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Dear Dr. Kitchers.

Hoping the many
vicissitudes which have surroun-
-ed me, are come to their own
natural definition, I will
again ask that you &
myself, arrange for my
arrival to our view to-
morrow morning. I shall
be delighted again to
be with them: & in the
quiet & devout retirement
again that comfort and
healthful quiet of
mind which will
preserve me in wisdom

to a better preparation
of myself for service: & the
Word of His grace to with His
to bring you to this kind of
decide, & yourself accom-
-pany me will please
me better than their
the needless vain sampling,
of prolonging delay there.
Therefore I earnestly wish
that my dear
Father, will bring this wise
decision to effect: & to
hasten bring the happy

contented, & sought for
arrival; & the end of
the night I arrived
with instructions by which I
had have too long surrounded
me by here. I shall hope
soon again regain that
in strengthened, & devout
living, & practical spiritual
rest, which I so greatly
need. You will do me
this kindness, & on seeing
Jane, & also Richard, state
me your opinion of her
state of health, about

which I am uneasy. I shall
be happy from time to time
be pleased to let you
hear from me

With devout thanksgiving
God for his favors which
have been unnumberable
I will thus definitely expect
your attending. I thus request
early to-morrow morning.
With my own understanding
I have wished for arriving.
I will thus conclude.
Yours truly & sincerely
Mark Twain

Jan 24th 1861.

My dear Jane,
I concluded to write you another letter. I was very sorry to hear that Uncle William Fielden was dead. Pray send my love & all our relations there & tell them I sincerely console with them on the melancholy event. And hope he has departed to be for ever with the Lord in Heaven. I have had a wish in my mind to come & see you & your dear Mr Richard, & Ambrose who is I hope happy in his wedding, & that you find yourself happy with his wife. But was sorry to hear that your father was also ill. & hope he is got better again. I have been thinking the last day or two, if you are waiting of me making the first advances towards returning home, it was getting time to begin. I should find it the more profitable one, & I also hope it might be pleasant to you & Richard. I have had my mind very urgently led to come home again & now my poor Uncle is gone it makes me still more anxious to do so, that one's fears might be confirmed towards anyone else. I have always had it in my mind that if we took the two

houses we might get 3 or 4 ladies live in the
further one, & might make it comfortable
& pleasant to ourselves. I recollect having
asked your father to buy the property. Be-
lieve as it may, it is my wish to make my exit
from York as soon as possible. And I wish
you to see your father, & make this known
unto him, & write to me as soon as you
have seen him, & stated this to him.

There are many reasons that I cannot exactly
explain in my note, that plainly points this out
to me as being my duty. I am wishful to become
more usefully & profitably employed.
I am persuaded there can be no objection to
this on your father's part, & wish to come at-
once. You must remember me in the
kindest manner - Bench of them. Is
Mr. Lincolns at Bodmin? if you see anything
of him you must tell him I wish to be
remembered to him. How is Mrs. Sturges?
You must call & see her & state to her your

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sister wrote to her on my birth-day & should
have liked to have had an answer.
And above all things he prepared to meet
your God - for in such an hour as ye think
not the Son of Man cometh. Cultivate
the spirit of humility & love God &
I hope he will bless you. (Death often
seems very near. And I hope you will
live a righteous & holy life, & that you
have a sensible hope of being with
Jesus hereafter. I hope these remarks
may have the due weight with you -
& oblige me by a kind letter very soon, that
you are ready to welcome me, to my own
house, as I hope to welcome you to the
Mansions of rest & Perfection & love
above. Should I be called I go
first - Tell Richard how ready I

know that he must be sure & be ready,
to go & prove when he calls him.

"Come forth Wisdom's sacred voice,

Come & make my path your choice,

And may everything that is lovely & of
good report, find its seat with you
& pray your Affectionate Sister

Lamb Keever.

Mr John Keever
Littleborough
W. Lonsdown

Mr Jane Keever.



Dear Father

I received your Note on
Wednesday: & should like to say how
astounded I am that no time was named
for my return. It cannot possibly
do you any good, & is an irreparable
loss to me, being at York. Apart from
disagreeing with me, I have a great
dislike to it: there being executions
& often. I am pleased you are all
well. I wish I was. And I believe
the exhortations & precepts of the
Holy Bible must henceforth be
my rule & instructor: & there will
be no fear of my going astray

or being deceived, when humbly
& modestly showing its light.
And therefore it is, that I again
to you write to you, to say that
it is not a proper thing, in
you placing me in circumstances
or in any way hindering my obeying
God & serving him according to
dictates of my own conscience &
reason. And should ^{you} any way
be the hindrance, I must
the first opportunity seek for

release from such unendurable
bondage, from a more enlight-
ed Quarter. And I hope
that God may lead you into
the ways of righteousness & eternal
Life. I know of no fault Com-
mitted to warrant you in bringing
me ~~with~~ ^{to} the commencement of the
persecution began; when, after
every one of his own relations
and devoted him, I prayed by
the side of your dying son James.
I don't at ^{all} see any to regret.

I hope these few observations will
lead you to reflection. And
I wish to be liberated before
the end of next week, I shall
expect to have orders to that
effect.

Yours Affectionately

J. Pease.

Saturday Afternoon
Sep 15th 1860.

Aug^t 2nd 1857.

My dear Mrs. Ruff,

I have often thought of the last interview I had with you, & should have been glad if things had taken a more favorable turn. Most injudicious was I taken from my home, to come to the Retreat. Doubtless you may have heard of it from your dearer friends. And never, never, was I so wretched, & unhappy in my life before. And I wish you to be kind enough to send me word, if you know how any friends are; I have written several times but have not had an answer to them; being most anxious to take my departure from York, & resume my own prerogatives at home. There have been trying dispensations; needless grievances, uncalculated for provisions to the Holy Ghost. It made me tremble when I first came, to see myself so near the brink of eternal ruin. "It is written thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God," the Saviour said. And I pray that He will glorify Himself, in demonstrating the impotency, & weakness of man's wisdom, & His will power being attended to. I was quite certain it

were never the Lord's doing my coming here.
of course, I could not but feel distressed
at such foolishness. And I do hope my
Christian friends may when they know where
I am, be led to take an interest in my coming
away. Will you present my love to your
Mother. And send me word how things have gone
on at Littleton ^{since} the last time I saw you.
I would rather do for myself, & act at liberty
which it is my purpose to do, after being
released from this thralldom, than spend my
time so uselessly, & unprofitably. "Redeeming
the time, since the days are evil."
I believe it is the Christian's privilege to be
released from bondage of every description
altho' few attain to it. But every one knows
that it is strengthening & encouraging
to have Christian fellowship, especially in
seasons of affliction. So ere the kindness
I write by return of Post, I send one post-
card. It is high time I was at home:
to set things to rights. It often distresses
me to see so much of what I have

None, so summarily scattered. But
the Lord can bring together, even from
the four winds of Heaven. I do hope
His power may triumph over Satan
& that His gracious purposes of love to
His Saints may be done. Redemption
you have often heard me say was my
delight & joy. I have often thought
about you & do hope to hear soon from
you. If you see any of my Friends
give my love to them. Believe
me yours affectionately,
A. Keever.

The Retreat
York.

Mr. Pigg
Draper
Littleborough N.