & put her to bed she is very
well in such spirits with our united
dear love I remain thy aff^{ate} Mary Ann

Rebecca W. Mott. Adeline Mott

Beauford 11th mo 18 1854

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My dear Mother

I gave not much
pleasure to receive thy letter this even
Mr. brought it & the newspapers while we
were at sea he is quite a different being
now as kind & sociable as we are with
& I believe for how forgive the past & is
as anxious to serve him in any way
he can as his kind nature prompts him
to do for those who need help I hope
with thee nothing will again occur
to disturb our unanimity. It is a
great comfort to me to have a sister with
us she is as fond of children as ever
& has even the love of both of ours we
often get a bit of quiet time together
& I read most of the last "Science"
to her while nursing baby it is such
a treat I think I enjoy it as much
as some do going to a party it reminds
me of the time I have spent with
my own dear sister we often read
& read alternately. So Fanny thinks
Joseph is a happy man I believe she
is right for he is very cheerful & so fond
of his children & kind & attentive to me
I was very sorry to part with Fanny
she is a dear creature so nice with
the children & so often reminded me
of thee truly since one night when
I was addressing her I do wish contin-

Fanny w^o come & talk to me & kiss me
but cousin Fanny w^o go away & cousin
Alfred w^o go away too sometimes I hear
her telling the Kittens parts of the little
baby tales Fanny used to tell her
don't be concerned about the cold it is
boarded round & a cover to it it is
too cold to send her out for wood
now but she often fetches it from the
kitchen to the parlour she is very
useful in fetching & carrying little
things It is very nice for Mary to have
her two boys cared for so well If it was
summer coming instead of winter
thou mightest often take a trip down
to see them, are they to return after
Xmas? I am glad thou had a few
of the grapes off the vine with thy
children planted how beautiful
the ivy must look I wish our
fences were covered with it but it is
a scarce article here, are now thou
hast had particulars of John's marriage
both from us & them Liz^y it very
well & likes to work admirably she
is never idle we have been very
happy together so far we consider
Elizabeth at home with us but she & Mrs
visit I & I occasionally yesterday
was very fine so after dinner we
all took a walk together to the river
there is a dam across one part of it
wh^o the water was rushing, forming
a miniature Niagara the water

it as clear cut crystal long icicles hanging
from some tops of wood & along the
bark. The brushwood was adorned
with large crystals of ice with glittered
in the sun. The children enjoyed
it ^{as much} as ourselves till towards
the end they both got tired & finally
wanted to go to sleep in the snow.
we all took tea in the Shanty. Mrs
gives a presiding of course & a
pleasant evening we spent. I made
both children & put them in Mrs
bed we wrapped them in shawls
to bring them in we had tea out
of the chimney. & Charleston gave
Elizabeth perhaps it will please her to
know that we thought & spoke of her
& also that the silk she gave me. I
had made for John's wedding
baby's hood & gaiters are very useful
Elizabeth I have both been busy to
day putting away all our summer
clothes to make room for winter ones
I am thankful we are all so well
provided. Emily's blue pelisse looks
very well for baby but he is quite
grown out of his hood so before we take
him out again I must make him
a cap. I have plenty of velvet & fur
for it. They all admire Emily in
her Cambric dress & wish us to
have her likeness taken in it for you

I know I have mentioned that
we think Aunt Betty's likeness
very good also Betty's our love to
them when writing kind remem-
brance to friends & neighbours very
Mr. Guest is again disappointed of
a girl we get good beef at 3 a lb
mutton 4 & 4 1/2 brown sugar 4 1/2
very glad Mr. Thomas is well again
The letter thou hast returned the en-
velope of was not paid as we had
no stamps it was directed to thee for
thee to have got early & give thee an
errand into the post John P. C. shall
pay the post as thine was our envelope
I think Fanny intended it so
the poetry sent is very pretty
3rd day evening here am I alone with
my baby asleep in his cradle in the
parlour J. & B. busy at work in the
kitchen Lizzy gone down with Oliver
to the Shanty to write our letters this
time will go by Canadian mail
& likely to in future as no one is
willing to turn out early enough to
post them by 6 a.m. on 2nd day
mornings it is scarcely light now
by 6 o'clock I believe we get all the
letters & papers that are sent thanks
for the stamps we are well supplied
for some time to come. Dear love
to Mary, Philip & the children the
largest share to thyself in all with God
united Thy affectionate Daughter
Mary Ann Watt

Brantford Nov 10/58

My dear Mother

When last I wrote to Mary I promised my next sh^d be to thee but really I have nothing worth writing about at this a hard lot thee every thing of any interest. I hope thou art enjoying thy visit to London and since it is for Mary to have thee with her a bit we often wish for thee but in vain. It has been writing to John Ashmore & I have sent a note to Louisa - wh^{ch} is really so tame it is not worth a second postage so don't expect it. I am afraid thou art feeling uneasy about all the young

men being out of work it is
a great trial & a sad drawback
we were getting on so nicely
whilst ago of course we are
getting behind hand except
having a trouble between us
it is a good thing having
no need to pay & some pro-
vident in the cellar
When last begun his room
it will be a good comfort
after days they all work
hard enough but I want
to see them earning some
money but must have
patience our dear little
ones are very well & in
breasting. Baby is sitting
in his chair by me &
amusing himself with
his rattle & the pen tray

Graily forget her love &
kisses to join your friends
& friends I suppose little
Nolly is beginning to talk
at she is 19 mos old
Challacombe it now the
summer ago Graily went when
her Father left so now
the progress he makes will
be new to his Father how
we used to with for a year
her when Graily did
any thing new it is
nearly dark & my pen
bad so I will say farewell
Jo. sends dear love & will
try to write next week
Please give my love to
the family, Alfred & P.
at Challacombe Dr. A.
Kingsatt & J. Ball W. Mount

other enquiring friends
I shall like to be very
kindly remembered to
Fred & Georgina wife
with dear love to thy
self Philip Mary & the
children

I remain
Thy affectionate

Daughter
M. A. Watts

M. A. Watts

Return this next time thou
write

Brantford 5th Mo 2 1858

My dear Mother

1st day evening has come without my having written as I promised & I am sorry to say I have done in the week but I have so much sewing to do & so little time for it that I don't know how to spare any for writing. My baby is just such a sleepless little thing but finally went to sleep & is sweetly asleep. He is out of doors nearly all day he sleeps none the better for it he likes to be out but is very unwilling to be put out of himself at all. As it is a very fatiguing time I am often obliged to lie down after the children are gone to bed that I feel little inclination for writing but am obliged to do so or I shall never get any thing done. I hope Charles will soon walk for he gets on well now. Oliver is very good & takes to him a great deal & he gives me time to do some work yet much so. We were home of Nov 8th on the 28th just from all of ours & what they afforded comfort. I hope we are thankful that in the midst of our troubles we have never lacked a necessary thing. It was thought that we would live in April but now the Oct. term is mentioned it seems worse to be out of work in summer.

Then winter Jos & John have enough
to do at present & when this job is
done I hope something else will turn
up. Now it still unfortunate we
feel very sorry for Oliver it is so sad
to begin the world so much in
debt. We have been working for an
opportunity to buy a cow for her
but a cheap good one seemed not
to be met with. Now people who
are not obliged will not purchase
them now. There is getting plenty
of grass and we to understand that
the 2nd is a loan or a gift to Olga
from them? When Thora first men-
tioned it, Jos asked her if she wanted
it, she said no but when she did
she asked for it. She had spoken
to me about it & John will let her
have it tomorrow we wish it all
be paid out on a cow as that
will be bringing in something
otherwise it will soon be gone
as Mrs. Cottage is not finished there
are plenty of ways for money
he is going to have the ceilings of
his two little rooms plastered
this week he will finish his
bed room at once for Philip
& his wife expect to be here
next 6th day & John & Lizzie offer
to give up their bed room & sleep
in this parlour. It will make

little trouble Thora for all not to travel
and we shall be very glad to see our
Boswell & propose taking our meals
altogether during their stay that
each may have their company
I fear J. & P. will not have much
time with them as they will be busi-
ness the cottage most of the week at
least so that when they are
in need they can go on ahead with
it. I have to thank them for 2 notes
and while I was in Hamilton & the
recessed by Eliza Cropper for they are
beautiful I had no idea she was a
poet we are truly glad Thora has
been so much perfectly supplied with
the needful & have no doubt it
has been in answer to prayer &
perhaps if we had only been sufficient
grateful I believe we should never want.
My letter was almost interesting &
encouraging I think most of the
questions have been answered or
referred to in mine to my sister
with whom you will see so I must not
repeat I from the commencement
of this little journal rather com-
plaining but I do not wish it to
have too much of them many
times so have young child been
kind it was well but had been
rather troublesome lately in the
garden she seems to have a pro-

penitence to do mischief. I wish there
was a nice school at home but
there is not. I can imagine how
delighted dear Johnny would be to see
the Mary. It was a nice little
turn out for Mary & a good set of
portraits for Beckey to return
with her. I hope Aunt Billy
will stay a long while with the
& if she & Beckey come to America
they must be sure to come this
way. It is very gratifying to hear
that John & Susan are so happy
& the children so well & our love to
them. Eliza has had a letter from
Frances. She likes the Westportville
& her situation very much & is
settled down for the present with
Uncle Eli. I think also that
he wrote to Mary. I feel sorry for
Mrs Walter from thing whatever
will she do with 3 such little ones
Mary was not likely to keep a business
if they get out of school so, my
love to her & the grand old folks &
brothers also. George & Mary
all enquiring for me. I have
not written a satisfactory letter to
mine either the pen work or paper
is bad & I can't get on so please
excuse all faults & believe me
with dear love in love to the
mine. Thy affectionate daughter

My dear Mother

I am not quite satisfied with the letter I wrote last week but have not time to write much more so must let it go but wish to say we have since quite understood that the 2^d & 3^d is a present to Eliza & she & J^r have written to & quick to thank her for her kindness & we have much enjoyed the company of our cousins & regret this thing is so short but it is pleasant to think that in 15 or 16 days they will see we are able to tell them about us. J^r has drawn a plan of our house but as it was left till the last day it is not done to his satisfaction but hopes there will be pleasure with it also with the likeness of himself & two children. I fancy it will do my heart good to see him look so smiling I can't look at it without laughing dear baby has been very poorly the past week with a touch of the old complaint so he does not show to advantage I think Emily looks much prettier in white & my mother says it gives you both pleasure

I suppose Eliza is writing & will
explain about the dolls clothes
my dear love to Mary & hope
what I have done will please
& hope it will fit the doll. I
must not stay to write more
so with dear love believe
me Thy affectionate

Daughter

Mary Ann Watts

Dear Love to Aunt Betty
of 5th Mo. 2 years tomorrow
since I landed at Boston

Rebecca Watts
Catharine Brewster

My dear Mother
Brantford 10 Nov 5/58
I believe I am indebted to thee & Mary but as I cannot find time to write more than one letter each mail & you see what I write to my sister I must beg you to take the will for the deed & thank you for your kindness in writing to me so frequently it always affords me pleasure to be addressed personally altho' we each see all that comes. We have often remarked that my time had been pretty much occupied in visiting or receiving visitors since Oliver left we had nicely diverted my attention from a sense of loneliness wh. I feared I should feel & it is more pleasant to us to think that Betsy will write with thee may you both be preserved in good health & enjoy the society of your friends & find mutual comfort in hearing from your absent children; it was a disappointment to us not seeing Philip when on his return we anticipated so much pleasure in conversing of home & you & dear Rebecca too we quite looked forward to enjoy Philip had not yet written but we wonder at it it is comforting to be able to give you a more cheering prospect for the coming winter they have plenty of work now for a few more & tho' the price will not be so good as it was at the Depot yet if the men

Keep their payments good it will
keep the cupboard going & I hope in
time we shall be straight with the
world again. Yesterday was Emily's
birth day & we gave her a present. We
have just rec^d Oliver's cp. of the birth
of little Indie I think just such
another child dark hair & eyes
ruddy complexion a fine healthy
child & very good but not such a
sharper cut some that are much so as
mine. Lizzy is getting on nicely she
has had no drawback yet & I hope
will not it was very fortunate for
us having Mrs Beckett here the first
week she is such a dear kind woman
& ready to do any thing I do not have
had a greater help & very much I think
her as it now all devolves upon me
but I do very well only I shall be
poorly just now with another tooth
& about a deal of nursing. He is very
trying for he has got a deal shorter
his pretty heavy. Emily too gets
short & I think it's odd they don't
so much milk. We seem to agree with
them. J & J B often have bread & milk
for tea & breakfast & they enjoy it
savour butter & tea & sugar. We were
pleased to hear thy ap of Lydia Woods letter
poor thing how she has been buffeted
about I hope for her sake they will do
well now. What a grand affair I
think wedding was it was kind of

Johnnie to send us cards. We are expect-
ing to hear by the next mail that poor
Charles Jones is deceased. I am dis-
tressed at his being taken so soon for
I shall have found him he would have been
a long lived poor Larry & Mary will
feel very lonely when he is gone. I feel
very much for them & have a little
more time at command we write
them & Ellen too she has been very kind
in writing home & Eliza & we think it
very good of her but I think she will
excuse me as she knows what it is to
have a delicate child & I have no de-
viant the only help we get besides our
husband is a good woman for
a day once a fortnight each, who
has been every week she has been to
day for me & busy enough I have been
with all the house work, cooking, hang-
ing out & taking in clothes & washing
washing & dressing the 3 children
I felt very tired when I sat down
but now a little better now, the
children are all asleep & the house
seems so quiet yesterday Lizzie
went down to Eliza's they crossed
over to Mrs Williams for a bit returned
to Eliza's to dinner & then all took
tea with us to celebrate Friday & high
day I had promised her a little
party but she was quite willing to
goat it off till next Lizzie was well
enough to hear the noise she is such
a pretty little nurse & baby already

smiles at her as she is very pleased
she has a very good memory. I wish
she could see you all now she will never
forget you she thinks her heart is home
& buggy like Mrs Beckett's we could take
to England. On 1st day afternoon she
went with her father & me for a very
pleasant walk thro' the Hoburne Park
to a new Bridge lately reconstructed
over the great river which leads on to
the Norwich Road & shortens the way
from here. The woods are already
admirable this wintering & art &
look very beautiful we returned
to Ely to see she has a snug
little place & is well properly furnished
will be very comfortable. While they
are only two if she should have children
she will find the bedroom & kit-
chen inconveniently small. How
pleasant it must have been to you to
live with a person who knows
Bourneford it has been a good place
for her & I hope will be again for
it is a pretty country I shall be sorry
to leave it. John has just taken in
Lizzie's supper he makes her feel
now & is a very good guide we are
very comfortable together. The house
seems so much quieter now we are
but two families instead of 3 & we
are taking our meals together until
Liz^d it will be enough to cook & serve
my paper is full so with dear love
to your father & my dear ones in
Manchester where I will thank the

Hand out of corner of book (see first page) - 2 November

if charged
 to find
 if even breath
 wanted for
 the crops
 tomorrow
 we can all
 go
 on the 2nd
 things of time
 on the 2nd
 to hand last week with a good
 packet of scraps from my self
 am very glad the likes of this
 doesn't get lost is very much
 brailly looks very beautiful this
 the looks more green with me
 I can fancy E. Charlton's ser-
 pleased to see us they were so
 of brailly E. C. set for up with
 2 kerchiefs when I came over
 does not care for silk but if she
 of me for her own ones I shall be
 glad. I have cut a slip of for
 for the length of brailly shoes
 like 2 just that size & for 2 or 3
 larger or a pair of winter
 & button not bad but I don't
 with this to distract they help
 to buy any thing for John
 given an estimate for a
 large job. 500 \$ for the carpentering
 were to have an estimate but it
 did not come any thing it so
 much more work continues very
 scarce I am mounting some of
 things I shall like if I had the

long the
 3
 brailly shoes

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I had dry excellent but last night
 it changed to rain & it evened
 the crops tomorrow we have all
 the things of I said I came
 on the 2nd of June I came
 to hand last week with a goodly
 packet of scraps from my self & many
 am very glad the likes of please
 doesn't get lost is very much I think
 family looks very suitable thing
 she looks more green with me
 I can fancy E. Chantler's servants
 pleased to see us they were so fond
 of Emily E. C. set for up with cotton
 & kerchiefs when I came over she
 does not care for silk but of the bright
 of me for her own and I shall be very
 glad. I have cut a slip of paper
 for the length of Emily's shoes & sh
 like 2 for that size & for 2 or 3 size
 larger or a pair of winter boots
 & button not bad but I do not
 wish to distract my self at all
 to buy any thing yet. John have
 given an estimate for a pretty
 large job. 500 \$ for the carpentering
 were to have an awning but it
 did not come away thing it so
 recent in work sometimes very
 scarce I can maintain several
 things I shall like if I had the

Bradford June 11 1858

money to send. But as it is ^{needed}
do without. I shall think that
will not leave enough to send to
be worth paying carriage for if
Philip Watts will bring it safely
perceal. They will most likely call
here on their return. I shall think
I hope so for it will be so pleasant
to hear them talk of you & what
their friends of England. She
is the wife of a farmer. I fear
none of us will ever match her
we read the paper & "Friend" & have
felt much pleasure in reading
the life of the G. M^s & other meetings.
We are very sorry to hear of poor
Mary Coles illness & wish we could
afford to send her some assist-
ance as there are so many
dear ones in sickness. We are
also sorry about Mary Mayson's
death no doubt but will send money
for her as she will never have
left call to those people. A little
more than a week ago we had
a letter from Miss Arnold to
say they thought it better to send
Emily home as it was very hot
in Savannah. She wrote on
2nd day Nov 3rd Emily was taken

ill with a slight attack of scarlatina
as they thought it went to Paris to
meet him on 7th day evening. George
Arnold brought her out for and
that we saw at once she was
much altered looking so thin
the very image of Tuesday she
seemed pretty well but quiet
note in her box explained
the cause. The next day she was
quite ill so feverish & violent with
fever all over her on 2nd day
I took her in the little carriage
of Dr. Bacon & she had been taking
medicine ever since she is very
much better but still weak
poorly with no appetite at all
she seems very much pleased
with her visit and like to go again
they have been exceedingly kind
to her made her a new pair of
gloves & jacket in very nice pattern
with 2 rows of border round the
skirt & full round the jacket &
mantle also a black & white check
cape with rows of watered ribbon
behind her little doll is dressed
very handsomely & she like her
has very much she has heard
lots of little pieces

Sept 1st day Mrs. Fowler & Mrs. Starnes & baby came by invitation to tea with John & Lizzie. We like the young couple very much & they seem equally well pleased with us & invite us all to go & spend a long day with them between harvest & 6th day. Phoebe was 1 yr old so the family took tea with us. We meant to have had a party but the weather was not good so it failed. We had a disappointment. The same evening Eliza & the children went to a garden to get some fruit. The currants are nearly ripe & we saw some gooseberry trees loaded with fruit but they were thin & gave 6^d a gal. The currants were 3^d what she got me for a gal was quite 2 lbs. we mixed them with cherries & it is very nice. I am glad the dolls clothes gave so much pleasure. It was for tonight they reached on little belly with a toy & I must leave the other to remember this over letters as my paper is full & I have no more in

My beloved Mother

8 Dec 6 1859

I must write a few lines in answer to yours of this afternoon to set thy mind at rest about our instant arrangements. There is but one $\frac{1}{2}$ year's interest due this Nov^r which is about 22 \$ but we have to give in an estimate for a little job wh^{ch} if they get will more than cover that & there is not another instalment due till next Nov^r & I think it very likely A. R. Smith will let them work it all out for he seems quite interested in them & says wh^{ch} they are moved away they can pay him the work here & go down & put it up. So my dear Mother do not grieve about what thou canst not help. Before now thou art with Father in London & I hope thou & Mother & Father will be able to take comfort together in case of our being removed within distance of meeting & amongst a set of Friends who tho' very different to those we have been used to at home have always shown themselves very kind to me. We were all three on 1st day to go to Meeting but our 4th family & I went we walked about $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile to the turnpike where Mrs. Austin's wife took us up & brought us back to the same place. It was preparative but no business & no speaking. I shook hands with most of the women Friends

Jane Colburn showed our sweet & rich
home she was at Lidcot school with
Kate Biddlecombe Louisa Sander
& several others I knew her sister
Mary Colburn now living at Guelphi
had spent a night or ~~two~~ in Norw
wine St on her way to Ireland Jane
& another friend named Mary
Proctor live in the next cottage to
Oliver they are dress makers & straw
bush makers. We don't know
whether either of our houses are let they
were not when we left but there were
parties about them Mr Gardner will
be our agent in Dorset he & his wife
were very kind to part with us they
gave me a ^{small} velvet cushion worked
with beads each of my children a nice
silk neck tie & Alice a stout little hat
Mrs Diamond made some bread for
us to eat on the journey & our neighbours
flocked round to bid us good bye

Please give our dear love to Jos & Caroline
& thank them for their good wishes
for us but if Jos & I ever return to England
to live I think it will not be to London
I hope Carry will get safely over her
confinement & have a healthy child
My dear love to Mother & Mary Butler
& I hope you will all enjoy the
yearly Mt & each other's society & be

benefitted in your health by the change.
I was amused to hear you said Margaret
back it is to be hoped she will keep her
self to herself now. I hope Margaret will
overcome her hasty expectations & be a
comfort to her in years to come.

What a distressing thing it is about
Sam^l Bowden poor man he has
worked hard so many years & has
not enough to retire on now poor
encouragement to others to follow
in the same course. I do hope my
dear Brother John will not overuse
his energies & be prostrated just when
he ought to be relieved from all
business & settle down quietly to enjoy
the fruits of his labours. It is gone
to bed & I suppose I must follow
as we rise early now to work in
the garden & get back just over by
9 o'clock it is very quiet here only
a dog or two barking & the frogs
croaking but there is a Bonnet in
the Village wh^o practices every other
evening & makes it a little lively
tell Philip J^s wrote to Alfred about
the watch some time aft George Pearce
is not returned to England or we sh^d
have sent the one we have by him
Wm Pearce. Spent the last Sunday

wish us in Braintree. I did
not see Eliza Barrett again before
we left. I enclose this blotter paper
my love to Dr. A. Wood & all en-
gaging friends & with the dearest love
to myself & Father in who I unite
I remain

Thy affectionate

Daughter

Mary Ann Watts

I asked Emily for a message when
I put her to bed & she said give
my love to Grandmother & Aunt
& kisses for Grandmother Watts's little
girl.

Our parlour is 17 feet by 18
& a painted floor. I have been busy
this morning (17th day) washing the
floors & quite tired must stop
& take this to Post then get a rest
Do write me a full up of my visit.
Farewell

Thanks for the postage stamps

Locustville 7/27/67

My dear Mother

I have just received your letter of 7/4th and am
glad to hear from you. I am glad to hear
that you are well and hope you are
able to send such a small sum
but I must fear that you are depriving
yourself of necessary comforts in doing
so. How much more gloriously we all
of us furnish the whole extra
means than deprive the poor
portion of what you have! But cir-
cumstances have rendered us
thankful for the help you have
given. Hoping that some time when
needed we may be able
to repay double. My doubtless
satisfied by last mail
of your safe delivery I was our
pride to hear of its being so soon
for such a reading. I am sorry to
be absent at such a time but for
them I thought it best as she will
be likely to get some one who can do
better for her than me. I had no
choice to leave my children with
and went to go off to go in every now

& this. I have secured no parties
aboard but hope she has a nurse
wh. she seemed inclined to & w^{ch}
be by far the best plan. I can only
gladly Caroline has had such a good
time & getting up how thankful I
shall be if I c^d look forward to the
same care by the same dear ones
but alas I must trust to strangers
it will be at a cold time of the
year & Lizzie & Blyce will be too
much occupied with their own
to do much for me but I do not
let it trouble me sufficient for the
day is the evil threat I believe we
shall be better off than we shall be
able to have a nurse or a good
servant. I am very well now
have no uncomfortable sym-
ptoms of my situation. I have
no house work to do here except
a little on washing days to en-
joy my time in sea. I have
sent pretty close to it in the
house have made my bonnet
skirt, a frock for Emily a pinafore
& shirt for Charles covered 2

parasol & 2 bonnets & altered
a machine brook body. I have sent me
& several small jobs. I seldom miss
a day of going out for a ride some
times twice. The children are well
& happy they are now out for a walk
with Mary. The house has been nice
& quiet for me to write. I sent
you the cheque but for Joe to enclose
it so I had to send it back but
independent of that I cannot get
it out here as they are not
in connection with the Bank
at London. I wonder when would
Philip send it to London as we have
no one there we know it has been
either H^r or B^r but the best
way now is to send a B^r Order.
I hope Mary will not be long without
a servant for it is too much for
her to do herself my work is nothing
equal to hers. I don't mind it at
all when I am well. evening
I have just asked Emily what I should
say for her she said give my love
& kissed & tell her I want to come.
Mr. Beckett & I have been since ten

to call on their friends the Greenings
& walk in their garden
which looks very flourishing. I want
to see ours again. It does not like
the look of the house without it
I don't much like the idea of return-
ing very soon it will be so lonely
without him. I suppose that as
now in Bristol we shall be glad
to have a little news from there.
Please give my love to all enquir-
ing friends. I hope both George
like their business since it answers
it will tell him he has returned the
watch by Dr. Pollard an excellent
opportunity. I am glad it is gone
it seems strange & I must not to return
the one he has had. I suspect he is late
and cannot spare the cash for post-
age. Small as it appears to those who
have plenty I meant to write a
few lines to thank my dear Mother
for her valuable present but Mr. Beckett
is writing to him so the weight will
be made up. I will write her very
soon as my letter pretty public such
know what I say with my dear
love to herself & the Boy & the Boy's Friend
My affectionate Daughter Mary Ann

We are in a state of great anxiety over our
 affairs after receiving the letter that was
 written last week & am glad that
 we can write a little more than
 this. One of our friends is anxious to be
 proved what good we shall do by
 our sister's return & also one thing
 seems pretty certain that we have
 built this place long enough & if
 we stay here any longer we may
 starve for want of money. We have been wholly
 dependent on the few dollars
 brought from the sale of the
 horse & to ride the stage
 according to make it hold out
 for necessities & when they stop
 paying. When we the job we were
 running our flour & potatoes
 all gone & only a little butter &
 in hand left so that we were
 driven to let potatoes & concluded
 we must try to sell out the
 Insurance Policies as it was not
 possible for us to pay the premium
 but we need the money to pay some

few trade debts we owe nothing for
food except for one \$0.10 of flour
& clothes we have bought none, we
are pretty well off all but J. & B. who
want trousers & Boots I suppose
we shall manage to get them now
I shall leave J. to tell thee the business
news only I must say I think it
very kind of Gilbert Moore to take
such an interest in us & help us
out of our difficulties if we go to
Norwich (wh. I suppose is pretty certain
we shall) we shall be under the
care of Friends & no doubt they
will not see us want Gilbert is so
well known that his recommendation
will help us a good deal
business seems to be done almost
entirely in trade very little cash
but they must learn the way
& accommodate themselves to
the practice of the country
I hope we shall find the place
healthy as that is of so much
importance. Chas. is cutting
his eye teeth he has two all but
two & does not seem to suffer so
much with them as with the
first he cut. he is so stout & robust
bravely too it is the picture of health

all particular and I hope little thing of consequence of them

very different to the children round
Dorwich I hope they won't get like him
thy letters have from time to time
have been very interesting & I am
much obliged for them I am
glad they income no loss out to
well as it we have added to our
troubles to know how we want
help & we can not help we have
been very sorry about Philip's death
we wd gladly have sent it but it
wd have cost more than we
have had to support all for a
week if can possibly sell the
house we shall & if not we must
borrow a few dollars in either
case we shall send it soon
we have made some things the
offer to cost in their lot with us
if they think proper but do not
press it as it might not answer
their expectations & reflections
might be cast we shall feel sorry
to leave Oliver here alone especially
in her present condition but we
not by any means urge a change
as it is an experiment but one
I trust we will be successful for
I am tired of his head & mouth
work we shall be within reach of

meeting in fine weather. We are in
hope our born will calve in another
fortnight. What a treat it will be to
have plenty of milk & some good
fresh butter if it is so bad to be with-
out milk where there are children.

This is my birth day all the family
here are taking tea with us I wish
I could have those at home with
us too short as we are I have
plenty of bread & butter tea & sugar
& a little jam I can give them.

After tea Mr. Fowler is come up the
river so we are finishing our letters
to send to post by train. They are a
dear old couple we shall quite regret
leaving B. on their up on 6th day.

Mr. J. came up to tea & brought us
up a great piece of beef & 1/2 lb of tea.

I don't think I have tasted beef since
you were here nor mutton for some
weeks, we have lived on pork & soup
but seem to be none the worse for
it, a good appetite is the best sauce.

I shall not have time to write
to Manchester this week & as I
have not said much about our
difficulties to them knowing my
father's anxious disposition

Handwritten in left margin: I hope to see them soon.

My dear Mother ¹² 11 Dec 30

I have only
a scrap of paper left so will
fill it with a few lines to
send in answer to thine
sent on the 24th which is now
gone to Hamilton we feel
so quiet without Lizzie
& the children. Chas. is
quite happy without being
he had no one to leave him
now & he amused himself
pretty well he goes to see his
Aunt most days there
is no rest for him when
he looks it over his heart
to go he gets the shawl
& tries to put it on & runs
to the door crying for he
cannot say a word yet
he is very well & quite well
John & John have been
working very hard to get
the house ready for Stan-
kins to come in but the
weather is so against
them snow on the ground
& biting winds it was 12

oclock last night when
we went to bed. I have
had a pretty busy day.
Mrs Connor has been here
washing for me tomorrow
she is coming for ^{her} day
work was here there but it
was such bad weather
the young men were work-
ing in the kitchen that
there was not room for her
to day I have made bread
butter & a currant cake
cockle fork cabbage po-
tatoes & a rice pudding for
dinner made bed &c
I am getting cold & it is too
late to put more wood in
the stove so farewell. To my
dear love Thanks for the
ivy slips wh he put in the
cellar at once & hopes to be
able to see it grow next
spring we have only had
one lot of ivy wh opened
the mercury yesterday
so don't know if any were
in it we are all well
with dear love to thyself
& dear ones in London
Thine & Margarette Watts

My dear Mother & Sister

I am just returned from Puerto where I have spent a night & two days or vice versa & the enclosed was forwarded to me. I & I went to Liverpool on 2nd day morning & were fortunate in going down to the Docks just as a steam tender was just going out to the 'Pestice' we had to go up a ladder from the Steam boat to that noble ship it is worth going to see, quite a town the Saloon is on Deck elegantly furnished & the Stewards pantry are quite a show with glass & silver next to the Saloon is the 2nd cabin Dining room about 40 feet long I should think, furnished with hair cushioned seats mahogany tables as comfortable as could be with a Steward to attend to the passengers the berths are equally as comfortable as the first class & I sh^d prefer the 2nd cabin accommodation to the first as it was the more like our usual way of going they are so very grand in the Saloon

dress for dinner so elegantly, we
went to the Office to make enquiries
& I was advised to go to Boston it
will be 5 £s less money & a direct
line of Rail from here it joins the
g^l Boston line I think at Albany
so unless I have counter orders from
Joseph I shall go to Boston by the
Packet wh. will sail on the 28 of
April they cannot tell yet wh.
Packet it will be, but one of the
Canada line so that is better
most thing it when I shall go to
Portland, I believe we shall get there
on easter tuesday ~~wh. will be the day~~
~~before the 1st of Apr~~ but shall write again
before then, we spent a very pleasant
day at Prescot in the morning
met several colls & invited
several ladies to tea it is nearly
13 years since I saw any of them
& they paid me the compliments
of saying I was very little changed
if any thing looking better, a lady
came over from Liverpool who
kindly invited me to stay a
few nights at her house when I
am about leaving if convenient
I might be glad of a night's lodging
she & Lully Swift walked with us to

the Railway this morning ~~12~~ miles,
we have been favoured & have
fine dry weather & found all well
on our return. Windy was very
pleasant to see me. We are going
to the singing meeting this afternoon
& to a Social at the School room
tomorrow. I wrote Mary on
1st day perhaps she will send
it on. I have rec'd a note from
Ann Moore she has got 8 shirts
for me so I shall be set up for
years. My poor Joseph how he is
longing for me. My are ~~unhappy~~
done for I feel as tho' I sh^d like
to fly over at once but they must
bear a few weeks longer. I am glad
you have been so thoughtful of your
dear Mother & hope you will use
it fully. I am very sorry they men-
tioned it so bad. hope as the
weather gets warmer it will pass
off. Eliza will be quite an experienced
nurse. I hope I shall not need
assistance in that way before she
it near to render it. Mr. A. Beckett
it seems is getting on, the family
have not been apprised of it
they have not written since I went

~~unless~~ there is a letter this week
I little thought that before I rec'd
this letter that I should go on board
the Persico she was 36 hours in
the ice going out, no doubt the
Pacific is lost with all on board
it is very shocking, I wonder if
Alfred is arrived yet, you did not
say whether he went by steam or
not.

I shall be glad to hear
from you when convenient the
copy of your letter was very interesting
I sent it back to Mary I thought
of writing to Philip this afternoon
but Mrs Turner is come to spend
an hour or two so must defer
it till tomorrow Good farewell
Mother Father John & Hannah
write with me in dear love
to you both & Father says when
he comes he will try to cure Mother
shoulder

Believe me

Yours affectionately
Mary Ann Watts

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Hamilton
4th 19th 1856

My dear Mother

This afternoon we were all dis-
pleased by hearing from home. Mine from Mary Ann
was written from Lishley road, and gave but a poor-
though improved acc of the state of thy health.
I hope by this time the warm weather has pretty
well reinstated thy health. For the last 6 days
I have been home from work with a bad boil on the
back of my neck. They are very trying, say
nothing of the expense of lost time, but I must
not complain for independent of them my health
has been very good. This day for night I hope
to be on my way to Boston to meet Mary Ann and
baby. I hope they will have a pleasant passage.
My present intention is to leave here next 7th day
week so that if I can find the Koch family to spend
Sunday with them, I think they will not be much out
of my route. If I could call on Sarah Trancillon on my

return, I should like to do so, but that I must
leave untill the time comes. We have not heard
from London for some time past. Mr. Gowan and
his daughters are I suppose on their way here
now, I hope they will have a prosperous passage.
Alfred Challacombe left us on 2nd day last
to go to London and from there to Linton, he
has not decided yet on any specific course
to pursue, and what business he is fit for
I do not know, for I believe he drinks as hard
as ever he did, but do not make mention of it
to the family or any where, from where he could
be expected to hear of it. John slept with him
two or three night at his quarters, and one
night he was taken quite sick, so that John
to be up pretty much, and was not very well
morning came. The weather here is beautiful now
and has been for weeks past. The spring and fall
quite make amends for the heat of Summer
and the piercing cold of winter.

This morning Fred & Becketts wife was prema-
turally confined with a boy which lived but a
few hours. Mary Ann does not give a very glowing
account of Agnes's baby. How do John and his
wife get on now. I hope better than they used to
do. I have not yet rec^d thy letter to Isabella
which has been promised for some months past.
I hear from Alfred that affairs do not go on very
favourably at Dean. I hope Sam^l & Bridgens
anticipated loss may be averted, and that
his health is better than it has been of late.
We are very glad to hear that peace is likely
to be restored, which I hope will improve trade.
Ann says to hear that Ann does not take
more pride in herself, from what Mary Ann
says she seems to be on the wrong ground.
What of Charlotte she speaks more favourably
perhaps her past troubles may be of service to
her and cause her to apply herself for work with
more energy than she would otherwise.

We shall soon be expecting to hear of an arrival
in London. How does Elias work hold out?
She seems to have been pretty busy lately be-
tween working and nursing. How do the Pin-
makers get on now. Please remember me
to our old neighbours, and all enquiring friends
I shall look to drop you a few lines from
Boston to let you know how Mary Ann
gets over with her little charge. It will be
a treat to me to smell the sea air once more.
So most of our luggage will come by way of
Quebec. I must now conclude hoping this
will reach you all well. My love to Elias and
to London, also thyself and remain

thy affectionate Son

J^r S^r H^r Watts

15
Hamilton
June 4th 1833

My dear Mother

I was sorry to find thou had been so poorly but hope ere now thou art quite recruited. What a wonder for Charlotte to take such notice of little Emily. I hope she will not give thee too much trouble. I suppose Eliza is in London and hope she will enjoy her visit. We like Hamilton very much. There being no meeting seems the only draw back. I think our prospects here are very fair and being so clear here being bought up by speculators and sold out again in small quantities at an enormous profit is rather against building but yet we don't despair of living in our own house ere many years and then we shall be able to go abroad in prime style. I find from many Ann that some parties predict my returning to old England. I hope times will prosper with them yet. I do. we seem to have more scope here and better pay with less anxiety. how I wish you were all over here, then we should be happy indeed and I should have no desire to see my native country again. I must now conclude this short scrap with dearest love from John and me and remain affectionately thy son

John Hall



Sold by Charles Magnus, 12 Frankfort Street, New-York.

BIRDS EYE VIEW OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW-YORK WITH ENVIRONS.

Hamilton, C. H.
 9 Mo 28th 1856

My dear Mother

As I promised last week to address a few lines to thee I do not like to do so abruptly although the day is far spent being now past 9 o'clock. Indeed close on 10. We have been inundated with company this afternoon and after tea Christopher Plöster an friend from Stavanger in Norway, out here 7 years came to see us. We like him very much, and hope to secure his company until spring when he intends going to Princeton about 39 miles from here, on the Great Western railway. He has a great deal of property land out in Building Lots. He has made an offer of a lot if after seeing the place we should like to settle there. He will sell cheap and on easy terms to mechanics to settle there. He should be 12 miles from meeting so could go occasionally. I do not know whether Ben would accompany us as he never makes allusion to his future movements, or intentions, but we shall all be sorry if Eliza does not settle down in the same place. Thy note I am much obliged for and hope now to hear more frequently. With it we received the last number of the Friend (9 Mo) also two papers, Bristol and Manchester. We have received the Friends regularly. Yesterday Mr. A. and I went to buy a cooking stove Price 23 dollars & 15-0 English with cooking utensils.

which I hope we shall find more economical
than John's has been. We do want to get in
the country in our own house for living in
town is so expensive and having to pay
rent. John and Wm pay 3 dollars 1/2. But
we consider that does not pay when we
have to keep a girl which we might do right
out were we by ourselves. We shall soon be
getting in our winter stores. I have bought 4 cords
of wood (20 dollars) which will nearly serve the
winter. Mary Ann and baby are in first-rate health
and spirits, the latter will soon talk I think
she is very gregarious. I often wish you could
see her, she will be getting more companionable
for her mother. How do I as matters go on more
you glad to find Mary and family are so well.
I wish they were here, we often talk of you all,
which is all we can do. We do not like the
idea of you going on the rope walk when Eliza
leaves but being unable to offer any sugges-
tions will refer to it again soon. We also
think it would be a pity for Eliza to give
up her business before she has a decided un-
derstanding with you whether or not he will be
ready for her in the spring. My own impression
are that he will quit. Would it not be well
for thee to write to him on the subject, and at
the same time reason with him on not getting into
a place of worship with dear love to Eliza and
and thy self. Remain affectionately thy son
J. D. Watts

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Branford
4 Dec 19th 57

My very dear Mother

We were very much pleased yesterday at receiving a bright set of letters from home including two from thyself. which were very interesting. I was very glad to find that Charles Ingram had called on you. and should be very glad to see him over this way. I am still a Bachelor. Mr. A. will not return until next week, which will make 3 weeks. She has been very well & rec'd amongst friends and I feel very thankful to them for their kindness to her and wish I could pay them a long visit myself without affecting the finances. Her letter to Manchester you will see so I will not go over it again. I have no doubt Eliza would be as welcome when she comes and it would be a very pleasant visit and introduce her to friends. I hear tell Mary we receive all papers regularly and has Punches almanac. It has been snowing all to day, we have had a very long winter this year and very changeable weather very different from last winter. I hope the insurance money

was to hand in the lumber is not yet
come for our horse. I expect it this week and
then we must go in earnest, so you must
write letters until some time. Aunt Mary
is not excited for I do not to come until I see
you will hear that John has sent to Egypt 40 £
and he has transferred over 20 £ to him as he
agreed to do. He has bought our lot if he would take
one, as he said he had not the means so John said
he would lend him the money to pay the first instal-
ment. I think it would be but 10 £ instead of 20 £
if he goes when John comes she will help him
not be surprised if he wants to go back to Hamilton
as he has spent a few days there lately and says
he likes it better than Mountford. Certainly
do not but we don't all see alike. My love
to Lizzy and tell her I shall quite hope that
she has not given up and she will join the
total abstinence and stick to it. For on it to
a great extent. Her happiness may de-
pend on this is for the Company, and there is
a certain class here who spend their time in visiting
their shop and are merely for the sake of

Brantford
(8 Month 9th 1864)

Dear Mother

We are now all alone, Alfred John and Vera are gone to Quebec and I hope by this time in the company of their ladies, Emma is gone out to spend the afternoon and so we are here very quiet, at least as much so as we can be where there are children. Our son progresses favourably but Emily does not seem very well, has but little appetite except for fruit. I brought home the other day 2 quarts of cherries some of which we are drying and 2 1/2 qt squabs for preserving 2 a quart each, so with a few other sorts I hope we shall not be so short as we have been. I am happy Mary Ann is got on very well, seems quite herself again. Emily sends her love here to Grandma. Our house is still in confusion. The plasterers will finish on 3rd day and then we shall be high busy cleaning to receive them and I shall not wonder if they are here first tomorrow morning. I shall fix some shelves in the parlour cupboards for milk to pack, her churning, and preserves. I do not know what they will think of our house, being unfinished. I hope thou art now enjoying thyself at Goodleigh amongst our friends. Our love to them all. I hope our ladies will not quite ^{shock} our friends sense

of Propriety, it is a pity they should go to such extremes in their dress. I suppose they will cast us quite in the shade, being stays old fittes. and not studying the fashions, but I daresay they will see differently in a few years time. Wm is very much altered of late, more like what he used to be at home. What has worked the change I do not know except it is our talking to him and what Eliza may have said. I hope they will enjoy themselves at Norwich amongst Friends. I cannot boast of our Gardening operations. The weeds have taken the lead for want of time to check them, but I hope next year to attend to them better and keep them under. The crops here are spoken off as being very good, so I hope we shall live cheaper next winter than last. Please give our love to London and believe me affectionately

Thy Son

John W. Hutton

The paper marked June 30 reaches here in due course but we forget now the exact date.

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3 Nov 21 - 1858

Dear Mother. We received a budget of letters from thee last 3 or 4 days and were sorry to find that our congees are causing thee so much uneasiness which I hope will be at rest when I say that we are in the enjoyment of good health, and have not lacked anything necessary. I should not mind who saw the inside of our house now. It is finished quite in English style, indeed when papered will be superior to Highgate road or Upton road except that it is not a brick or stone building, but is quite as comfortable. We expect Philip Watts here on his way home, and I hope if Aunt and Beck return with him they will also give us a call. We'll pack them away some how. I am truly sorry to hear of James' legal troubles but hope he will be helped through it. There certainly is a great want of principle in his partner. The weather for the

past-week has been quite Spring like and the snow
quite disappeared, so that, if we have no more we shall
have an early spring. Fanny and Alfred have not
written lately so we do not know what they are
doing. Baby is quite recovered again, and a comfort

Rebecca Watts

Cutley Road
Bristol

to us all. Hope all in London are well. Love there when
writing. and the same to thyself in which all unite, and
remain thy affectionate son Joseph Watts
We are glad to hear the Gas works are paying so well and hope
they may continue so. Do not stint thyself on our life, and
let us know when money is running short.

Brantford

4th 4th 58

My dear Mother

We have been blessed
this week with two good bundles
of letters from you all, and am sorry
to say you trouble so much about
us. I really believe you trouble more
than we do ourselves, although
we have not been earning money
we have never wanted for necessities
and I am sure if you could be
present sometimes when we are
laying our plans, you would not
think we took our condition too
heartily. There has been a
great deal of distress and we
have not been able to do anything
to alleviate it, but I believe we have
been thankful that we have been
so far provided for. Mary Ann and baby

went to Hamilton last - 3rd day week
to assist nursing Annie Beckett
who is getting worse, she lost her
baby & Mrs. led. by water on the 1st of
the beginning of last month. They
returned yesterday and babies
seemed rejoiced to see us all.
Annie Beckett cannot last much
longer, she is very weak and cannot
last much longer. I am happy to
say we have received the remainder
of our money from Beckett which
is a further help. John desires me
to say he is obliged for the £100⁰ and
will write next week. Our next
statement of £30⁰ 0⁰ currency
is due the 1st of next month, besides
the interest. The former we shall not
attempt to pay as we can pay it at
our convenience. We have just com-
menced our cottage which we shall
get through as quick as possible.
We desired Eliza to tell us if we

wanted any money which she
wishes winter appears to be over
with the weather, is delightful
that I should think work would
soon begin to move if so we shall
soon make up for lost time.

I should like to have some of your
2nd cent money over here we could use
it to advantage. We shall soon be
busy with our gardens which I hope
will be kept higher than last year
I am very much obliged for C. L. & C.
letter to us, hope they are now more
comfortable. It is just 3 years to day
since we bade adieu to old England
and our dearest friends I hope the
next 3 years will see us in a more in-
dependent state, at all events we
try for it, as we ^{have} got over the rub
I hope if Aunt Betsey comes to America
she will call and see us. So Beebe is
not going to Australia Perhaps she
will not repent it

Rebecca Matto

the valley road

the valley road

Braintree
 4 May 25 - 1858

My dear Mother

As you know well I know we are expected
 to leave, although I have nothing particular to report
 we are getting on with our job and look to finish it
 by the end of next month, which will place us on an
 independent footing with our landlord. It is very fortunate
 we are getting the job. I ~~will~~ shall post with this an
 assortment of papers to John at Portsmouth and one to Joe at
 London, the prints will amuse them. The advertisement
 for the sewing machine that Mary wanted is enclosed
 in Joe's. The weather for the past week has been
 generally cold but healthy. Emily runs about in
 the garden pretty much without a bonnet and
 her cheeks are like full blown roses, too much
 colour to please me. Perhaps the summer heat will
 reduce it something. Sam very ^{gladly} the Gas shares are paying
 so well and hope they may continue so to do, then
 the investment will be profitable and make amends
 for times past. We have never heard particulars of Minnie's
 death. Sam sorry to hear that our garden is so soon
 destroyed. What became of all the currant and rasp-
 berry trees. Should an opportunity offer at any time
 of sending us a slip of soil from our garden. I should
 so like to have a bit. I should think that a small slip
 cut with some of the roots to it and wrapped up in a piece of
 linen wetted, and then enclosed in a paper might come
 safely and grow. A slip 3 in long would be long enough

Please try this course for a few weeks. We have not heard
again from Philip Watts so do not know when
to expect him. John and Wm are gone into the fort
business so there is a little lull. I hope our market
will be well supplied with fresh laid eggs and tender
chicken. I have packed 4 doz in Bran 5^d doz. We have
bought them at 4^d doz. If we can get enough we intend
to pack 30 or 40 doz. for they will be twice as dear as
dear in winter. Mary Ann will try and write next week
if permitted. He is getting very attractive and takes
up a great deal of time. Wm is his favourite.
Our glad to hear Sam & Bowden is so busy in Wales
Wm sold 7 Bushels of Potatoes Yesterday for 4th Bushel
last year this time they were from 6 to 8/- 1/2 pence to
the Bushel. We shall not have to buy I hope our next
crop may be as good as the last. Our love to Bobbs
Dear Mary &c Also to London when writing
papers received in due course. Safety pins all safe.
(Thanks) It is a beautiful moonlight even^g and my
wife and I are going into port with this so with our united
love I remain thy ever affectionate Son
J^W Watts

Brantford 5th 16-1888

My dear Mother

I am very glad to find that the Friends Provident is in such a flourishing condition and have signed the form sent according to instructions. I am sorry they should not have written on the same sheet - but hope it may make no difference. I hope our cousins will reach you all safe and enjoy their visits amongst their friends. We were very much pleased with them and would like very much to be able to pay a visit ourselves without missing the boat as they can. Their account of things in general are certainly more encouraging than anything we can hold out but whether we shall be induced to make another move, seems at present very uncertain if we do I hope it will be within weekly reach of a meeting, for I do miss the society of friends. Trade is reviving here a little, so there is some encouragement for the future. I hope you will be able to understand the plan of our house, it was done in a hurry so I did not finish it off as I should like to have done. but I dare say you will be able to imagine us in our own rooms

Thy last letter reached us on 5th Mo 13th
He looks forward to finish the job we have in hand
by the end of the month then we shall have
paid an instalment of \$120 and 54th interest
then due, so we shall persevere in that direc-
tion for a time. and I hope by the time another
payment becomes due we shall be in more
prosperous circumstances. Do not despair
and if hard work and honesty will beget an
independence we'll obtain it; but it is
surprising to find what a bottle of whiskey
will purchase with an unprincipled fore-
man. Please give our united love to Aunt and
Cousins if with you, but I suppose they will soon
be off to Devon, and London. Love to London
when writing and accept the same thyself
from Thy affectionate Son

John E. H. H. H.

Mary Ann will be writing by Canadian mail
and will send the insurance form then

she was of great service, and to day Mr. & Mrs. Bennett
and Henry came down to take her home. I am
very much enjoyed her visit, which
will frequently be remembered. I am
lady and I have been to home a day with
with Gilbert Moore from Marlboro, and back
the following 4th day. and Mr. & Mrs. Bennett
by stage and car in the evening. I am
3 friends houses I had not been to before was
made very welcome. My sister, Mrs. Bennett
so much trouble with the Box. Sarah Ann Hunt
is married. We all received wedding cards which
is more than I could have expected.
writing to Josiah Hunt, a copy of the
cept of them. We shall be very glad to see the
Photographic views of the city. I am sorry our
copy is such a trouble to you. It is a
treasure, and by & Mrs. Bennett have passed
for herself. I am glad to find that the visit to
Wilmington is not quite a disappointment. I
hope it may be enjoyed. We regret not
having seen Philip on his return, as we
expected he would be able to tell us a great
deal of news about our friends at home.

Brantford

12th - 12th/58

My dear Mother

Although I have taken
 pen in hand I do not know
 that I can fill this paper, news
 being such a scarce article
 with us. We often talk of you
 all and wish we could have some
 of your company. We have
 received two papers with en-
 closures of some of which I have
 taken care, and am obliged
 for. I hope they may save but
 one doubtful one paper.
 we were charged \$1- for but
 did not take it in
 Emily is enjoying herself in
 Hamilton still and is a great
 favorite there. Chally I am

happy to say is very well and
in good spirits. though at
times very fretfully. I shall
be very glad to hear of Mary
and Caroline Gurney's being
in a fair way of doing for
themselves. My love to them
all. I am sorry to ^{hear} expect it is no
better. Lizzy's health is much
improved at Hamilton. John is
going there at 11 o'clock to spend
a little time with her. Am
sorry to hear little Polly has
been so poorly and hope she is
by this time quite recovered.
She has been much interested
with John Bright's speeches, but
was sorry the reports were so
much abridged, as the interest
was very much diminished.

I hope thy old complaint
will not appear this winter
John Weston just appears to
have escaped it so far
Shop Quint-Batts will winter
with thee, but as Phillippa
Butter will be there thou will
not be alone at all times
Say love to her. I wish the
shop below was more flour-
ishing, but without atten-
tion it can not be expected.
Of course you have heard we
have killed our pig so we
are pretty well off for meat.
Suzah You could get meat so
cheap as we can it would
make a great-saver in house-
keeping. We saw the notice
of Young Jeffers's wedding

From thy life it was a stylish
affair. Our love to all our friends
and relatives, and hope to write
to London soon. What is Edward
sumptuously doing now. Am glad
to hear Quent is doing so well
and now on the side as it is
time to go to school. If he is going
in with me, I like to take her
out sometimes for a treat.
With dear love in which
all unite. Remains thy
affectionate, Son
J. S. E. H. H. H.

Many thanks for thy letter
I hope to answer soon. I
be glad to hear thou couldst
meet with some one to light thy
fire & get breakfast for thee during
the winter. It is not bad enough
for young people to get up in the
cold. we have had it pretty

Brentford

23rd 1-1859

My dear Mother

My letter bearing
date 11th Mo 28-58 is on its way
to hand. As I should have
answered it before this.

The 30th thou speaks of, please
keep towards paying my new
insurance which I will end
avour to make up by the
time, but the people we are
expending for pay so miserably
bad on acc of their being on
short time that it is as much

as we can do to keep the cup
board supplied, but as the
people are thoroughly honest
I have no doubt of having it
some time. I suppose you un-
derstand that we only find
labour, so we incur no res-
ponsibility beyond that
John and Ziggi are not yet
returned from Hamilton
we expected them yesterday
so I went 4 times to the sta-
tion but was disappointed
We received a note from
Miss Arnold a few days
since Emily is quite a pet

amongst them, and has
grown pretty much surer
she has been there. I am
glad to find thy health so
good and that Philippa
Butler is pleased with her
change; Aunt Betsy seems
to be a fixture at Goodleigh
and so not likely to spend
much time in Bristol
Two weeks ago to day was
the coldest day that has
been known here for very many
years The glass stood at one
time in the night at 36 degrees

below zero, so we can not
call that very sultry weather
We have our cooking stove in
the parlour which keeps the
Bedrooms at a comfortable
heat - We are glad we are to have
a set of copies of the wedding
With our united love Remains

Thy affectionate Son
W. E. Whittle

Our love to London hope-
fully will soon be well.

Brantford 3rd Mo 20 59

My dear Mother

I expect our last letters have made you all feel rather uneasy, but troubling with not much matters, so we must do what we can to employ the time until things take a turn. I've been to the last of the year and have been to the house and returned yesterday afternoon. While there we witnessed the process of making sugar from the Maple tree. We enjoyed our visit very much, and have decided on going there next month, about the middle. There is a good shop there belonging to Gilbert Moore's brother-in-law, which we are going to take, rent \$80 per year one fourth cash. The remainder to be worked out

and a house that will accommodate
our two families for a time, rent
4 \$ a month, all to be worked out.
In the shop is a saw bench, turning
lathe & small planing machine & a
workshop by horse power.
Mr. has not decided yet on going
there but little prospects of his having
much to do here. It is the opinion
of most people that a great deal
depends on ^{the} next year's harvest, if the
crops are good trade will revive, if
bad we must expect a continued
depression. We shall have 4 apple
trees where we are going and may
expect 30 or 40 bushels of them
which will be a nice thing for
us. Gilbert Moore offered to become
responsible for us to the amount
of \$25; & if we need as much to finish
the houses and buy a few things to
take with us such as we should want.

for a cabinet and undertaking work
If we can we shall sell our front
house and lot, but I am not very
sanguine about it as in my view it
is very scarce here, which you
will see in our own case by what
Mr. L. says. In the event of the
United Provinces buying our policies
please to pay thyself before sending
the proceeds, and I hope the time
will come when we shall be able
to add something to it. I hope
Mary if she was at school with
a girl named Jane Collins.
There is such a person at
Providence going to typewriters making
and Milliners. I have not seen
her yet, but I understand she
was at Sackett School. Am sorry
to hear so poor an use of Saml.
Bowden he must be worn out

with anxiety. We are anxiously
expecting our cow to calve which
will be in about 2 weeks time
we shall then be going in the
horns of Buffalo. We have agreed
to take the lease on the facts
lot to pump ourselves, the party
losing all they have put in.
Please give our love to all our
Germans friends. I suppose Mr & C
Graham are about beginning
business. If the box is not left
Please direct it to the care of
Mr Gauder, Brantford, Canada
West, and he will forward it to
us. With our united love
I remain, my affectionate son
and daughter, E. W. Water

our dear love to Mr & Mrs Gernsey hope
they will not lose their money
in business love to all friends

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Brantford
4tho - 17th / 59

Dear Mother

It only occurred to me yesterday that we should have sent home our fisheries, when we sent our application to sell out, but as it is so long since we may as well wait till we hear from thee. I hope there will not be much delay, and if we get out something approaching what we have fixed in minus interest we shall be satisfied. I hope we shall leave here next week. We intended leaving this week but a little job came in that will detain us a few days longer. Do not be uneasy about us for if we have a good harvest it is the opinion of all that trade will revive. If so and

we get our share of work we shall soon get strength. The present prospect of the crop is good both here and in the States. + I am sorry to hear of R. F.'s doings. I cannot think how she could manage to borrow of so many persons and for such a large amount. I should think she would not remain in Bristol long after it becomes public. + George Pearce was here last week. He intends returning to London next week if nothing turns up. Poor fellow he has not had much success since he came. If he does get any I will send the watch by him. I heard from Alfred a few days since but he made no mention of the one he has. Rebecca, he told us is married to one of the Lockes.

We have not yet left either of
our houses but I hope we shall
be able to do so before leaving
We are all of us sorry to hear of
thy intention of moving to the
great house but can not in the
least give our assent to such a
step, as we hope we have seen the
worst; and shall be able to contribute
our tingle as hitherto. Since
writing the foregoing I have read
thy letter detailing thy visit to
John Wright and find he views the
state of things here in very much
the same light as I do. And I must
say I hope our expectations may
be realized. I believe I told some
of you that we called on Mr
Beale an acquaintance of
Mr Orchar of London. I gave

him and his children, and he promises
to write to him. The weather here
still continues cold, but before
long we shall be sweltering with
the heat. I am so much
obliged to you for your last letter
and did think that things should
continue as at present for a long
time to come. I should think se-
riously of leaving Canada either
for the States or England. As the
present is quite an unprecedented
winter. I think we can hope that
such will not occur again for many
years, and when prosperity does
return we are quite prepared
to embrace it and make the most
of it. I do not consider we have
done better the last 4 years than
if we had remained at home.
I am so glad if John was more
hopeful. He looks too much on the

My dear Mother

Although, so late I do not like
 to send you three or four lines. but as yet we
 have little to communicate in the way of busi-
 nesses. Hamilton seems a very thriving town and
 the streets are a good width and straight and
 many of the shops as good as you would see in
 Bristol. So that any person fancying to see
 a town of mud huts and wooden shanties
 would be agreeably surprised. I must confess
 I never expected to see the margin of civilisation
 so fully marked as at this place. I can not
 bear of there being any kind meeting place
 here which is the only draw back. I hope to
 hear that things are mending with you.
 Give us full particulars respecting the Gas
 Please remember me to the Webb family also
 to the Swenden and family. I wish that we
 were sorry to hear so poor an eye of
 Uncle James and of Walter. Judging from what
 we hear we have good prospect of getting on
 here though perhaps slowly in comparison
 with Quakerian views but much more com-
 fortably than in England

If I could but see all my friends here I mean
family connexions engaging would have no at-
tractions for me. Of which should our lives
be spared I have hopes. Labour here appears
to be ~~highly~~ ^{highly} estimated, and the working man
if he be steadily respected. Tradesmen
they say get good profits so the poorer
we can do something for our selves the better
but we will not be too hasty.
I have written to Sam Chas's nephew and
enclosed his letter to know how to forward his
papers. Also to E. Mullett's friends.
I wish we could have got our letters to day so
that we could answer them.
Often wish I could drop in on you for a short time
but not to stay. We shall find E. Beckett's very
nice companions and I think when your wife
joins us we shall be very comfortable.
I must now conclude with very dear love
to thyself and Eliza from thy Affectionate Son

John W. Halls

Remember me to Mr & Mrs Manley
also Betty 2/8 per doz for washing

Dear Mother If Mary Lynn has left you please
direct her letter on and the enclosed to Philip
which I fear will be hardly in time. What is over
from our house since please accept with our dear
love and ^{we} pay no doubt the pleasure of receiving will
be equal to that of ^{our} giving and we wish it was
more in our own hands than it will be. We are glad
there is no gas call this time. Alfred not arrived yet
but a letter from Bristol came for him to day

they are looking forward with pleasure to see Mr. and
baby. hope thy rheumatism is well we are all
fortunate and have braved the winter nobly
After all it is not so alarming as some paint
it Love to Eliza and self and London

Thy affectionate Son

Wm. H. Bates

London, Canada West

Nov 1857

My dear Mother,

It is now Saturday evening (5 o'clock) & I have a little time left to write you a few lines which I enclose close up to you. I hardly know whether I have written you anything since I received your last one - I am very much obliged to you for it & I will endeavour to do according to your advice. As regards the keeping live stock, I'm sure I will not do anything in this respect against Lizzie's wish. I wish does not like it would of course be unpleasant for her. I fancy you seem rather anxious on account of Lizzie's not being able to do so much as you, well. I can't be helped now & all we can do is to hope for the best. I'm sure I will strive to the extent of my power, to make her a

happy home, & I don't doubt but that
each of us will strive to do what we
can for the other. I think too the result
of the time I've spent here, is sufficient
to prove I'm determined if health &
life is spared me, to make my way
onward, this I have always before me
& ~~in my mind~~ as I have striven to do what
I can. I hope I shall still continue to
I have now by me near ~~£~~ 500 \$, which
is deposited in savings bank some
Mr. Peck here & some I have paid
on the land which we lately purchased
& all that I now can spare will
join with Joseph's towards
building ourselves a house.
I think now Mother I have done pretty
well since I have been here, this sum
is independent of the few pounds I
have sent home at different times, &
had we not have traveled so far
first when we came here I should
be better off still. This last

move to Brantford cost me about
30¢ including boxes. However now
I hope we shall be able soon to make
that up. I shall soon be in possession
in about 3 months be sending
money to Lezzie, to defray her ex-
pences out here, so with that &
the expences of meeting her at
Lebeck & new rig - & building
our little cot (which will be our
castle) will be a pretty good
drain on my resources for some
time to come. However I am happy
& thankful to a that I have been
so fortunate, I seem to think
now, we are in a fair way to well.
I'm sure Mother I hope to take it very
kind of you, if you think you can
advise dear Lezzie in any way
conducive to our prosperity, I have
no doubt she would take it well too
I'm glad you sent her as when you

required a little assistance, do
at any time, when you stand in
need, & Joseph & my-self will be
sure, always feel it our duty
to do so far as we are able.

What I have said about my money
matters &c I thought like you to
keep to yourself. I have no objection
to Polly's knowing for I know
she is ^{very much} interested in our welfare.
We are all pretty well just now.
Little Emily is very engaging
now, & she seems yet very fond
of me. I hope Philip & Mary
are well also. Michael & Eliza
must now be very busy, please
tell her not to forget my table
cloth she kindly gave me. She
must do as she likes about the
little stand I gave her, I don't see
why she could not bring it as well
as Lizzie bring mine. I know she
will be glad enough of it when over
her. Now hoping you are all

Wilmington
 Mo 21st 1853

My dear Brother & Sister

I did not intend on the receipt of ^{your} last and welcome letter (for which accept my thanks) to allow so long a time to elapse without answering it, but my time has been pretty fully occupied one way or another.

Well! we are arrived here at last as you have heard ere this, and got work as soon as we looked for it, which was as soon as our tools arrived for they came one by Freight-train from New York. There does not appear to be any lack of work here but they say there is not one quarter of the business going forward now as there was last year at this time. We are all of us getting $1\frac{3}{4}$ dollar per day or $\frac{1}{2}$ sterling. Provisions here are considered very high now, but they are under English prices. I sent home a few prices for Mary Ann which I must correct as I was above the mark. Our hostess used to buy meat and a few other commodities from the market as it would interfere with our work time and we have found out that she was not one of the best marketeers. Our old gentleman lodger a Yankee does the needful for us now. and his wife, oh! she is such a dear old cook, she seems to take a delight in cooking, and getting things nice for us. I don't know but if it was winter

coming instead of summer I really think we should
get too big for our clothes. Here's a case in point.
John was up until 1 o'clock this morning mending
his trousers, one leg of which was almost ripped
off, which shows there's a difference somewhere.

It is true they may have shrunk, but I don't believe
it. One comfort - he had not a long railway ride
before him amongst the ladies like some one else who
must be nameless. Well! we get very good mutton

at 11^d by buy^g $\frac{1}{4}$ of a sheep. Butter 4^d Tea 4^d

Sugar 5^d eggs. Potatoes 10^d Peck. Milk

Rice 5^d, Flour 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ^d Coffee $\frac{1}{4}$. Bread 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ Quarters
Brown bread and beautiful, Bacon 6^d Goose berries are
just come in 5^d quart. I think you will see we
are rather better here than at home. All tell us
here a young man cannot save much until he
is married. Perhaps? $\frac{1}{6}$ & 3^d per doz., a charwoman
gets $\frac{1}{6}$ or so they call it five or six shillings,
whether that includes fire fuel I don't know
but what a contrast between that and 10^d and 1^d
in Bristol!

1st day. Since writing the foregoing on 5th day
I have heard from F Beckett that the Minerva ship
was out side N.Y. harbour on 3rd day the 19th
but they had not heard from their friends but were
daily expecting them. I can not think why
F B. did not go to N.Y. to meet them. I
know I should in such a case. I have not seen
them yet; but should think they are here as now
Friday last brought me two letters from Mr. G.
I am sorry to hear of Father's indisposition, but

hope, with care, she will improve again.
Emily I find has had the measles, and got
through nicely. I hope her life may be spared to
get safely through all her little ailments so that
we may all meet again. We feel rather lonely here
have no acquaintances except the Becketts, and
I suppose when Fred's young lady arrives we shall
not have so much of his company we seldom see
each other except on Sundays.

Last night was very windy and wet, and continues
the same to day. Of course by this time you have
heard the fate that befell my diary with other
tender Epistles was it not provoking, but as they
are gone it is useless grieving about them.

I am glad to hear business with you is so good
and wish it were more general. Then there would
not be the occasion for persons seeking foreign home.
I hope John Edward gets on well with his schooling
my love to him and Freddy. The weather since we ar-
rived has been unusually cool which favours us very
much, we have had nothing of summer heat yet
only a few warm days. I have seen one foggy morn-
ing since we came here, and that brought a little more
heat. We are paid at our concern fortnightly
and each man draws 6 dollars per week, and
can have the remainder at any time by giving
2 weeks notice. I do not like the plan but it seems
to be quite colonial. The salary on the week after
wages had advanced 1/2 per day. I suppose by
this time you are returned from Paris I shall be
anxious to know how you liked it. Of course it

will not equal the London press. The first seems
to have carried the paper. I expect by this time
the Russians are a little more uncomfortable
than they are wont to be. our last victory must
have been very mortifying to them, but I heartily
wish the English had never engaged in the war
than, now, and self wrote: on the same job which
makes it very pleasant, it will last some
months yet, and when finished, as a ware house
would do credit to any town in England.

Hamilton is decidedly a Scotch town there are
but 5 Englishmen in it. all the rest are
Scotch except a German apothecary and a coloured man
one a caskenter & one a miller.

1st day Even? F. H. Sackett called this
evening, their friends are not arrived here yet
although the ship entered N. Y. last 1st day
neither have they heard any thing of them all
expecting them tomorrow. With love to Hannah
sons and thyself Remain Affectionately

Your Brother

Joseph W. Watto

not seen her baby yet. We did not go to the
Lancaster was
write will be the
with a girl
I see this morning
help working
for it gives her such a deep
opinion of the place that she
dreaded to go there
we were to be together
the year & worked the other half
& almost with her to death
it was in vain to look on the
dark face she & make me
miserable. I thanked her I fear
little but the voyage what I try
not to think of much. It seems
much too painful to look for
wonder to see tonight how good
works don't notice that there
side about the ship. I suppose
it is her dis position & she cannot

held it, but it is very trying to me.
it is very right of Mr. Whittier to tell
you of the severity of the weather.
I suppose he thinks there is no
need for him to say any thing
and I shall hear from you &
being married I must have
had to & I think long we shall
manage just with out others & there
is something I put up with every
where. What a shame it is of Mr.
Whittier to neglect them so. I told
him that complaint & not sub-
mitting to it. What had he should
have made up his mind to
or he yet undecided? will he
go with me in a steamer? I
suppose not for I believe
there are no cheaper accommo-
dation than 2nd Cabin on
board the Rail Packets
we shall have lots to talk
about when I go to Port. I
suppose will be in little more
than a fortnight we shall like
to have some work earlier
than in time for the 2nd Mr.
Whittier. I am coming
the day before good Friday
& stay till Monday so we cannot

I did not
write
any longer
and I certainly
am not writing

very well be down by better Sunday
when Mary says there will be
a train down from London
& they might run down by it & it
will be very pleasant for Philip
but I think the double journey
will be too much for Mary.

I do hope Mother will have
all that is necessary to strengthen
her & that she will soon get
better it is very trying for her.

I think J & B will have a horse
full are they going to take M June
back with them I wonder

if Alfred is arrived in America
yet hope he will get there safe.

I am staying home with baby
she is now asleep she has had
a roll down 2 or 3 stairs or steps
& bruised her forehead she very
seldom falls tho' she runs
about so much. I have made
her such a pretty frock out of
that spotted lace & lace
to make a couple of muslin
& a couple of alpaca. She says she is writing
just now so come to send a
kind one for each of you it is
very strange she will not talk
tho' she knows every thing that
is said to her even the words

She had since the perfect agreeing if it is to be done
last they little wrote in the summer but I don't like
after I wrote last letter that I had it in the work book
I forgot it and wrote the very concerned I will soon
ride the back to the hope Mrs. Wadsworth's sister take no
having with being left to society and have to turn
those you seen a little less kind of I don't about
if to write the book and she and the others in about
learned just a little more in staying it with the others
not to go as he to leave I have it about I might
write to him I don't hear from him any more
I received a letter from Mrs. Wadsworth about her
very great if I thought just and I shall have to
write her. The one all pretty well. I was 20 days
they have to all friends. I hope she is well. I must
spend an afternoon in Southwold. I & we must
go over to Amelia's one day. I hope you have

Broom Terrace

3rd Mo 20 188

My dear Eliza

I am only going to write a few lines to day & send with the enclosed I suppose thou began to think there will be no letter this week as they did not come till 4th day morning I am put off with half a sheet to accommodate Mr Beckett & John & have to pay 8^d into the bargain it was too bad John might as well send his letters to Bristol but as I have it I took the liberty of reading it to the Drunkards where we took tea yesterday & ^{they were} very much pleased to hear it any thing about Canada being interesting to them. Mr Beckett speaks very highly of Joseph & is looking with great pleasure to my arrival I do hope dear Mother is better the weather is much milder I hope Mary will not think of staying till the 12th of next mo before

coming down or I shall not see
her why not come by the Ex on
1st day if not safe then I'm sure
it won't be next mo but I shall
say no more about it, there
will be no necessity for thee to
meet us as we shall come up
by the Bost shall reach your
house I hope about 1/2 past
10 I talk to Emily about you
& she has sent a kiss to each I
do not think she will be strange
or shy for she heard you so often
spoken of & understood so
well what it is like but we
shall soon meet then what
tales there will be to tell I do
hope thou wilt be able to go
out a good deal for thou must
need a good blowing my first
visit must be to Whitwell's office
but my first pleasure after
that is my birthday I wonder if
you think of it Mother is treating
us to a plum pudding as she
says that is the last I shall
spice in England we are all
well & write in dear love to you
both believe me Thy affec^{ate} friend
M. A.

Brantford 5th Mo 9/1844

My very dear Eliza

I deeply sympathize with thy tried feelings at the present time. Having experienced the like myself more or less thou art rightly guided in thy determination. I quite hope that either Wm or I will do distant - with us I wrote to Eldon & thee that when he did write it was in such a strain as to convince thee his love was unchanged & therefore thou didst not fear to trust thy happiness to his keeping but it seems such has not been the case that I think may be partly attributable to his pecuniary difficulties he felt he should not be ready for thee at the time appointed & instead of candidly confessing it he allowed it to grow on his mind hoping that something would come up to postpone your arrival or excusable time to receive thee as he was with. I felt angry from the first that J. J. B. at all persuaded him to buy a lot as he was not in a position to pay for it they did it with the best intentions hoping to secure the same prospects for thee that we have ourselves but I fear it has

Eliza Wadsworth

incase him feel involved having to
borrow the money of John on interest.
I have asked not in what way he spends
his money. I don't think he understands
it, but it seems to slip thro' his fingers
he has not the knack of taking care
of his clothes but when he buys a new
article it goes on & it soon comes
there he has to have more & clothing
here it was expensive unless
there is some one to make it up at
home. He has not the training of
John & John had never known the
value of money as they did when
it was scarce to be made for him.
in that respect & in disposition like
his so reserved it was unfortunate
to the possessor they shut themselves
up and themselves let no one share
their joys or sorrows. The former
are not so great & the latter are harder
to bear when in them by others
gladly with I have soothed & comforted
& cheered him many a time if
he was home let me for I feel a
great regard for him in spite of his
strange conduct what I can have
done to offend him I don't know
unless he thinks I have made
a mischief between you who has been
the farthest from my intention for
this I have complained of him.

it had been with the view of they not
visiting him and only then could it do
so letting him know the true state of
things & the appearance of duty. we
have never complained of his in-
attention to business he used always
the first to go both morning & noon
& it was I don't believe he has ever
lost a quarter hour being late at the
other house & when he set about the
wrenches & drawers he worked with
spirit we quite admired it. As I
don't think there need fear being
the burden bearer altogether he will
doubtless learn on thy cheerful &
more energetic spirit but if only willing
to be guided by thee & give up all the
money into thy keeping I have no
doubt you will get on well enough.
do not mind remaining single a
while after coming out John & I
cannot be married for 6 or 8 weeks
& in another two or two afterwards
We will have time to provide such
articles as are necessary to commence
with without going in debt for them.

He is writing now & I believe is
sending the cash for thy voyage
may his explanation be satisfactory
& all end in peace happiness &
prosperity is my sincere desire

forward with so much pleasure to the
Ward came on the other evening
to ask John for a sheet of paper. John
was asleep but I told him I would gladly
let him have one & while I got it I
wrote I recently always had messages
from & reports from those I re-
spected from but I seldom heard the
particulars giving them he mentioned
me & said good night in a much
higher tone than I late it about after
the sheet of paper & lying. I give
said in her last that you will
consider it settled to leave the east
of July but I hope you will be here
for you ought both of you
to go to Norwich where the wild
fruits are ripe & gather a store for
the winter that is what they all
do there wild strawberries are very
plentiful. They dry them & then
steep them when wanted every
kind they are also grapes & elderberries
you might also buy in stores of butter
fat &c &c much cheaper than in
the city. John Palmer said it was just
time to go or soon & go up for that
purpose in the fall. Well my dear
friend I have fill'd my sheet but it
is dark of the day afternoon so they
will soon be home I don't think too
much I say how anxious I shall be
to know thy decision I have looked

Brantford 14th Nov 1841

My dear Sister Eliza

The tone of thy last
gives us much pleasure as it indicates
better spirits & I think that our minds
at last about thy coming will be all
spirits will be best. I hope the little
capture between you will work a change
for the better in you. He would please
dealing & will submit to it from time
but he has a considerable degree of pride
& does not like to be subjected to any
one else or even the appearance of
being in the character of a woman to
keep her proper place must admit
her right from the first & maintain
it until it becomes a fixed habit
it is what saving a woman's husband
to do & some women submit to be tyrannized
over till their lives are burden
& misery. Sophy Butler for instance
it may be amiable but certainly is
not wise for a firm stand at first
will finally gain the point both
happier for it after. I do not like
to see a man too much but a woman
of sense can rule her husband & make
hold out any appearance of doing
wrong. The strongest mind must govern
enough on this subject may thy future
be brighter than the present & may thy
future conduct repay thee for all thou
has suffered & sacrificed for last week

and it hurts thee to stay with us we shall enjoy the

[illegible][illegible]

Mrs. The Hon. and Mrs. J. M. Smith. I am glad to hear that you are quite happy to be in your new house. I hope you will be able to keep up longer. I expect it will only be a few days before the time I shall hope you will get the first or second. It will delay in 3 weeks longer. I am very well and will be thinking. Therefore it is about with the snow but I am disappointed of her. My brother will not let her leave her good old place and she has a very comfortable enough. I am hoping to see her again this week. She was at her place yesterday & was washing in her bath. I have not seen her for some time but I have not seen her for some time. I am very well and will be thinking. Therefore it is about with the snow but I am disappointed of her. My brother will not let her leave her good old place and she has a very comfortable enough. I am hoping to see her again this week. She was at her place yesterday & was washing in her bath. I have not seen her for some time but I have not seen her for some time.

I have much pleasant talk by
letter with Abigail Cornthies & inter-
change of thought - She is very affable
& attentive & kind to me - She desired
her home to me - but I could not visit
then any one - I had a peculiar ar-
rangement with the Roberts I could
not be comfortable not to be just -
Dear Olivia has great calls for her
children's education tho' happily her
mind is free as to future provision
for them & herself in the event of the
removal of her husband - Cassius
is expected home in June.

While I was at Liverpool Mr J. Pitt-
-Cairn & Lady Waller came from
Liverpool where Rebecca was visiting to
see us - both enquired of you &
I requested me to remember them
affectionately to you - I send you
a medallion & ask of you remember it.
Rebecca lives at Brighton where Sir
Edmund died - her little son &
niece to the little came with her &
David Pitt-Cairn Mr J's second son -
Edmund is a gentle sweet looking boy
gentle mouth & his mamma's constant
David is a magnificent fellow -
Mr J's children are perfectly tran-
scent & her manner is a model. Mr Pitt
a holy man - it is nice to be there.

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visit to Reading & all the family
& of course dear Husband's sister
my illness & delicacy - & of its re-
-moval & the beneficial effects of
his journey up the coast to Shanghai
in the steamer - I was delighted
to hear he was so recovered - The
Lord strengthen him fully & re-
-fresh his spirit & revive his
heart - & the dear children
as I am better & happy - God
bless you all! It is so kind
of Miss Watson in her state
to state to keep me in this
knowledge of you all & she
is so considerate in not requi-
-ring me always to reply -

Little Burton Freemen Lord
will be 8 years old on the 21st
I so celebrate his natal day & he
spent a birthday - Mother & he
spent a bed with me & then she
& Ellen - & Louisa dear good child
is with me a little! It is
pleasant to be within reach of
each other - If I could walk as
I used two or three years ago I
could stretch 50 or 60 miles
I could not accomplish 10 miles now.

off with £80 a year - If the percentage had not been
reduced it would have been considerably more - £100 or £120
but since 1948 I believe it was instead of $3\frac{1}{2}$ per cent I have
had but $3\frac{1}{4}$ & this last dividend only paid 3 per cent. This
was an arrangement made by government. I would rather
have it secure than run the risk of any private thing
or speculation or railway shares etc. I have two or three
little sums in a cottage - humble but pleasant & I
prefer being alone & my own mistress & near the Lord's
This is more than a gain about for the trifling price of shares
& discomforts to which habit will soon accustom me -
My health is very indifferent & though the so-called
that I feel a burden with them - I am rich & I must
& move alone without disturbing any one & I have
been so used to sit silent & anxious by the fire bed
trembling with self-control & looking & heart faint with
the alternation of hope & fear to be ended by the
successful night & the dying struggle that I can
not bear to listen to continuous talking or to talk much
myself - The Roberts are incessant talkers &
about trivial matters & poor Ellen - you

know the difficulty of hearing is rather
making out what she says - this was a dreadful
strain on my nerves & used to exhaust me
all over I compelled me to lie down - Now my evening
nerves are gradually acquiring a little tone - but my
heart is always softening & there is a universal truth
over my frame - my whole nervous frame with is
shattered - This is a physical clearance ment but it
will account to you for my apparent neglect in writing
I thank you for the gift of the pen - He enabled
to feel willing to submit.

This is dear John's birthday the 14th, dear fellow!
I hope the Government had sent me from your mamma
your last letter to her dated Feb 13th I am very glad
to see your handwriting & to know you are all doing well;
but don't think I neglect you or approach your silence
myself - I know you love me & often think of me
my dearest niece & friend - Dear Miss Wilson most kindly
tells me about you, all that will interest me - Of Mr. Galt

Alfred Combe

Dear Eliza

I have but a few minutes to scribble a line to say Mother & I expect will come on 3rd day about 4 p.m. if all be well I please direct my letter to you (if you comes) to Miss Bidwell Combe & Congleton

Beaumont
Lonsdale

Mother & I came into Barton yesterday took about the 5 o'clock left by Beards & reached Alfred Combe before 9 —

stayed at Mary Davys
came to S. Bartons to
Breakfast took a
nice walk round the
Beach then the summer
is back & got baby to
sleep, went by my-
self to the river, on
to Lanthorn Hill back
to dinner are now
going back to Mary
Davys for our things
& get some conveyance
to Llanwrtyd we mean
to sleep at West Down
to dinner tomorrow
& back to G. & A. in
the evening. I am

it raining for now
we shall have 2nd
day to back I have
y^{et} at 6 a.m. 3rd day
It is very fine &
much I enjoy the
sun very much, I. C.
went with Mr. Whitmore
& took Emily in
her perambulator
since Mr. she has slept
2 hours now had her
dinner Mother is gone
on & I must follow
so farewell Hoping you
are all well I remain
with much love to
Father Mother & myself
affectionately Thine M. A. W.

To I please direct the
Mercury & B. water
shall be glad of a few
lines from you or
mother

7th day 3 p. m.

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My Dear Friend

I have been hoping to write you a full & particular account of him. In the first place he is looking well & hearty though he suffers from palpitation of the heart & has much exertion. He suffers from bad heart but still he manages to work about as much as most two people in good health. Mary the eldest has very good health she is married to a Mr. Miller a very nice & highly intelligent farmer one of the head men in the Methodist Church. Eliza was married to Mr. Shaw about two years ago he seems a very understanding young man I have not seen much of them yet. Sarah is married & away in Wisconsin. Now for the Miles. Rich keeps them in cotton & is getting a first rate he is married & has two the latest born is a very fine young man about 20 on the look out for a wife & about that is if he has not one in his eye already. I suppose having found he will then have the paternal roof kept for himself. The rest of the family are both fine fellows working the farm with their father as also is Harry the youngest who is now in Germany America & yet shows his domestic points. They have this fall entered a farm close to Cartersville (which is in the County of Macon just about forty miles from Cartersville) late occupied by Major Beach the Deputy Sheriff of the County. It is a very fine house the best I have been in in these parts with a splendid farm attached. Uncle has been doing very well lately & I should say with the greatest advantage he now has well & still better. I believe any man (who has his health) & presides many a well in this country although of course at first he will have a great many things to contend with.

I have no fear if my health continues even no better than it is at present but I hope so improved so rapidly that it may go on untill I'm perfectly strong. William Phelan can be seen about two miles from here. Nicholas about twelve John in Atton they are all well & getting on well. I often hear from Canada I wish John had come down here with me as carpenters do much better here than in Canada & then he would have been able to have judged how he would like it for a residence before marriage. I heard from Sam Smith the other day I think he will come to take a look at the place his mines don't please him he intends returning to England & then coming back here to settle.

December 26th

Christmas is passed I wonder where & where my next will be spent. Christmas Eve I spent at Huckle at 5 P.M. We pledged absent friends & with us is a letter with you so I fancied you would be all sitting round very likely talking of the absent ones we had toast & cider at night. I was day I spent with William his wife & family were there & we had a very pleasant day in conversation & hymn singing. Alton Apr. 25th 1867

My dear Aunt

Many thanks for your last kind letter. It has eased my mind greatly I never liked Old Templar Alfred behaved as decently as could be expected considering the way he was brought up in & how he was spoiled. Perhaps he knew better than to show off before me if so it was well for him for my temper was not much under control nor my feelings very Christian at times & burning as I was under severe misfortunes & slights with bare by my season left I may have done under the excitement of the time what I should have regretted after. I hope he will do well though I fear what