

## **Papers relating to Mary Beaumont**

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Uxford 16<sup>th</sup>  
16<sup>th</sup> of Decr. 1853

My dear Friend:

I find by thy  
letter to Mr. Mary that  
thou art waiting to hear  
from me before coming  
to Uxford, or step to <sup>it</sup> ~~it~~  
after what has passed  
I am bound to accede ~~in~~  
and altho' a "specific  
object" has been <sup>the</sup> ~~been~~ <sup>con-</sup>  
-sidered as the result of  
thy visit; I have no doubt  
thou wilt feel at liberty  
to give such advice as may



be prompted by thy con-  
-ventions when with us -

I shall consider the expense  
of thy journey well appro-  
-priated in endeavoring  
to come to a right judgment,  
and the comfort of having  
a little of thy company -  
with regard to the time of  
thy visiting us, thy own con-  
-venience must be consulted,  
and as thou art aware a  
state of suspense is trying,  
perhaps thou wilt oblige  
me by a few lines as soon  
as thou canst fix -  
I may just remind thee  
that Coaches pass thro'

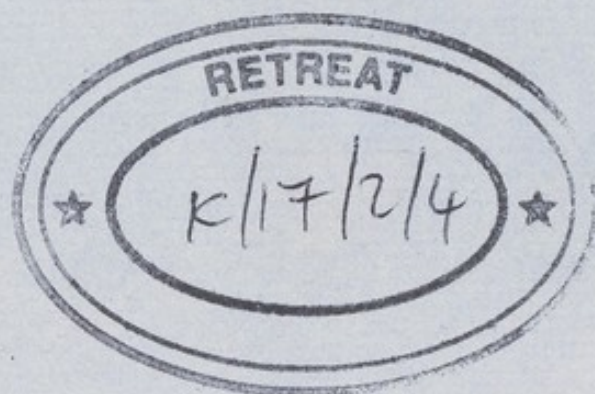


afford which wait the ar-  
-rival of the Trains at  
Ipswich, leaving London  
(Bishopsgate St. Station)  
at 11.0 & 4.50 -  
Mrs. Aft.

United in love by W<sup>m</sup> Mary  
who is obliged for this  
letter. Love

Thy affectionate friend  
John Beaumont







Alford ~~the 4th~~  
4 of 12 month

My dear Friend;

I can hardly  
forbear sending thee a line  
on receipt of thy kind note  
just come to hand, accompa-  
nying a letter from M<sup>r</sup> Mary  
Telling the time for her leaving  
York, after having been so long  
entertained and cared for by  
thee, in a way which can-  
not fail to make I believe  
an indelible impression  
upon my mind and sh



that the fruits of thy most  
tender and affectionate interest  
extended to my beloved Child  
never may be effaced! and I trust  
she will continue to be the  
object of thy solicitude and  
regard as heretofore -

But my desire to embrace  
the present occasion to send  
thee a line, arose from the  
very mysterious thy which  
I feel towards thee, my dear  
friend, under a circumstance  
which none but those who  
may have witnessed one of  
equal poignancy can  
fully appreciate - but of  
this class thou art fully

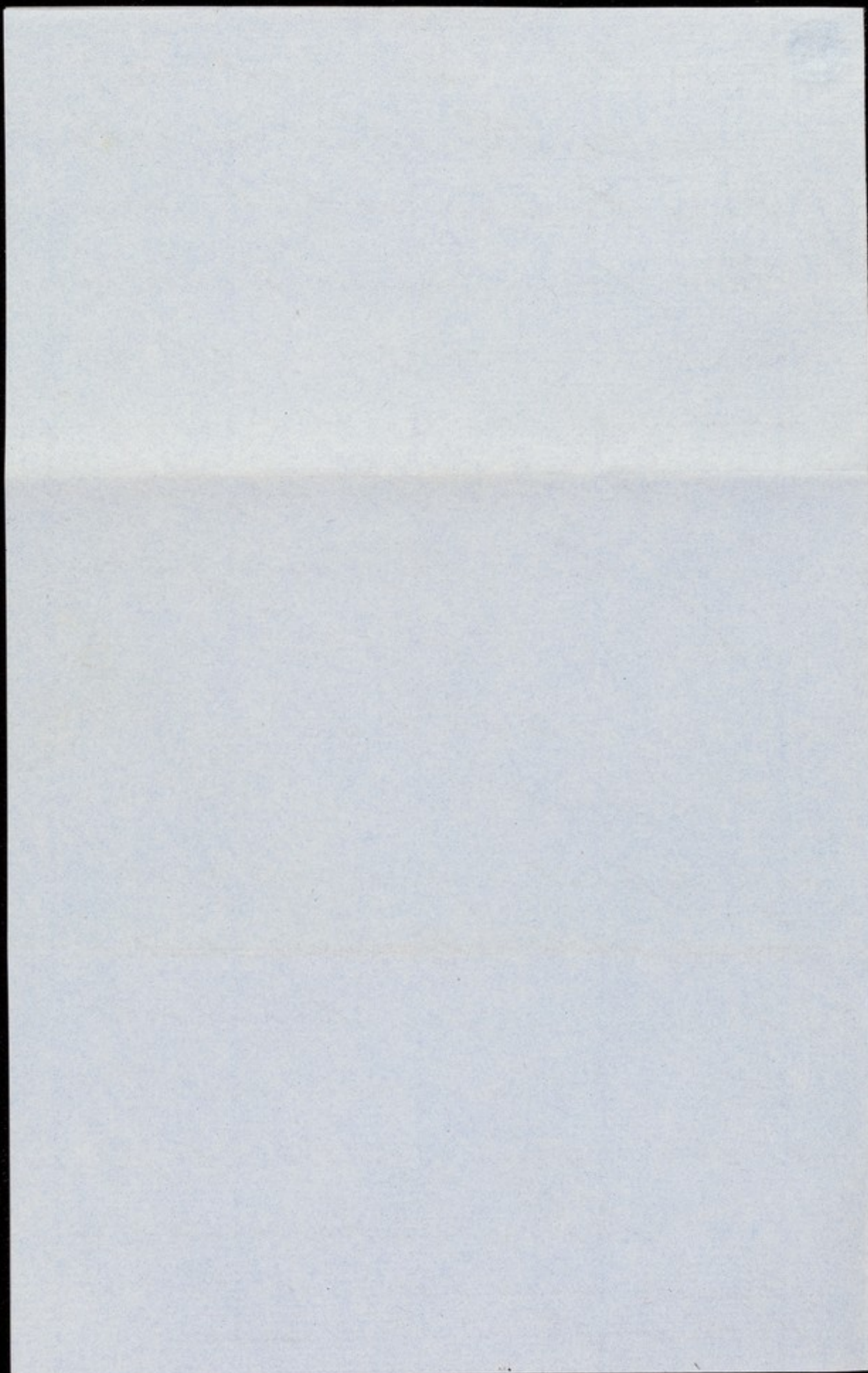


unlike I can include  
myself, though hast consol-  
ations beyond what can  
flow from more human  
source, I am fully assured  
and not the least will be  
that, of thy departed parent  
having been prepared for an  
entrance into eternal hap-  
piness and bliss -

It is past time and I can  
only repeat my sense of the  
great obligation I shall  
always <sup>be</sup> under towards  
the condemner with  
as love thy affectionate friend  
John Beaumont -

It will very cordial to me  
to hear from thee soon -







John Killeling  
Detroit  
New York







Uxbridge <sup>4</sup>  
19<sup>th</sup> of 12 month  
1855

My dear Friend;

Trust thou wilt  
believe that I have long  
entertained a grateful appre-  
-ciation of thy uninterrupted  
kind interest on behalf of  
my beloved Mary & myself,  
and thy sincere endeavors  
to assist us in various ways.

I feel desirous that thou  
shouldst possess some little  
acknowledgment from  
me



of this debt of gratitude,  
and not knowing what  
might be most acceptable,  
I could ask thee to appro-  
-priate the accompanying  
trifling sum in any way  
which may be most  
pleasant to thyself -

United by my d<sup>r</sup> Mary  
in love to thyself & Wife

I remain

Thy affectionate friend  
John Beaumont



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5<sup>th</sup>  
" day evening.

My dearest friend,

When I received  
read thy kind letter last  
3<sup>d</sup> day I was forcibly  
given to feel my great  
unworthiness of such continued  
kindness, the least I can  
do is gratefully to acknow-  
ledge it. Believe me there  
are not words of course,  
I have an abiding sense  
of thy extreme kindness.



and of my poor requital  
of it. I am very glad  
and thankful to know  
that thy health is improving.  
May it continue! It is a  
real trial to me to be una-  
ble to assist thee, but I  
depend on thy allowing me  
to do it if possible.

I may say I shall be  
very grateful for a reply  
to the former of my two last  
letters, my mind has been for



some time past in a  
peculiarly tried State, &  
thou wilt not wonder  
that the State of Suspense  
& uncertainty which at present  
(notwithstanding thy most  
kind endeavours to help us)  
hangs over all our movements  
is one which we both feel  
very painfully — My dear  
love please to the Allis's.  
I find my cousin Hannah Simp<sup>son</sup>  
is much pleased with "York friend"  
I heard of her meeting you  
at the Book meeting &c.



My Father desires his love  
to thee, & is daily hoping for  
a letter from thee; I do  
feel ashamed when I think  
of the trouble we are giving  
thee. Oh! that we could only  
hope all would end well.

My dear love to E. H., the children  
& F. Brown if returned

Please accept a very large portion  
for thyself from thy

nearby & gratefully attached

Mary Beaumont.



Ufford

13/2 months 1853

My dear Friend/

I incline to take  
an early opportunity of out-  
-now laying the <sup>the</sup> matter of the  
-favour of the 7<sup>th</sup> for which I  
am obliged - The tenor of  
the communication is much  
so I might have anticipated  
after the interview <sup>the</sup> you had to-  
-gether in the 12 months, at  
which time you spoke with  
much desirous on the subject  
of our painful position, and  
then with me, I am sure,  
wonder at my referring to the  
conversation we had in the  
garden a short time before  
you left Ufford, when you  
alluded to the necessity of



a separation for a time, as  
connected with the recovery of  
Mary's Mind, the impressions  
thus conveyed to my own Mind  
left me no room to hesitate  
to accept the conclusion that  
recommended, and this question  
of the subject has continued to  
devel with me ever since, al-  
though thou dost not allude  
to it in thy present letter I shall  
be glad to know if thy own im-  
pressions on this head have  
increased. I am aware that  
since thou wast here the  
correspondence has been conti-  
nued between Mary and  
thyself, and that in thy two  
last letters thou conveyed to  
her thy decided convictions  
on the subject of our painful



position, since the rest of them  
either the anticipated carrying  
out the proposed important  
movement, has appeared to  
harry Mary much, causing  
a very unfavorable effect  
upon her mind, so that I  
have at times become uneasy  
as to its limits, and since the  
receipt of thy present letter  
to me that feelings have appeared  
to increase - I find she has  
written to thee by yesterday's  
post communicating her  
feelings to thee, and she may  
probably have alluded to  
the unsettledness of her mind  
in regard to any plan for  
the future in case of a sepa-  
-ration, notwithstanding the  
apparently clear view which



she seemed to entertain on  
the subject when thou wast  
here, and may perhaps have  
referred to an idea of getting  
a lodging in some retired lo-  
-cality in this neighbourhood;  
thou wilt at once conclude that  
I cannot encourage such a  
visit, and will write with  
me I think in considering  
these feelings, <sup>to be</sup> connected with  
an undesirable state of mind.  
Incidentally Mary informed  
me of rather a painful ex-  
-currence which occurred  
some weeks back, when she  
was betrayed into a state of  
excitement, which was painful  
to witness and which caused  
her much suffering after-  
-wards,



I believe I need not recite  
to the very thorough appre-  
-ciation of do<sup>r</sup>. Mary's desire  
to render the remaining days  
of her Father happy - also  
that she entertains a corres-  
-ponding appreciation of my  
Parents & affectionate regard  
for her, and rejoiced should  
I have been, had I have been  
able in conformity with  
the conviction of thy own mind  
to encourage us to look to an  
uninterrupted enjoyment of  
each other's society - with  
of things, under ordinary  
circumstances, to be soma-  
-tarily and earnestly pro-  
-moted. I wish thee to



accept my sincere thanks  
for the very kind manner in  
which you have received my  
interest towards us, and I  
hope you will excuse my  
soliciting a continuance of  
thy help and assistance, which  
you will see I stand in great  
<sup>need</sup> of at the present time and  
under my great difficulties  
and trials - it will be a satis-  
faction to me to hear from  
you as early as thou conve-  
niently canst - I remain  
with love

Thy very sincere friend

John Beaumont

I think I may just mention that you  
wrote intelligently & pleasantly with a theory  
at the present time -



John Hitching

Retreat

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Wfford L. H.  
16 of 11 month  
1855

My dear Friend;

I am much ob-  
-liged for the very kind senti-  
-ments on my account con-  
-tained in thy esteemed favour  
of the 13<sup>th</sup> as well as for the  
candid opinion thou hast  
given as to what thou considers  
likely to conduce most effect-  
-ally to my benefit - viz<sup>t</sup> - the  
ministrations of some more  
indifferent companion than  
my Daughter -

Thou art, I do not doubt,  
aware that my d<sup>r</sup>. Mary



has, in a letter since received,  
given me the grateful infor-  
mation that it is intended  
for her to rejoin me here in a  
short time, say in a <sup>+</sup>6 months.

I am sure thou wilt excuse  
me for saying that, it is for  
the relief of my own mind  
that I express my desire to feel  
assured that this truly accept-  
-able proposal is made with  
thy entire sanction and appro-  
-val - it is altogether in con-  
-sequence of my construing  
the tenor of thy letter as summing  
to rather differ from the sug-  
-gestion in dear Mary's. That  
I take the liberty of making this  
allusion and to ask the too  
kind enough to relieve my



mind by a little explanation.  
I am sure I shall not be mis-  
understood, but I have such  
a high value for thy judge-  
ment that I feel anxious to  
know that all our movements  
are made in unison therewith.  
I receive very thankfully the  
intention for my dear Child  
to become my companion thro'  
the Winter, and which I look  
forward to hopefully - and if  
permitted to be carried into ef-  
fect, will I trust receive the  
sanction of a blessing being  
attached -

I have not thought it needful  
to see Geo. Cochrane upon the  
subject of his letter to W<sup>m</sup> Mary  
but



I must express my deep con-  
-cern that he should have  
written what thou considers  
calculated to act injuriously  
upon d<sup>r</sup>. M's mind. it will  
be relieving to me to be in-  
-formed if thou considers that  
any mischief has been done  
by the letter, and perhaps  
thou wilt be kind enough  
to favour me with thy opi-  
-nion how dear Mary is alto-  
-gether - Please to give my af-  
-fect to her, and I intend to write  
to her tomorrow if I can - I  
am thankful to say the ulcer  
in my arm is getting well - in  
other respects my health is I  
quite as good & I hope will be  
soon better - With love to thy  
wife and self I am thy affect  
friend John Beaumont





John Hitching  
Rutland  
New York







Worcester  
11th March 1855

My dear friend,

Although I  
had been anticipating the  
receipt of a letter from the  
previous to my crossing the  
on the 1<sup>st</sup> inst. I was but satis-  
fied to write the at that time  
running the risk of our letters  
crossing, I have since been  
consciously waiting to hear  
from the. Knowing that  
Mary wrote to the a day  
or two after my last letter  
to the, but being very much



ignorant of <sup>the</sup> ~~the~~ contents of her  
letter, I think it just possible  
that she may have said some-  
thing which may have in-  
duced thy silence hitherto, be  
that as it may, I feel but sa-  
tisfied to say that, on the day  
after I wrote, say last with day  
week, I was again distressed  
by Mary being a fresh betrayer  
into great excitement, this  
occurrence affected me much,  
and I think after what I have  
suffered previously <sup>as well as</sup> ~~and~~ on this  
occasion, both bodily and  
mentally, thou wilt not <sup>be</sup> sur-  
prised that I felt much urgency  
to get my medical friend Geo.  
Cookhouse to call and see me,



this he did on the following  
day. I believe it was on the  
evening of that day that Mr.  
Mary wrote to them. I had  
thought it best not to en-  
-danger the country over  
-statement to Mary by G.C.  
occasionally visiting me, and  
had therefore prevented his  
calling. I hardly need say  
however that G.C.'s advice on  
the present occasion was  
that <sup>we</sup> ought to change our  
position, but at the same  
time, as I was daily ex-  
-pecting to hear from the  
nothing should be concluded  
<sup>until</sup>  
upon thy letter arrived.



I believe I am not insensible  
of the burden which the  
anxiety attendant upon thy  
desire to assist me hangs upon  
thee, nevertheless I am en-  
couraged to hope thou wilt  
continue to render <sup>us</sup> that assist-  
-ance which is so peculiarly  
within thy power to do.  
Hoping for the favour of  
an early letter from thee  
I remain with love

thy affectionate friend  
John Beaumont





John Kitching  
Putnam  
New York



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Ufford, 6<sup>th</sup> day —

My dearest friend,

Accept my sincere  
thanks for thy prompt answer  
to my last, & allow me to express  
my unfeigned sorrow at the trouble  
thou art introduced to on our behalf  
at this afflicting juncture —  
I write this to enclose in my dear  
letter who is in a state of <sup>falling</sup>  
deep distress from I truly  
partake ~ He has to this  
four being left alone, I thou  
mayst be able to understand the  
calm feeling of grief wh  
this circumstance has been



over my mind, & I feel  
it would not be right to  
withhold from thee my  
assurance that not only  
would it rejoice my dear father's  
heart as well as my own  
if thou art able to recom-  
mend us to remain together,  
but also that I firmly  
believe it would this time  
"succeed". Notwithstanding  
the temporary seasons of excitement  
wh. I have lately passed thro'  
I believe when we meet thou  
will think there is more  
hope than at the time thou



was here in the winter,  
then I leave I may place  
confidence that thou wilt  
fearlessly express thy sen-  
timents irrespective of the  
weight of influence that  
has been exerted in an  
opposite direction —

The great difficulty that my  
dear father encountered not only  
from his own timidity, but  
from the discouragements  
of his friends in leaving me  
at home a year ago. The  
various obstacles that would  
no doubt be thrown in the



way of another union  
often presses on both our  
minds, & amongst other  
considerations causes us  
ardently to desire that  
we may be rightly shown the  
extreme that pending over us.

I can truly say my beloved  
friend I shall be glad to  
see thee, & with desires  
to thy home circle & thy  
union. Thy newly attached  
M Beaumont



Uxbridge ~~Mass~~  
17 of 8 month 1855

My dear Friend;

I incline to  
tell thee in addition to the  
short note which I penned  
yesterday that, my Brother  
W<sup>m</sup> Beaumont & Mr. Linnett  
have both left us. so that  
we are now alone, and  
enjoying each others company  
as much as we can be ex-  
pected to do at this painful  
puncture, dear Mary seems  
to appreciate this change,  
and I earnestly desire that,



there may be ground for en-  
-couraging the hope that, the  
favorable effects which she  
believes she is witnessing may  
prove lasting - How cannot  
we shudder at my shrinking  
from the legacy that which  
hangs over us, which I fear  
might prove too great for me,  
involving contingencies of  
important and painful na-  
-ture, both as regards my  
personal position as well as  
relative to us jointly - and  
I feel that I have a claim  
upon the sympathy of my  
friends under my present  
grievous affliction - I forbear  
to

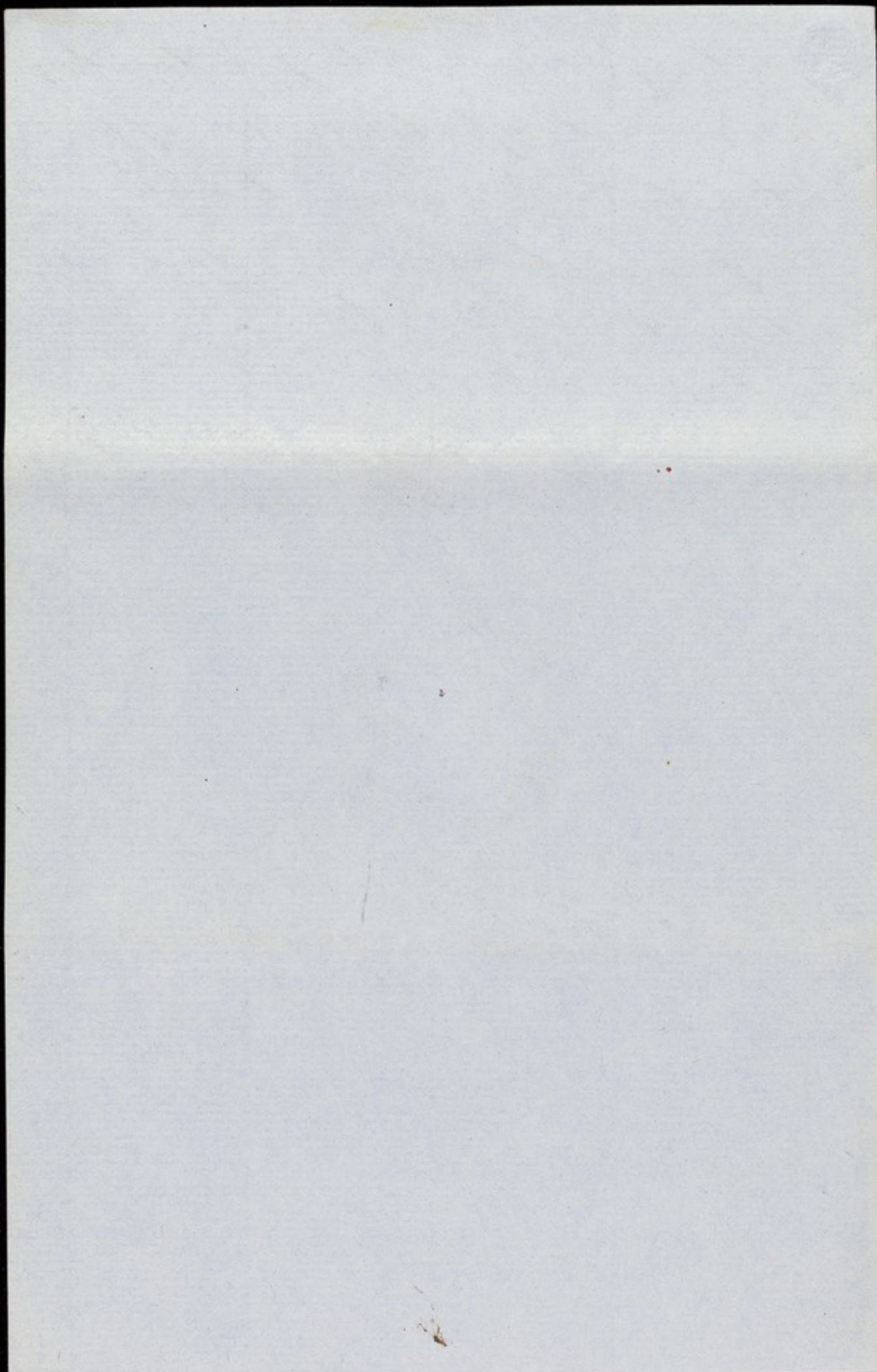


enter further into particulars  
here, anticipating the oppor-  
-tunity of so soon having  
a free interchange of serv-  
-ice with the

I am with love

Very affec<sup>t</sup> & obliged fr<sup>d</sup>  
John Beaumont







Answered 20/Dec

John Kitching  
The Strand  
New York





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~~Worcester~~  
1/3 month 1855

My dear friend,

Although I am  
informed by my dear Mary  
that it is ~~thy~~ intention to write  
to me shortly, I write to send  
thee a few lines without waiting  
for thy next letter & I shall be as  
well satisfied if my present com-  
-munication reaches thee before  
thou writes. Before mentioning  
the ~~arrangement~~ for my new ad-  
-dressing, <sup>that</sup> I am most ready to say  
that I am sorry if thou feels that  
in placing such unreserved con-  
-fidence in thy judgement as I  
have done, that I, for one, moment,  
entertain the least doubt of thy  
conviction being arrived at from



the necessity of the case and a  
regard for our mutual benefit.  
I am sure thou wilt excuse me  
when I say that, as I felt unable  
to resist thy recommendation to  
try how far it might happily  
answer, for dear Mary to become  
thine Father's companion, I feel  
equally unable to resist thy judg-  
-ment, founded as I am, persuaded  
that judgment to be, on the ne-  
-cessity of the case and a reference  
to our best interests, now that the  
experiments have been made. I am  
sorry that thou sh<sup>d</sup>st feel concern  
at what I may have implied in  
the tone of my previous letter on  
this head, and trust I have not  
now said anything that can in  
the least degree hurt thy feelings.



The cause of my now writing to thee  
is to fulfil what I believe to be  
my duty, by apprising thee of the  
distress which I have experienced  
on several occasions within the last  
two weeks, by dear Mary being off  
her guard in giving way to impulses  
which caused her to act in a way  
productive of much subsequent  
suffering - the first occasion was  
the one alluded to in my last, to  
which I need not make further  
reference - the next took place  
on the eve of her sending thee her  
last letter, which she had written  
a day or two before - when suddenly  
& without notice or previous appa-  
rent consciousness she twisted it up  
and threw it under the grate,  
of course I was deeply grieved  
at the circumstance, and at the  
harsh remarks accompanying it.



dear M<sup>r</sup>. after we as transcribed  
the letter and put it to thee by the  
same evening's post, altho' I think  
the sentiments which, she informed  
me, it contained, were not quite in  
accordance with what the state  
of her mind, at that time, would  
have warranted - the last occurrence  
took place last <sup>month</sup> 25th day, when  
from a very trivial matter, M<sup>r</sup> Mary  
became much excited and continued  
so throughout the day, threatening  
to write to thee for a certificate  
for admission into the "Strut", in-  
- deed she actually began a letter  
to that effect, saying moreover,  
if I intended thee to come here  
(of which I had no idea whatever,  
indeed I had not made allusion  
to thy name) it would drive her  
to desperation - and more of a  
fearful nature - of course I was



deeply grieved and distressed,  
and I believe these occurrences  
are calculated to act injuri-  
ously upon my health and  
spirits. In writing thus freely  
to thee I am actuated by a  
sense of painful duty, essentially  
opposed to the dictates of my  
strong affectionate parental feeling.  
But I considered it right that  
thou should be put in possession  
of what I have stated. I  
cannot do less than say that  
much suffering and regret  
has been dear Mary's portion  
subsequently, and she still ad-  
heres to her desire of remaining  
at home.

Having thus indicated to thee



what, after some considerable  
reflection, appeared to be my  
duty, thou wilt be prepared  
to learn that, while I have  
striven to feel encouraged,  
I am unable to arrive at  
that state of hopefulness  
which the feelings of my heart  
would prompt -

Waiting thy next communi-  
-cation which I shall be  
glad to welcome I remain  
with love thy sincere friend  
John Beaumont.

Dear Mary desires her dear  
love and is obliged for  
thy letter -



to know they apply  
to this, so will only  
add my earnest  
hope that they  
will continue  
to send "letters" ~~don't~~  
urge to tell me  
just how ~~much~~  
they are gratefully  
thou  
M. Beaumont

Kind Patient forbearance  
to still further test when  
tell thee that I do not feel com-  
fortable without saying a few  
more words to thee in regard to our  
present position as connected  
with the future. Knowing  
that my dear father  
acting under the influence



of thy judgment in the con-  
templated step of our Separation  
Having reason to think that thy  
judgment has been materially  
influenced by my representations  
of the truly state of things wh  
has for so long existed, thou  
wilt not wonder at the  
feeling of responsibility wh  
attaches to me, & I wish thee  
to know that on the whole  
since thou left us, we have  
gone on decidedly better,  
inasmuch as my dear father  
has been enabled to act with



much more consideration  
& kindness towards me, &  
though I think it likely  
that the prospect of our sepa-  
ration may have ~~been~~<sup>been</sup> some  
help to him in thus acting,  
yet seeing that it has him  
proud to be possible I would  
appeal to thy judgment  
whether thou considers it  
should cause any alteration  
in our future prospects, at  
the same time expressing  
my sincere <sup>& strong</sup> desire to remain  
with my dear father if



in accordance with his  
desire, & thy judgment.

Having thus simply laid before  
thee the <sup>existing</sup> state of things. I of  
my mind in reference to them  
I trust I shall feel that I have  
in this respect done my duty,  
leaving it to thee to take  
notice of it, or not, as thou  
deems best - I believe thou  
wilt see how I am placed as  
regards responsibility. ~~and then~~  
I feel unable to enter into  
anything further connected



John Kitching  
Retreat  
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I hope ~~Harold~~ is  
a few lines by this post, albeit they  
will be rather sorrowful ones, but  
perhaps thou wilt be able to give  
me a few words of counsel when  
thou next writes, which I shall  
welcome even if mixed with reproof,  
remembering that "faithful are the  
wounds of a friend" - I believe  
when I last wrote to thee my  
new father had finally given up



the house in Woodbridge, & we were  
going for a night to Leiston,  
this little visit has been accomplished  
I procured for my father a better  
night than for long past, but  
unhappily the day of our return  
there was a good deal of difficulty &  
indecision respecting our plans,  
when perhaps I adhered rather more  
strongly to my own view than  
was best, then followed considerable  
irritability & finding fault on my  
dear father's part, wh I was  
weak enough to resent, I spoke  
unguardedly, saying also that  
I wished to leave home —



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spoke  
that  
—

This I fear I was truly sorry  
for, & expressed my full ack-  
nowledgement for during  
the evening, but ever since  
my father has for the most  
part been extremely irritable,  
& almost constantly finding  
fault with me in some way  
or other, wh I do endeavour  
to take patiently, tho' at times  
I believe my manner is quick  
& rather impatient - My  
father does I believe get better  
nights, he is quieter, & his  
general health & appetite are  
good, but he is very unhappy



about having given up this  
house in Woodbridge, & this  
prey on him is I expect suf-  
ficient to account for increased ir-  
ritability, & I can truly say  
I do most sincerely sympathize  
with my dear parent in this trial.  
He is gone this afternoon for another  
night to Leiston, & is to bring  
back my cousin Louisa Candler  
for a few days - next week  
he will I hope mostly spend  
with our relations at Leiston,  
wh I hope will do him much  
good, & then with watchfulness on  
my part that we shall be  
on well again. —



John Fitching  
Retreat  
York.









such blessings as there  
are upon ~~the~~ ask for  
appointments in the most  
advantageous moments,  
I venture to ~~ask~~  
from ~~you~~ with some  
remembrance of me, for  
our father ~~seems~~ <sup>to</sup> think  
of ~~me~~ <sup>on</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>day</sup> ~~of~~ <sup>your</sup>  
appointments -  
With love to your  
wife, accept  
much obliged  
Believe me very gratefully  
attending to your  
wishes

letter directed by thee this morning  
to find its contents were not in  
thy ~~series~~ <sup>box</sup>, it is now more than  
2 weeks since the last & only letter  
received since my return home,  
for ~~these~~ <sup>those</sup> ~~days~~ <sup>years</sup> ~~of~~ <sup>of</sup> ~~silence~~ <sup>silence</sup> I cannot  
doubt thou hast had good  
reasons ~~why~~ <sup>that</sup> I will not counsel  
from ~~the~~ <sup>that</sup> the effect



has been one of treat & depression  
on my mind ~ I hope illness  
~~either of myself or dear Lizzie~~  
has not been the cause, & now  
I must leave it. I know treat  
& depression are my allotted  
portion, & I would ask for strength  
to bear them. — Thou <sup>canst</sup> little tell  
what I have had to suffer, <sup>for many</sup> the  
last 2 weeks from my <sup>being</sup> ~~being~~  
highly nervous excitement on the  
subject of a change of residence,  
our nights have <sup>often</sup> been disturbed  
& now that he has given up the  
house he thinks he has done  
wrong, & talks of trying to



Get it back again - Cochrane  
I know thinks seriously of him,  
I trust all he can do to settle his  
Wishes <sup>wishes him to remain here for the present</sup> on the subject, but I doubt  
he has not succeeded -

Perhaps a few lines from thee  
on the subject to my father  
might do good -

I have never spoken to my  
father of the treat wh. closes  
my visit to you, I now I  
much hope that I may  
be spared the necessity of  
doing so - wh I think I  
shall, unless he should ever  
think of proposing my coming



to you again, when of course  
it must be mentioned —

We had a Tins call the other  
day from Sophia Alexander  
who seemed interested in speaking  
of our mutual friend at York,  
She has heard of my dear father  
residing with you — I shall  
be much interested in hearing  
of the latter, whether he seems  
at all cheered by being with you.  
If I have not another opportunity  
of saying so, do accept my heartfelt  
desires that the succeeding year  
may be laden with blessings  
to thee, my dearest friend, even.





John Titching  
Preston  
Mr. G. R. B.



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over what  
as thou knowest  
I am sure to  
certainly it  
I am to be  
afford. 2<sup>nd</sup> day ~

Thust the letter thou  
wouldest get from me yesterday  
woud be almost a sufficient reply  
to thy welcome one received this morning  
especially as relates to the copying of  
the paper thou alludes to. which I shall  
be thankful to do for thee ~ I hope  
indeed the word "quarrel" thou dost  
not use seriously, 'I shal indeed thou  
dost not ~ but thou shouldst  
not talk of my "Kindness" - Nor  
even deem of me this is not the  
light in wh I view any of the  
<sup>affectionate</sup> feelings of my heart towards thee -  
perhaps my last letter renders this



unnecessary, but yet I must  
say "Forgive me if I have done  
wrong in mentioning the idea that  
thou wast or appeared cool" —

Never talk again of my being  
"hard" upon thee, I can't bear it;  
indeed I can't — Now I am going  
to make one request, founded on  
the belief of thy intimate know-  
ledge of me, & my sad sympathy  
for me — It is, that thou wilt  
write to me once upon the  
subject, just as if thou wert  
talking to me. I tell me if thou  
art aware that thy way of  
writing is rather cool, tell thou  
hast any reason for it — I sh!



do by undulations how I  
cling to thy love & sympathy.  
How my daily trials make  
me do this all the more close.  
Forgive me for anything like  
a complaint that I may have  
uttered of one to whom I care  
more than I do to any other  
fellow creature — — I trust  
thou include thyself in the  
good account of the health  
of your circle — Do tell me  
how thou art — My dear father  
is in bed with a cold, he cer-  
tainly is unceasingly trying —  
I wish we did know of anyone



to come & stop with us a while  
but I can't think of any one

I don't think of much more to add  
now, except once more to beg  
for a few lines soon in reply to  
this, & the one thou wouldst get  
from me yesterday - They excuse  
my being so troublesome, & tell me  
me with much devotion

Thy closely attached friend  
Mary Beaumont

P.S. I enclose just to add that  
I do not, will not believe thou  
art cool towards me in thy  
heart. I know thy nature  
is anything but cool. Knowing  
this, the very semblance of it to



Wm. Kitching

Retreat

York.









I hope you have  
quite enough on  
New Year's day -  
I wish my dear father  
the "best friend" - Can't I &  
the best of the last  
that evening & he  
found out that  
juggle of the  
Leaves -  
Obliged for thy two last kind  
letters, & feel particularly so  
for thy quick reply to my last.  
My dear father has at length  
finally relinquished the house in  
Wootbridge, but he reflects  
on himself for so doing, as having  
missed an opportunity of leaving  
Ufford, which he feels is



too far from his friends, &  
wanting in object & interest to  
himself. I do all I can to  
try & set him to take a  
bright view of the position,  
by encouraging him to put out  
the, but our nights are still  
very trying, & if this continues  
the case I think it will be  
of serious consequence to us  
both. I am far from wishing  
to complain, but I suppose  
I may be more dependant  
than many on a good night's



rest - However I try to  
be hopeful, & thou wilt  
like to know that we are  
going next week to spend  
one night with our relatives  
at Leicester, wh I think  
will do good in different  
ways, it will break the  
chain of our nightly unset-  
tlement - Thine me  
my dear & kind friends I do  
earnestly endeavour to  
soothe & comfort my



beloved Father under his  
trials; tho' at times patience  
does not hold out as I could  
desire - but it is comforting  
to ~~know~~ that there is a very  
united feeling between us -  
On thy love & sympathy, I  
do lean in this hour of  
trial, with a sweet trust  
that thou wilt not chide  
me for finding a resting  
place there; do I entreat  
thou tell me if I am not



right in this, & send me  
a few lines as often as thou  
canst. I may thankfully

acknowledge that I believe  
I have had a little help  
from above from time to  
time — Excuse this

hurried egotistical letter —

Hope dear Bessie is better

my love to all thy home  
circle — When will thou

send me some writings —

Do not think for a



moment I doubt thy  
love & sympathy, but in a  
time of trial it is a com-  
fort to have an assu-  
rance - I always keep  
thy last letter in my  
pocket, & it refreshes me  
to keep at it sometimes -

Farewell with much  
love from thy deeply  
obliged & attached

How is D. T. & L. M Beaumont



John Tubbing

Pebuat

York—









P.S. Since finishing my letter my dear father  
& I have been conversing on the subject of our  
separation &c — & the result seems to be that my  
father says he is acting implicitly on thy judg-  
ment wh he believes was made up from my  
letters to thee — I feel in a very distressed state  
for it would make me deservedly miserable  
were I leave my father because of what  
I have suffered, & the fear of the future



if he is desirous of my remaining, &  
thou believ'st it safe & right for me.

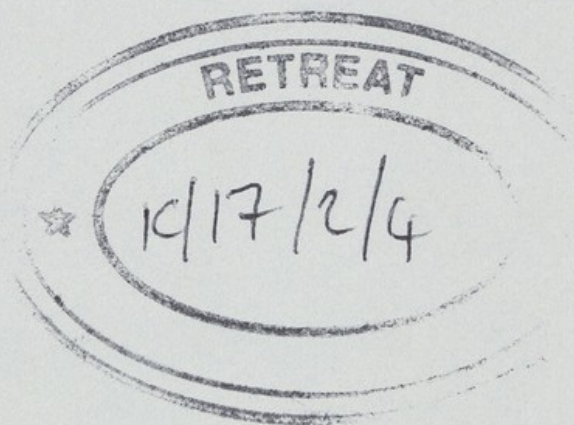
To my dearest friend I must throw  
myself on your disposal, do anything  
with me that is thought best, only  
I trust before my long some determination  
may be arrived at — ~~one~~ <sup>one</sup> am on the whole  
going on comfortably, but I feel much depressed.



I can't bear to grieve thee,  
but I must tell thee that  
once since thou left us I  
shewed a transitory feeling  
of excitement. My feelings  
had been painfully on the  
stretch during the day



Which perhaps may in part  
account ~





Myself in -  
 Love me  
 My most  
 deeply  
 M. Beaumont  
 Hoping to hear from  
 you in a day or two. I feel inclined to  
 tell you a few of my thoughts, perhaps  
 you will not be surprised that I have  
 been much distressed during the past  
 week by various conflicting feelings -  
 In reviewing the past 4 months I hope  
 I have some true sense of my very  
 many shortcomings, while my trials  
 during part of the time especially were  
 such that had they continued un  
mitigated perhaps I could hardly  
 have remained at home, but latterly  
 my dear father has been enabled  
 to act more cautiously, particularly  
 since thy visit, I feel that now



now it conducing to his happiness  
I could remain with him in the hope  
of being supported. My father says  
he had only to acquiesce in the  
judgment thou expressed during thy  
late visit as to the propriety of our  
separation, a judgment wh he con-  
siderers must have been founded on  
my recent letters to thee. To my  
dearest friend thou wilt see the  
responsibility this lays on me  
& the very painful position it places  
me in. As I said before I feel  
that in the present state of things  
I could bear it, yes! & if I only  
knew I made my father happy  
I should be rejoice to bear my  
trials, for I deeply feel that



nothing could make me happy  
now I refusing to tread the  
path allotted me. Often with  
I had not talked to thee about  
my trials the evening thou came,  
my feelings had been painfully  
excited during your interview  
& I was not in a right state to  
speak of these things. If thou  
canst understand this lambling  
letter will thou be so very kind  
as to reply rather minutely —  
But thou firmly convinced that  
it is right for us to separate  
for a time? — If my father  
adheres to his plan of leaving  
Ifford the beginning of 4<sup>th</sup> mo. &  
I now to leave him a little before



I have only about 2 months to look  
to at home <sup>wh</sup> time feels very  
short, & yet I know not how to  
desire a prolongation of the present  
trial of unbelief & suspense  
either for my dear father or myself  
wh. has now lasted almost a year. <sup>min</sup>  
I have been feeling this evening  
as I used to before I returned home  
worn, & harassed —

3<sup>d</sup> Day — I have this morning  
received thy <sup>much</sup> ~~greatly~~ desired letter  
& am greatly distressed at the  
poor account of thy health.  
My anxiety about thee is very great  
& painfully felt. My inability to  
do anything to help thee — May  
I depend on thy kindness in telling  
me truly how thou art, & I



do hope thou hast those  
around thee who will try to spare  
thee as much anxiety as they  
can - thou shouldst have  
no writing to do for thyself if  
I could help it - but alas!  
mine is far worse than a  
useless life in almost every  
respect. Accept my sincere  
thanks for writing me so long  
a letter it was so truly kind  
of thee - Most truly do I unite  
with thee in the feeling of deep  
sympathy for my poor dear  
father, & almost agonizing  
is the ~~fear~~ <sup>belief</sup> ~~which~~ <sup>which</sup> pervades my  
mind that I have failed



to be that comfort to him  
wh I ought to have been.  
There is something wh my  
painfully & deeply affects  
me in the way in wh thou  
speaks of my father to me;  
but I know I deserve more  
than all I suffer — but do  
I entreat thee believe that I am  
not insensible to the strong  
claim my beloved father has  
on the sympathy of those  
around him. Especially of  
his child, both as regards  
his outward trials, that



him mental infirmity of which he  
is the afflicted Subject —  
Oh! my dearest Friend thou  
is but One who knows  
thou what I have heard, I still  
have to go through, I to  
him I commit my  
cause, craving that I may  
patiently bear what he  
dees meet to appoint while  
my worse / I fear than  
unless life is in His  
infinite Wisdom lengthens  
but — I have sometimes  
a ~~dim~~ sense of the



Depressing effect it would  
have on me to return to  
York, the remarks implying  
it would give rise to be-  
What dost thou think  
about it? Perhaps I sh<sup>d</sup>  
do better when I am not  
known. ~ Will thou tell me  
in what respects thou consider  
my father & myself so much  
alike. I have thought a great  
deal about it since thou leav<sup>st</sup>  
so — My Father desires his  
love to thee, mine please to  
E. & the children, & adding  
thee to accept a large share



John Hickling

Retreat

York.



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My Father's  
to thee

Excuse me - I  
am sorry letter - day  
written in haste

Offord -

I am thankful  
to tell thee that after a safe, &  
pretty comfortable journey I  
reached home yesterday afternoon  
soon after 4 o'clock - I met a  
truly kind reception at I. Hill  
& encouragement for the future work  
felt strengthening to me - The  
pain of absence from thee  
pressed, & does press heavily  
upon me, but I think I can



My Spal. a calm assurance  
of being in the way of duty, &  
a trust that I shall be helped  
in my daily struggle. My  
Dearest Father did not meet  
me at Ipswich having a  
whillow on his hand and pre-  
vents his driving, he has  
also a lame toe & a cold on  
his chest, & I have persuaded  
him this morning to have  
his breakfast in bed.

Our servant seems a nice  
respectable young woman,  
the old lady (housekeeper) will



Suppose I came as shortly —

Find my father's mind involved  
in perplexity about his house;  
he has not yet given a decided  
answer to the gentleman who  
applies for it; but the offer is  
such a very dis-advantageous  
one that I know not how to  
do other than discourage his  
accepting it — viz \$25 per annum  
no premium — Then find  
that my father does not look  
so brightly to Woodbridge  
as a residence, & says he  
believes if he could be trans-



points to York without the  
effort on his part he sh<sup>d</sup>  
give York the preference —  
So thou & at my dearest friend  
I am at once introduced into  
an atmosphere of complexity  
& greatly do I wish I could be  
a more efficient helper to my  
dear father — Taking every thing  
into account the following is my  
feeling on the subject, & I will  
greatly thank thee to say if  
it agrees or not with thy  
own — viz<sup>t</sup> "That this offer  
"for the house he refused —  
"That we then endeavour to



Admits great anxiety on  
"the subject for the present. I try  
"to get a nice cheerful visitor  
"for a time — Meanwhile  
"that my father endeavour to  
"come to a settled decision  
"as regards our future locality  
"(this being a prior step to seeing  
"about a house) — My father has  
"not yet picked up the house in  
"Woodbridge last looked at, but  
"this must be done, if the  
"offer for Afford is relinquished."

Have soon availed myself of my  
sweet privilege of telling thee  
my troubles, have I not?



I will try & do all I can to  
be self-reliant, but yet as  
thou knowest I do of necessity  
lean on thee, my own, dearest  
friend - another such I never  
could expect to find, far by  
far less would I decline  
to do so. The past 3 months  
have indeed I feel cemented the  
bond of union & sympathy  
never I humbly trust to be  
broken - I am thankful  
to say I feel more equal  
to encounter difficulties than  
I did when I left home -  
My dearest father is I believe



truly glad to have me  
with him, so I have much  
very much to be thankful for.

Often do I visit in thought  
your friends circle, with the  
late additions of thy poor  
Aunt father, & off late brother  
both of whom with I trust be  
cheered by being with you.  
My love please to E. Pickering



I all the dear children, also  
to Anna Brown, & any of my  
friends next door who may  
ask for me - Will thou  
accept of the accompanying  
Hymn book, as a little token  
of absent affection, & begging  
for a quick reply. Believe  
me with warm affection.

Thy gratefully attached  
M Beaumont

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John Pritchard

Retreat

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Efford, of 2<sup>nd</sup> month, 1855.

My dearest Friend,

My dear father is spending some days at Liston. While my thoughts are so constantly turning to thee in my solitary hours, the inclination is almost irresistible to take up the pen & commune with thee - I wrote thee in my last letter I thought thou hadst expressed thyself but coolly of late, & this idea was strengthened by the absence of all allusion to one of my late letters in which I believe I made a pretty strong appeal to thy love & sympathy - Well dearest friend I am well. again it is not for me to attempt to dictate what thou shalt express, nor must I expect perhaps that thou shouldst feel as I do towards thee, I am woman, No! (perhaps thou'lt say) more like a child; Well, be it so, for I am made to feel that from a chain of circumstances, some of which have produced an intimate acquaintance with



early those minds, I am most unavoidably dependent on thee for that sympathy which no one else can give me - & in my small way I have as thou art I believe always felt my nearest & tender sympathy with thee in ways not to be expressed -

This is my father's second little visit at Linton Catby, & on the whole I have enjoyed my solitude, & capability which it has afforded me for getting through a good deal in different ways, on the day I walked to Woodbridge to meeting & back to dinner, & then will think I am pretty strong! - This afternoon a kind friend from Woodbridge has taken tea with me - We don't see so much of Woodbridge friends as I should like, I think there is a little reserve towards some of them on my father's part now, perhaps from a feeling of having been too communicative in past times - I do hope dear father will come back better for his visit, for I do indeed find it sometimes very difficult to get on at all, & my poor dear father does I know suffer a great deal from his feelings of low spirits & nervous irritability.



Before I left thee thou hadst of looking over & sending  
me to copy some of thy early productions, of  
this I sh<sup>d</sup> be very glad this winter season. & it is at  
the time newly come for thee to write thy Lecture  
on Insanity &c. My Cousins at Linton work the

question thou once gave me of 40 quarts of wine at  
4/4 how much water should be added to sell it at 1/6?  
I made the answer 22  $\frac{1}{2}$  &  $\frac{2}{3}$  ~ is it right please?  
and wilt thou send me another question —

Wouldst thou at all value a shadow likeness of  
the late Dr Hancock? — Fanny Ann Lizzy  
goes back to school; I hope at least she is well enough  
to do so. — I have been looking over my portfolio  
& met with some patterns of animals which if  
I knew of an opportunity I sh<sup>d</sup> be glad to send the  
dear children to copy from. How strongly it recalls  
former days to look over these little trifles — So often  
find my precious mother is so intimately associated  
with mine that it's almost more than I can  
bear — To excuse this bad writing, I write to me  
my soon — My love to thy dear circle & to  
to any of my friends who are kind enough to ask



for me — Had thou been reading anything of particular  
interest lately? Excuse rather a hasty Conclusion  
to take the post, I believe me. Thy warmly attached  
Mary Picumont





Framlingham Castle, Suffolk.

7<sup>th</sup> day —

I am long for my dearest friends

My dearest friends, Thy very kind letter  
last received, with the kind wish ex-  
pressed for me to visit you deserves  
a reply expressing my sincere  
gratitude, but it is out of my  
power at present to think of  
coming amongst you — My  
Father's letter would in part  
apprize thee of the painful



state in wh my mind has  
been glate, more or less ever  
since Mr Linnetts last came  
to us (nearly a month) - I grieve  
to say I have had my feelings pain-  
fully excited in connection with  
him, & shown them to be so  
by talking in an unguarded  
way, wh has made my father  
very unhappy & poorly, & has  
induced him to call in Dr Cochrane  
who wishes us to part, & I  
fear nothing else will now  
satisfy my father, but  
under these circumstances  
it would be a great agree-



vation of my misery to come  
to thee - I could not hear  
that, in addition to the  
self-accusations I have to bear.  
& I am sure thou mayst  
feel it will I am sure a trouble.  
One thing more in reference to  
thy last letter; it did grieve  
me that for a moment thou  
shd'st feel it necessary to  
speak of thy motives in  
advising our separation  
being our own good!  
Why, my precious friend,  
how could we believe anything  
else, & yet I feel that



I have perhaps laid too  
much stress on thy re-  
commendation instead of  
the necessity itself, ~~but~~  
~~it was~~. Thou shalt hear  
what is fixed, & who I am,  
& now let me take a long  
& tender, & most grateful  
farewell. ~ Mind how  
well thou I am most <sup>deeply</sup> dis-  
tressed, but I have had  
a calm interview with  
J<sup>r</sup> Cochrane today, & will  
I trust keep so through  
all. — My deeply attached  
in affection



My love please  
to inform Father  
& any who may  
inquire for me  
I tell. I dreamed  
with my love  
that I am  
it is for  
her letter -

I have suffered a  
good deal lately from thy long  
silence, particularly as thy letter  
written on thy return from Oxford  
remains to be a source of pains.

And now I may tell thee that thy  
recent letter to my dear father has  
caused me great distress inasmuch  
as it seems calculated to confirm  
my father's resolution that it is  
right for us to part. I can  
but believe that if it were  
now arranged for us to remain  
together we should be happier



than we have been, & at my  
dear father's age it is an extremely  
mournful prospect to think of  
assigning my place to another, &  
be denied the privilege of minis-  
tering to his wants, as I was to  
those of my dearest mother -

In addition to the above it is to  
me an indescribably forlorn  
& desolate thing to leave my home  
& seek a lodging, which if my  
father's mind remain unalterably  
fixed for us to part) he will  
perhaps assist me to do in some  
quiet retired spot near, which  
under my present painful  
position feelings would be



most agreeable to me.

I suppose from what I have heard that there are not surprised at my having again to leave home, truly if I had had any expectation of such a distressing event I would gladly have spent the last few months in my former allotment; but I have not the slightest doubt of both myself & my dear father having tried to act for the best.

My father has been much more kind & generous in his manner towards me of late, so that I do feel



I have promised to believe we could  
go on better for the future, believing  
that there would be a <sup>corresponding</sup>  
high endeavour on my part  
to meet his wishes —

I shall be very glad to copy any  
thing for thee if my services  
would be of any value.

I will only add adieu to  
thy home circle including a  
large portion to thyself, &  
earnestly hoping thy health  
is good. I remain thy deeply  
aff'd & attached

M Beaumont



[illegible]



I have the Comfort to tell thee that  
my dear father is better of his  
different ailments, but his mind is  
sadly worried about this house  
subject, "whether it is not his  
duty to take this house in Woodbridge"  
I put myself there in a very difficult  
position, being very desirous he should  
take my advice, I leave the subject  
for the present, yet at the same  
time I tell him I am willing to  
go to this house if he can but  
remain settled in the conviction  
of its being likely to promote his  
happiness - he gets very bad

nights, as he used to do on a  
& is greatly tired with indecision  
similar occasion, Months ago  
& I do greatly fear this time if



anxiety being much prolonged.

I have written to our friends Emma  
Norman with an invitation to  
come & see us, I hope to get an  
answer soon -

I am so pleased thou likes thy  
Hymn book, & I hope it is the  
very last time thou wilt say  
thou hast anything like uneasi-  
ness in receiving such a trifling  
token of affection from one  
who owes thee a debt of gratitude  
never to be repaid, but to  
whom it is a secret source  
of pleasure now & then to think  
thou <sup>that</sup> she does indeed love thee;  
thou wilt indeed grieve me if  
thou say another word like that



about my little Hymn-book,  
I only wish I knew more of  
my ~~little~~ wants - Don't  
let it be long please as thou  
durst me some writing to do  
for thee, it will be such a  
pleasant occupation every way.

I went to meeting yesterday, & was  
thankful to be able to meet my  
Friends cheerfully, Indeed I  
do believe my <sup>& I</sup> ~~sur~~ fathers have come  
together under much brighter  
an auspices than 15 months ago, &  
I quite believe we shall be com-  
fortable, but I do long to  
sit vis of this house subject.  
it has such a distracting effect on



It is not necessary  
to say how much my thoughts  
will be with you tomorrow,  
I do hope thou wilt have  
the successful satisfaction  
of seeing but little changed  
all that now remains in this  
world of thy beloved mother  
of whom tho' I know but little  
comparatively, I can truly  
say the recollection is sweet.

Hast thou not found how  
the contemplation of her  
happy spirit realizes thy



interest in, Connection with  
the Unten World! - This was  
very much for with me, &  
altho' time may take off  
the vividness of the impression  
I hope it will never be effaced.

Mayst thou be permitted to  
return to us unhurt by thy  
journey, awaiting a true welcome

Thy attached son  
If thou thinks it would be at all  
acceptable I sh<sup>d</sup> like a message  
of sympathy to thy poor father.



Since ~~last~~  
wrote ~~that~~ I  
am ~~sorry~~ to say  
I have ~~generally~~  
given way to ~~the~~  
~~temptation~~, but  
I was at a ~~time~~  
that ~~partly~~  
~~prevented~~ for ~~the~~  
& I trust ~~to~~  
shall get strength  
for the future.

Kind letter received this morning  
in reply to my two last, be assured  
I wish for nothing warmer in the  
way of thanks for any gifts I may  
have the pleasure of sending to thee  
or thine; but I may acknowledge  
that I do feel the general  
tenor of thy letters cool, &  
desire to accept this as a trial



designed for my good, shewing  
me that in one sense I must  
indeed tread the wilderness of  
this world alone. With  
regard to the plan thou proposes  
for my father & myself having  
a separate fire, it would I  
know be quite impracticable for  
me to carry it out, as my  
father would not allow of  
it ~ Our cousin Louisa Candler  
is now staying with us, which  
will I hope be of use, I think



She will remain a few weeks  
with us most likely ~  
My father's visit to Leiston  
is I think likely to be put  
off, at least I fear the weather  
being so very unfavorable  
will prevent his going.

I am truly concerned that  
dear Lizzie should still be  
delicate, but trust that a  
short time will overcome this  
tendency ~ My love to thy  
home circle, & to any of



my old friends who may  
kindly enquire for me.  
Sincerely to Rev M Ellis, for  
whose kind letter received this  
morning I am greatly obliged.

Do not think me ungrateful for  
saying what I have in the fore  
part of my letter, I know I have  
far more than I deserve.

With dearest love behind me

Thy grateful, & attached

Mary Beaumont.



My love to  
W. J. Wood  
My dearest  
Edith  
My father  
I would be glad  
to hear from  
you, as often  
as I have  
time to  
write.

My retirement afforded this  
day. I sit down to tell thee  
a few of the thoughts which  
oppress my weary heart just now.  
Canst thou continue to forgive  
me for thus troubling thee?  
I believe thou will, both pity &  
forgive. I want to tell thee  
rather more fully what I felt  
about thy last letter, thou  
mayst possibly remember



that in the one I wrote to thee  
immediately on thy leaving  
that I spoke in the fulness of  
my heart of the delight I an-  
ticipated in being near thee,  
to this thou made no allusion  
in thy reply, & I felt convicted  
that perhaps I had been dwelling  
selfishly on my own pleasure  
instead of trying to give my re-  
sentment & soul to my present  
duty, & that thou saw it,  
& took this way of reproving  
me ~ besides wh it might  
be presumptuous in me  
to suppose I was likely to



be that comfort to the wh  
I had so fondly desired -

And then with regard to my  
poor dear father, it appeared

something beyond a simple

expression of sympathy

on the part - the ex-

pression "I must say" in

speaking of the sympathy for him,  
appears to convey a

~ uproof to my mind wh

I greatly fear I detected

th my dearest friend these things

have led to deep heart-searing

ing, & I am given to see



a little of the simplicity of  
my heart. It is a  
sharp trial - my it an-  
swer the end designed -

4<sup>th</sup> day - I am indeed truly glad  
& thankful to receive an improved  
report of thy health (conveyed in  
thy most kind letter wh. came  
this morning), I do crane it  
may continue - try to spare  
thyself all thou canst.

Thank thee very much for  
writing so long a letter, I see  
thou hast rather misunder-  
stood me on two points, so



notwithstanding my salt-like  
tendency, I believe I must go  
back they to explain myself,  
for when thou dost not un-  
derstand me I take it to heart.

1<sup>st</sup> I believe my once more putting  
it to thee as I did about the  
propriety of our separation arose  
from the fear I felt of allowing  
any selfish feelings of trying to  
find an easier path to in-  
terfere with my filial duty,  
not <sup>so much</sup> from a shrinking to adopt  
the course wh had been pro-  
posed, if it were clearly shown  
to be right, this so far as thou



not enabled to see, is now  
done. 2<sup>nd</sup> It is not from  
the desire to induce thee to  
expose the failings or weak-  
nesses of my dear father's Character  
that I wish to know in  
what we are so alike, but  
to know what thou con-  
sider my own - It acted  
discouragingly on me after  
what I know of my dear father  
& after thou hadst gone so far  
as to consider some points in  
his conduct to amount as  
thou told me to "Insanity"  
then to know that thou thinks



us so much alike — Altho  
Canst relieve me I believe  
thou wilt — I want to know  
What are my essential  
weaknesses, & peculiarities,  
& if they amount to Insanity.

Thank thee my own dear friend  
for encouraging me to hope  
I shall master my feelings  
of excitement tho occasionally  
prevail — I hope I trust I  
shall, there has been nothing  
of the kind since — but I  
believe my health is not  
very strong just now owing  
to my anxiety & conflicts of  
mind —



Thou dost not notice <sup>what</sup> ~~my~~  
I fear about York - ~~Do~~ give  
me thy opinion, for the time  
is getting on apace - ~~Do~~ tell  
me the truth when a shade  
from any cause comes over  
the brightness of my anticipations  
being near thee it is al-  
most more than I can bear.  
I feel then so truly desolate -  
My dear father is useless - I  
think he is / tho' my gradually  
wearing up to his idea  
of living in 4<sup>th</sup> mo - , I he  
will I trust be long sepa-  
rate decided about his  
future proceedings -



I shall be interested in  
seeing the decision, or opinion  
rather, for I suppose the  
Y.M. must decide, you  
come to on the Marriage subject.

When thou canst look over  
this, I believe thou kindly  
will, & reply - Can I do  
nothing for thee? ~

I was at Woodbridge today.  
I made a call on one of the  
friends, the first time  
my return! My devotion  
to E.K. & the dear children  
& many kisses plus love for



me to my sweet little pet  
I do so greatly hope after  
thou hast kindly replied  
to this letter, that I may  
then be able to give my  
mind to the consideration  
of real matter of fact bu-  
siness - for it must come  
to this very soon, & then I  
shall still need thy counsel.  
My father desires his love  
to thee, & asking thee to ac-  
cept a large share from  
myself I remain Thy  
nearly attached M Beaumont



Do not think  
I have come to  
a healthy conclusion  
from about York.  
I can assure ~~you~~ <sup>that</sup>  
it has been ~~an~~ <sup>an</sup> ~~ind~~ <sup>ind</sup>  
growing conviction  
that I don't  
hear, that  
you must be  
considering a statue  
subject —  
I tell thee that my dear father  
& I have gone <sup>on</sup> my uncomfortably  
flat — I will not attempt any  
description here of my trials,  
which I believe I can with  
sincerity say it is for the most  
part my enclosures to hear as I  
right, tho' sometimes I ~~perhaps~~  
at the close of a long day of trial  
I get put off my guard, to speak



in a way I deeply regret—

You will not surprise to find  
that the subject of our having  
separate abodes (painful as it  
is) has been spoken of, & York  
having been mentioned by my  
father as the locality that was  
thought likely for me when  
we were talking of these things  
altogether, Lewis obliged to tell  
him that I must negate  
that proposition entirely owing  
to what had transpired during  
my late visit to you —



Of course he wished to know  
more of this, & I was obliged to  
give him a brief outline. I don't  
feel at all certain that he has  
a correct idea about it, but  
I found it a most painful  
& difficult subject to speak  
of, & said as little as possible.

I thought it right just to  
inform thee how matters  
stand, but especially to let  
thee know that my mind is  
entirely decided that I can  
not look to coming to York



again - I would rather engage  
in a situation somewhat, wh  
I believe might be good for me.

This letter is in strict confidence,  
my father not knowing of my  
writing it - & I still hope  
to avert a separation if any  
duty on my part may avail.  
Feeling fully convinced that I  
should never have the courage  
to join my poor father again  
if I again leave him  
in this way -

With much love Thy ever attached  
M. Beaumont



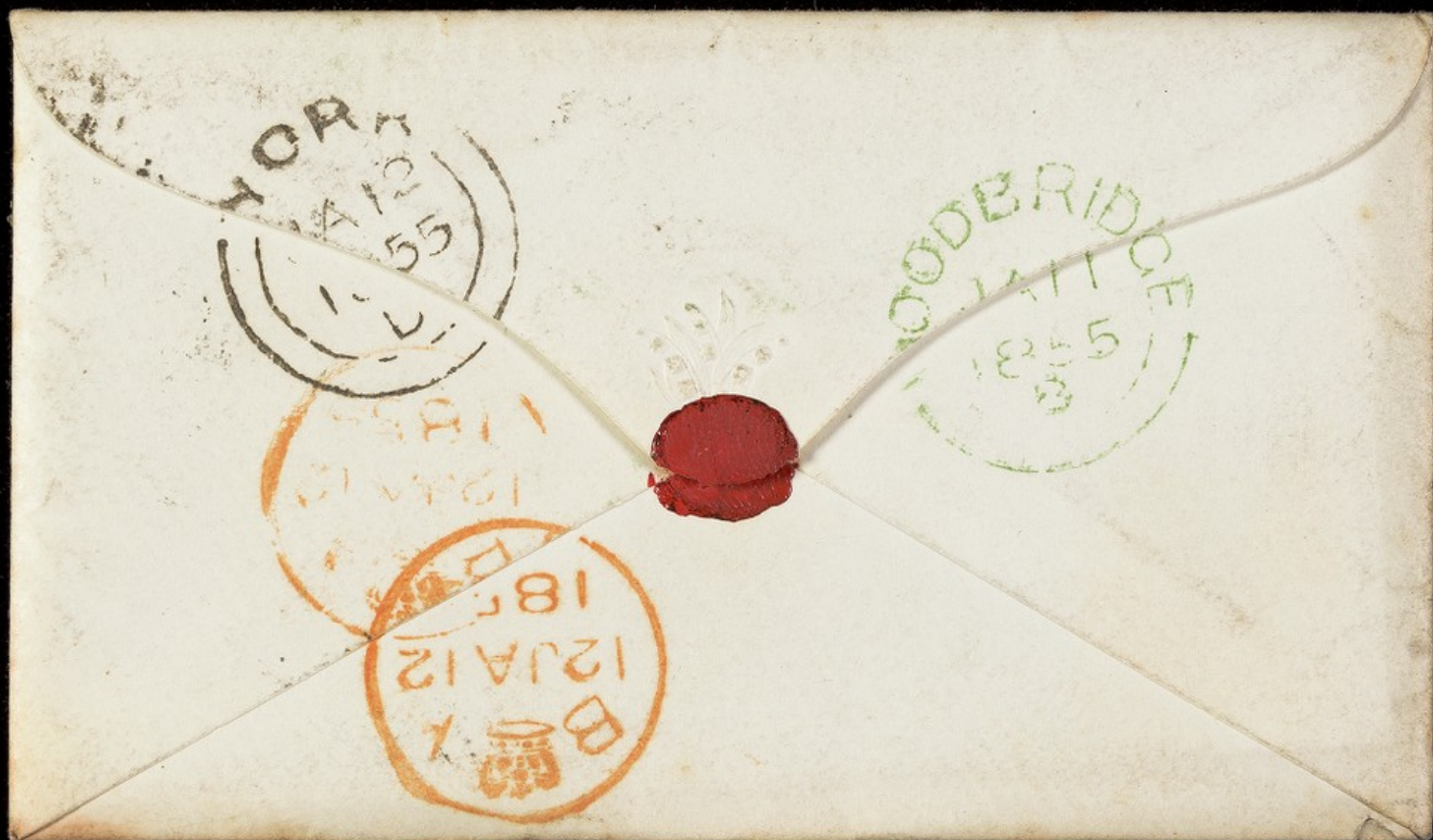
John Fitching

Reheat

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Wells note  
remain at  
home if there  
cannot be  
my dear  
dear dear friends  
with their  
wishes with us  
today we are  
so comfortable,  
if we are  
only watchful  
Daddy cannot  
if last?

to trouble thee again with a  
note today, but in the hope it  
may reach thee before thou  
replies to my dear father's, I my  
2 or 3 last communications I  
wish to add a postscript to mine  
of yesterday. I have not seen  
my father so comfortable, so  
much like what he was  
when we first met, as he is



today, for a long while -  
& altho' he has been telling  
me that his conviction of  
the propriety of a change  
remains unaltered, yet I  
believe if he do but remain  
as he now is for a little  
while, I receive ~~a little~~ en-  
couragement from thee to try  
a little longer that there  
would be a change for the  
better in the state of our  
mental atmosphere,







not prevail — Thou  
canst hardly think how  
different he is today, I do  
not know how to account  
for it, unless from the  
convictions of his own heart.

I hope this will reach thee  
before thou replies to my  
last — Hoping dear  
Louie is better, & trusting  
I shall not quite tire thee  
out with my troubles, I  
remain Thy closely attached  
Mary Beaumont —



[illegible]



to criticise, when I am  
receiving such unequivocal  
proofs of thy disinterested  
friendship - but I'll tell  
thee just my whole heart  
on the subject, & then throw  
myself on thy indul-  
gence - When I feel how  
very dearly I love thee  
I long thou shouldst  
feel the same to me  
& that nothing should  
make thee hesitate to  
express it, but that thou  
shouldst be able to rely



entirely on my discretion  
in this respect ~ But  
then again when I reflect  
how little there is in me  
to love, I know how  
unreasonable I am  
in the desire of my heart.

~~That~~ Dost thou know  
my dear friend that  
amidst all my  
troubles they are con  
siderably increased by  
the recollection of  
what thou told me



that evening connected  
with C. Williams & My-  
self, & I should feel  
exceedingly obliged to thee  
just to tell me what  
it <sup>of which I am accused</sup> was & for I feel it  
like a load on my  
mind —

— I may just  
add that my dear father  
has been much better  
for nearly the two  
last days — I do  
very earnestly desire  
to do right about the



give up my thing reasonable  
or unreasonable to meet  
my father's wishes - that my  
mind is now in a state of  
hearing trials, I make my  
father comfortable if  
he could be induced to think  
it right to suspend his deci-  
sion a little longer - Nothing

I feel convinced would so tend  
to this end as a recommen-  
dation from thee, & I often  
~~feel~~ most fully believe couldst  
thou see me, & he made  
fully aware of my state of  
mind thou wouldst not  
only sanction but promote



pushing it a little further  
that I may I beg then  
be earnestly to give  
this note a very serious  
consideration, for I am  
most deeply distressed  
at the idea of leaving  
home again - for if nearly  
5 years separation will not  
enable us to line together  
I cannot risk on any  
subsequent period of ab-  
sence effecting the object

I am obliged for thy opinion  
respecting William's lodging  
but thou dost not allude  
to my mention of the tract



of returning to York, (where  
I had a greatly full meeting  
my friends) or my plan  
of writing to my cousin  
in Wiltshire — I expect  
thou wouldst get a note  
from me today, couldn't  
thou tell how I cling to  
thy love amidst the  
troubles ~~wh~~ surround me  
thou wouldst forgive me  
for its contents — I am  
so afraid of troubling thee  
with my concerns that  
what else can I do  
than tell thee, so if



thou wilt have the  
Kindness to reply to  
my two notes I shall  
feel it most kind —  
And do remember my  
deep distress at the  
thoughts of leaving home

My love to A. Merriam  
I am obliged for her  
letter — I am very  
sorry to hear of  
dear little Louisa's  
illness, do tell me  
how she is when



Thou writes —

Farewell my dearest  
Friends, what trouble  
I not give to see thee!

Poor dear father, he says  
he understands me  
I only wish he did —  
With love to you all  
Thy attachment  
W. Beaumont

Just dark.  
My father is expecting to hear  
from thee —



5<sup>th</sup> day afternoon.

My dearest friend,

Since I wrote  
to thee yesterday my dear  
father has been in a most  
trying state, almost more  
so than I have ever known  
him. ~ he seems so determined  
that I shall leave home, &  
so resolved that I shall  
not ~~be~~ cannot make him  
comfortable that I have very  
much concluded to lose  
no time in making



arrangements for leaving  
home. I do believe there  
been helped & strengthened  
or I never could have gone  
through what I have  
more or less daily to  
experience with the for  
most pent great calumnes  
And dost thou know my  
dear father often seems  
displeased to see me so  
calm, when I endea-  
vour to reply to him  
in a mild, thoughtful &



exalted manner, tells  
me I am "carrying  
myself high" & imitate  
the way in wh I am  
speaking, in a manner  
that is almost more  
than I can bear - I do  
study to please him  
but I plainly see it is  
of no use now -

I am now waiting for a  
reply to ~~the~~ my last  
that I may know wh



of my two propositions  
thou approves most of -  
I mean Williamson's. or  
writing to my Cousin in  
Wiltshire - In case  
thou fixes on the former one  
I will tell thee a little  
more definitely what  
I sh<sup>d</sup> wish. ~ I suppose  
it is out of the question  
their letting me an  
unfurnished room, if  
they are willing to do



things  
of  
is. Or  
in in  
Case  
or more  
little  
what  
supple  
tion  
an  
if  
to do

this I thought perhaps  
my father with the pros-  
pect of penting with his  
furniture by those would  
perhaps let me have suffi-  
cient articles to furnish  
one apartment - Will  
you kindly ascertain  
this point of Williamson.

But supposing they  
object to let me an un-  
furnished room the  
one I should like would be



the front lodging room  
as I sh<sup>d</sup> of course sit  
there, & sh<sup>d</sup> like my  
breakfast & tea there, &  
to dine with A William  
son if agreeable —

In case they cannot  
have that room then  
I could make the one  
behind do if they would  
put a small bed stead there  
I don't mind how simple



room  
lit  
y  
e, &  
William  
This is all supposing  
thou prefers my going  
to Williamsons to <sup>be</sup> writing  
to my cousin in Wiltshire

on This rather have  
had my own furniture, &  
as father would have to  
eat with his at a  
cost. dost thou not  
think it seems de-  
triable? — but then

I don't know any other  
like <sup>like</sup> God <sup>ing</sup> but Williamsons



Thought of this yesterday  
with warm wishes  
for thy happiness -

I am going on increasing  
my debt of gratitude  
to thee almost ad in-  
finitum - it is quite  
hopeless to think of ever  
balancing the account -

Waiting the favour of  
thy opinion I remain  
Thy deeply attached  
W. Beaumont



Ufford, 6<sup>th</sup> day evening.

My dearest Friend,

Thy much desired letter arrived this morning, and greatly indebted do I indeed feel for ~~that~~ sacrifice thou art making, for which I have no adequate return to offer, & I do feel much concerned to think thou shouldst have to travel all night to York, if thou only couldst have



staid with us till 2<sup>nd</sup>  
day morning, but no doubt  
thou wishes to spend that  
day at home — I thought  
in case the post got in  
time it would be satisfac-  
tory to thee to get a few  
lines just to say with my  
father's love that he will be  
pleased to assist thee to get  
to Ipswich to meet the  
Train on 1<sup>st</sup> day, —

My father is just returned



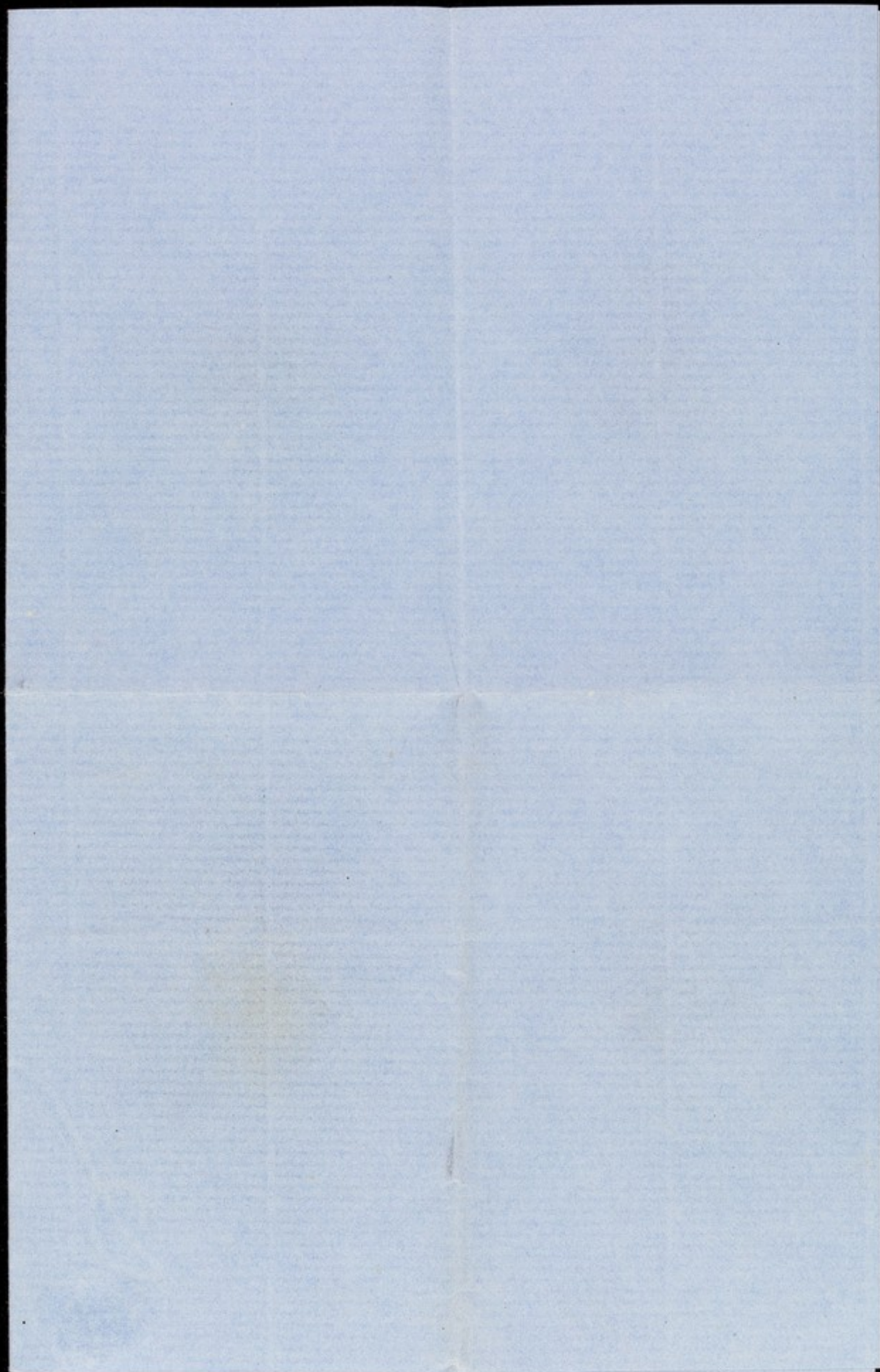
from attending the L.M.  
at Ipswich, & as I had  
to leave my note till his  
return thou must excuse  
haste, and with the  
truly joyful anticipation  
of meeting thee tomorrow  
afternoon believe me

Thy warmly attached

Mary Beaumont

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members  
 of the Williams  
 & Co. who have  
 been taken  
 25th of the month  
 1854  
 Dear Friend  
 I have to acknowledge

the receipt of the two  
 last most kind letters. I hope  
 let me return thee my heart-  
 felt thanks for thy generous  
 offer of a temporary shelter  
 under thy roof, an offer  
 dictated by, I being a proof  
 of friendship which will  
 be deeply, lastingly & most  
 gratefully cherished. I believe  
 I may tell thee that we have



continued to go on better of late  
not that my trials have on the  
whole materially diminished  
& I am disposed to think that  
couldst thou have been with  
us thou wouldst not attribute  
much of my trial to that "pecu-  
liarity of mind & feeling" of which  
thou speaks in thy last -  
Will thou kindly tell me,  
what thou means by this?  
But I feel that I have been  
gaining strength latterly  
to bear & forbear, but still  
my dear father's mind is I be-  
lieve very much made up  
to my leaving home because  
he says there is no dependence



on the future, & because thou  
hast given thy decided judg-  
ment wh agrees with his  
own of the propriety of a separation  
& of our incompatibility for  
living together. So unless

an unexpected change occurs in  
my father's views my course  
of action is a plain one.

Now as regards the locality  
deceivable for me in this  
first place. It would be  
a trial to me to return  
to York after so short  
an absence, & so painful  
a one, & it occurs to me  
just to write to enquire



if my aunt & cousin / the friends  
who came to see their sister  
at Sebalowick & who live alone  
would like that I sh<sup>d</sup> occupy  
one of their rooms, say for the  
winter - If they do not  
assent to it, which I expect  
will be the case, there is no  
place I sh<sup>d</sup> think of but York -  
when the plan I sh<sup>d</sup> prefer  
adopting would be to occupy  
one of Williamsons apart-  
ments, whom if agreeable to  
you I sh<sup>d</sup> thankfully avail  
myself of your hospitality  
& feel myself if I might  
like one of the children



If I do leave home at this  
time I sh<sup>d</sup> have all my  
things with me, books &c.  
wh<sup>ch</sup> would of itself make it  
desirable for me to have  
a room of my own, but  
this is not the only reason.  
Why if I come to York I  
sh<sup>d</sup> prefer this arrangement.  
Now I have been very plain  
I open my defenses, I will  
thou do me the favour of  
an early reply, <sup>giving me</sup> ~~your~~ <sup>my</sup> ~~opinions~~  
My Canot's opinion. I can  
hardly tell thee in spite of  
all I suffer at home  
What a close trial it is



to me to think of again  
leaving, I turning out into the  
wide, wide world, but I can-  
traintly must own that my  
dear father's extreme irritability  
&c - do make it <sup>a</sup> most difficult  
path, the servant the other  
day spontaneously remarked  
to me speaking of an article  
of apparel "If you had said  
it had been dirty, he would  
have said it had been clean"

And it is too true that this is  
the apparent spirit of con-  
tradiction often exhibited -  
yet still had it been left  
to me I should have gone on



Kind present of Longfellow.

My dear father told me this evening  
he meant "Pittchard" to have  
been my present to thee, it is  
if no other consequence than  
this, that I had set my heart  
on giving thee some trifling ask  
recollection of thy unbounded  
kindness to me, My dear father  
had given me "Pittchard" for  
this purpose, but thou wilt  
say it's very silly of me to  
mind anything about it,  
perhaps it is, & thou mayst  
scold me for it if thou  
wilt - My dear love to thy  
own circle, & I shall like to



P.S. I feel as tho I must  
just add that my attraction  
to thy vicinity is so very  
strong that I believe if  
York shd be my destination  
I shall feel this privilege  
to counterbalance the



boats attendant on the  
locality, <sup>the principal</sup> one of W.H. would be  
that persons would directly  
think Lewis come back be-  
cause Lewis unwell again.

Farewell —





My dear friend,  
by the way

Words can  
but dimly convey my feelings  
of love & gratitude on reading thy  
last letter, what can I render  
to thee, & to my Heavenly Father  
for giving me such a friend!  
Yet I sadly fear thou thinkst  
too well of me, indeed I have no  
doubt of it - May Linnett  
came to us on 3<sup>d</sup> day. & is  
very amiable & kind in endea-  
vouring to help us - & cer-  
tainly when she is present



particulars, my path is  
easier than before she came.  
I dare not reckon on  
this lasting when we are alone  
again. I do not yet know  
what length her visit is to be.

My dear father & I converse some-  
times on the subject of our  
containing together or other-  
wise, & on the substance of the  
last letter to him, & the whole  
of things seems to be something  
like this, My father tells me  
he considers himself the  
"opposed party" since my return  
home, & that his judgment



inclines to the belief that  
we shall not be able to  
sit on comfortably together  
in fact that he is greatly  
dissatisfied. Yet if we would  
be happy together he would  
desire me to remain ~  
I feel deeply tried & dis-  
heartened, & that nothing  
but a sense of duty would  
induce me to remain at  
home ~ however I do not tell  
my father this last sentiment  
because I feel that it is  
my duty to try a little  
longer & earnestly endeavor  
ours to make him happy



as long as he gives me the  
opportunity, tho' I have  
told him that "under the  
circumstances in wh I am  
sometimes placed I find it  
barely possible to do my  
duty ~" but I hold myself  
prepared to try a little longer  
feeling that I cannot recon-  
cile it to propose leaving  
except under a pressing ne-  
cessity — With regard to my  
not filling the position at home  
wh I expected (but this is  
only a ~~small~~ part of my trial)  
my father says he is acting  
under advice — not thine I know.



Again allow me to thank  
the most heartily for thy  
sympathy under my peculiar  
trials & allotment, What  
would I not give to be  
with thee - I hardly dare  
allow myself to think of it.  
Dost thou know I never  
have got over the pain I  
inflicted on myself by de-  
clining thy parental offer  
of a shelter under thy roof!  
And yet I thankfully believe  
that it has caused no  
change of feeling between us.



Oh! that I could induce ~~the~~  
lay down any particle of  
selfishness! The as it were  
a whole sacrifice on the  
Altar of duty. I may  
candidly tell thee it is not  
one or the other trying circumstance  
I mean that chisels me as  
to the future, but the feeling  
of mistrust, reference to  
the past, & the harsh  
judgment exercised towards my  
words & actions, that weigh  
me down. - To these I must  
add - such a great want of  
sympathy - &c. - I hope



have not done wrong in  
saying this to thee, it  
is ~~very~~ little after all that  
I can perhaps make thee  
understand of my position.  
Forgive me for troubling  
thee ~ Be assured also  
that love & pity for my  
dear father are strongly felt.

Thank thee for telling me  
about my York friends ~

I hope Mr Knowles is better  
to whom please give my  
love, & to any who ask  
for me, including a warm



Julia Woods dear E. K.  
& the Children - I hope  
dear Nelly keeps better.  
I suppose from what  
A. Beaumont told me her  
visit home was inferior  
to her. How is poor A.  
Watson? - Farewell

My dearest friends, from  
thy deeply attached  
Mary Beaumont

My love to A. Brown -

My kind remembrance to Julia  
& E. Williams -



To my dearest friends  
write, & advise, & cheer  
me. I am in need of  
repose. I think if  
possible I long  
more closely than  
ever for my love.  
If thou couldst  
help me in this  
matter about the  
subject in the  
few part of this,  
it would be  
very kind of  
me. I understand me  
I do not use it  
against thy  
judgment.  
With dear love thy  
newly attached M. B.

finding time amidst thy many engagements  
for answering my last note. I do fully see the  
difficulty of explaining the subject I allude to on  
paper, & do of course leave it for the present, though  
I will own that it rests on my mind with a strong  
desire that if we should be permitted to meet again  
thou mayst be able & willing to help me a little  
further. Thou speaks of the "whole idea" resting upon  
me. Now it is to know what this "idea" is, that I am  
anxious, or in other words of what I am assured.  
& I would just say to thee "Can it be wrong to  
show that I dearly love one who was like a  
parent to me, or as in the case to show my



attachment to one who has been like a brother  
& <sup>most dear</sup> friend! Thou wilt see I do not feel able  
to dismiss the subject, but will try & patiently  
wait till we meet before resuming it if thou  
wishes <sup>Thou needst not fear burdening me if thou inclined to tell me</sup> ~~the whole mind on the subject~~ I am extremely obliged to thee  
for answering my appeal for help as thou hast  
done by writing to my dear father - Since the re-  
ceipt of that letter I have had much trial in diffe-  
rent ways, & had actually penned most of a  
letter to thee asking thee without delay to help  
me to get into Williamsons lodgings - But this  
morning my dear father has spoken very openly  
& affectionately to me expressing (in effect) his  
desire that we should endeavour to continue  
together - This has of course altered my  
intention, tho' I have been so very unhappy, &  
found my path so extremely difficult that



shall a good deal depressed, & discouraged -  
Still I hope to rise above this, knowing as I do  
that it is my plain duty if possible to try  
& make my dear father happy, & I pray that no  
amount of self-denial requisite on my part,  
(if it will not be a small one) may be too  
great for me to exercise - I am seriously  
afraid I shall not find sufficient occupation  
this winter, I must rely partly on thy  
kindness to help me in this respect -  
I long to do a little for the poor, & if I  
feel at all settled hope I may be able -  
Do not think me ungrateful <sup>or contradictory</sup> for not  
feeling more rejoiced at the prospect of my  
remaining at home - I have passed this  
deep trial since I wrote that letter to thee  
& had yet to feel that I th<sup>t</sup> be thankful  
to leave, but now my beloved father wishes



me to remain my path is a plain one - But I  
have great conflicts of feeling, I ask as thou canst  
kindly imagine - "Oh! that we had given up  
housekeeping, & were near Th." is the language of  
my heart - I have today rec'd a very welcome  
letter from Eliza Brown, please with my dear love  
tell her I am much obliged - I am glad indeed  
to hear an improved account of your dear little invalids -  
With my dear love to E. K. tell her that  
tho' I sh'd be very pleased to hear from her, I  
feel that I cannot ask it while she is so  
closely engaged - Do tell me if thou hast  
had a turn out this summer? I trust  
thou hast - My dear love to M. Ellis & E. P.  
I am very glad the former is better -

We are expecting M. Linnett here soon on a  
visit - I anticipate it with mixed feelings,  
but thou wilt be glad to know that the plea-  
surable ones predominate -



5<sup>th</sup> day - I hardly know how  
it is but since I have had a  
prospect of continuing at home  
I find it increasingly difficult  
to bear my fathers way of  
attending to domestic matters  
himself. & I suppose it may  
be the feeling that it is to be  
a casting trial, & I have  
allowed myself to remonstrate  
with him on some little cir-  
cumstances, wh I feel  
I must not do as it pro-  
duces irritation in him, &  
a determined opposition to  
what I wish. Do write &  
encourage me my dear friend  
if thou wert only here thou  
wouldst know better how



to do it perhaps - My father  
tells me he does not view me  
as his housekeeper - I am not  
allowed to put away a few gro-  
ceries in the Store room, hardly  
to help him do it - But I  
want to get to feel not to  
mind these things, but  
simply earnestly to do my  
duty - I fear thou wilt  
think me a most difficult  
person to help - I am afraid  
I am, thy distrust is great.  
I have often thought of what thou  
told me that I <sup>had</sup> ~~was~~ coming  
home from meeting, that if  
I got wrong thou believed it



John Hickling

Retreat

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would be my fault in the  
first instance, & then I did  
blame me — And was  
it so? I fear it was about  
M Linnett / ~ Farewell



my own dear friend, use  
more Subscribe myself  
Thy deeply obliged attendant  
W Beaumont



John Hutching

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I deeply love &  
gratitude - I am  
very attached to  
Mr. Falmes' love  
to his friends & mine  
to his family & to  
your home  
circle

after partaking of my solitary  
tea, I feel an almost ir-  
resistable impulse to hold  
a little communion with  
thee, through what is now  
the only medium which for  
a while is in my power -  
Deep gratitude does I trust  
permeate my heart in the



retrospect of thy visit of  
love, & yet I must own  
I feel much depressed  
under the conviction that  
I have at times failed in  
the performance of my duty  
since my return home -  
& I fear I have been selfish  
craving a release from trial  
in a change of situation -  
How shall I bear the thought  
of this when separated from  
my beloved father.  
Oh! my dear friend the



Conflict of my poor mind  
is great, & all I can do  
seems to be to trace  
that my Heavenly Father  
will overrule all my  
omissions & commissions  
for good, I make my  
dear father happy as  
for me may I be ena-  
bled to receive just suffi-  
cient strength now to  
do my daily duty,  
I seek pardon for the past,  
Most thanfully do I



accept the assurance of  
my adopted relationship  
to thee, were it not for  
this one bright spot, this  
tender mercy of Him who  
pitied as a Parent, I  
fear my heart would  
sink within me at the  
prospect of the future.

If permitted to be located  
near thee, may we be  
permitted to hold sweet  
communion together,  
I while receiving help &



Support from thee, may  
it be my direct privilege  
to administer a little re-  
freshment at times to  
thy weary mind, harrather  
as I fear it often is with  
an <sup>almost</sup> overpowering share of  
anxiety on account of others  
in addition to thy own  
secret trials, which thou  
no doubt shares in  
common with others.

I still thought of saying



all this when I began  
writing, but hope it is not  
wrong of me to express  
what has long been the  
desire of my heart if my  
Humble Father sees meet to  
grant me such a private  
blessing — Didst thou  
ever read the life of a  
"Mrs Godolphin" — It con-  
tains a beautiful definition  
of true friendship —  
~~There is no more to be said of this matter~~



4<sup>th</sup> day - It was only today  
I got a sheet of paper to copy  
thy Agreement, or tho' I have beat  
this before. I want much to  
hear of thy getting well home  
my trust thy cold is better, & thou  
met altogether feeling refreshed by thy  
private turn out. Thy disinter-  
ested Kindness has left a deep  
impression behind thee on  
both our minds - My father  
got well home on 1<sup>st</sup> day -  
about 7 o'clock - Our servant is  
out for a 3 days' holiday  
which kept me at home toge-



but I got into the village  
yesterday, & will try to do  
better in this respect ~ I do  
believe my dearest friends thy  
visit has helped & strengthened  
me, I feel better able to bear  
my trials by reflecting on  
their real cause, & I trust  
thou wilt believe that I am  
indeed careful to attend to  
thy excellent advice of not  
imputing unfavorable motives,  
it is a point on wh I closed  
my scrupulous, & I hope thou  
wilt believe it is the case ~ With  
the believe



Elizabeth Fitching







Do they forget? no! the eyelids' tears  
Flow for the homes of their early years,  
Unchanged by absence, true & kind,  
They dream of the land they have left behind.  
With a faith unshaken by time's cold breath,  
With a love beyond the power of death!  
Shrine in our hearts let the absent rest,  
Till they find a home on the faithful breast  
That has yearned so fondly day by day,  
For the loved & lost so far away.

Emma A. W.

### Absence

We know how we love, when the loved depart,  
By the vacant mind and the weary heart;  
By the lonely feeling, that day by day,  
Steals the soul of life and joy away.  
By the sunlight pale, the faded earth,  
By the wandering thoughts, the hollow mirth,  
The present is nought, and the past alone  
As monarch reigns o'er the memory's throne.  
Oh! absence teaches how dear were they,  
Who are gone from our homes far, far away!



We row through the scenes, where we rowed of yore,  
But their beauty is gone and their charm is o'er  
No more we listen the voice to hear,  
Whose faintest tones were to us so dear.  
We gaze around, & the vacant room  
Seems wrapt in a sad & cheerless gloom.  
We linger sadly around the spot,  
Where the loved one was, but alas! is not;  
And kneel by the empty chair to pray  
For those who are absent, far away.

The bloom of life from the earth hath flown,  
Its joy hath vanished, we're all alone;  
Sad memories haunt our hours of sleep,  
The morning comes, & we wake to weep.  
The passionate tears fall fast as rain,  
And we ceaseless ask, "will they come again?"  
Our souls are faint, we are sick at heart,  
We know how we lone, when the loved depart.  
Oh absence! thy power day by day  
Does but bind our hearts to those far away.



7<sup>th</sup> day

My dear Friend,  
I send thee  
some lines of poetry which  
I think thou wilt like.  
I wanted just to tell thee  
what a happy morning  
I have had getting ready  
to receive thy dear husband.  
I cannot tell thee how  
kind I think it of him



to take all this trouble  
to come & see us - I do  
hope though we can't  
recompense him that  
he will not go unrewarded.

I was very glad to hear  
a good account of you  
all lately, I hope dear  
Nelly is better of her  
troublesome cough.



I need not write more  
now, hoping to see  
thy dear I<sup>th</sup> in the  
afternoon but my  
devotion to you all.

Please give my love to  
W. Wood & his wife, I  
should be glad to hear  
any particulars of the  
latter if he incline  
to write to me.



Thy very affectionate  
Mary Beaumont

My love to M Knowles



Will Eliza Fitching accept of a small  
birthday token of grateful & affectionate  
remembrance from her M.B.?

19<sup>th</sup> of 9<sup>th</sup> month.  
1853.





*Clark Kitching*





My very dear Friend,

Will thou accept of  
the accompanying, as a little  
proof, that the recollection of  
thy affectionate & patient  
endeavours to do me good  
is fondly & deeply cherished,  
by thy nearly attached  
M Beaumont.



John Fitching.



Ms. A. 9. 2. 11. 12. 13. 14.

John Hitching  
The Retreat

New York









Ufford St

21<sup>st</sup> month 1854

My dear friend

Not having  
heard from thee since my  
last to thee under date of  
the 17<sup>th</sup> ult. I hardly know  
whether thou art expecting to  
hear from me again before  
thou writes to me - but as I  
am aware that M<sup>rs</sup> Mary has  
informed thee that she declines  
accepting thy kind offer of  
receiving her as a visitor for  
a while, it seems proper  
that some further conference



should take place between us  
on the present position of the  
subject. I may say that, it  
would have been a great relief  
to myself and a satisfaction to  
my friends generally, had  
Mary at once accepted the offer,  
<sup>although apprised of our desire</sup>  
but she has not, she has  
informed me of having written  
to the two other plans <sup>of</sup> which  
have struck <sup>her</sup> as what she  
prefers on separating from her  
Father; at the same time she  
receives a very great reluctance  
to entertain the idea of leaving  
home at all, and has accompanied  
that reluctance by signifying  
her desire and ability to tender



my home comfortable -  
however  
Continuing, to feel, as I do,  
and supported by thy strong  
conviction, that the absence  
of congruity of mind and  
disposition between us is so  
obvious, in addition to the  
shock I have already received,  
I dare not entertain the hope  
of our ability to make each  
other happy under present  
circumstances, and I cannot  
but entertain <sup>a fear</sup> that the painful  
conflict which is at present our  
experience is acting injuriously  
upon each of us - I am  
very desirous of continuing



to be guided by thy judgment  
and shall be very glad to  
receive any suggestion from  
thee for our mutual relief  
and which may be acceded  
to by Mary - I am of  
course ignorant of what  
passes from Mary to thee,  
more than the hint which  
she has mentioned to me <sup>which</sup> and I  
have referred to, but no doubt  
just opened friends towards  
thee, and I know thy influence  
with her is great -

Hoping to hear from thee  
soon I am thy sincere friend

John Brewster



thou accept  
a very large  
portion of  
my attachment  
to thee in my letter from  
thou wilt perhaps be looking for  
a few lines by 3<sup>rd</sup> day morning. I  
may tell thee that my dear father  
himself reached home on 3<sup>rd</sup> day  
evening about 1 past 6 o'clock, where  
we found tea waiting, & a kind web-  
come from Mary Trinet, who is  
a remarkably sweet tempered young  
woman, & I have no hesitation  
in saying that I find it a comfort  
to have her here just at first.  
I believe she will remain about one  
more week - Thou canst  
easily believe that at present



I feel like a visitor in  
my father's house, but this no  
doubt will wear off when left  
alone - I have at present done  
but little in the way of unpacking  
&c - but this morning Mr. L. has  
been giving <sup>me</sup> a little information re-  
garding some ~~state~~ arrangements -  
I find that my beloved father has  
~~these~~ <sup>many</sup> ~~state~~ domestic affairs much  
under his own management at  
present, & I see that it will  
require a good deal of delicate  
 tact, & perhaps patient waiting  
before I may feel in my proper  
place, but don't fear my  
beloved friends, I will, as I am  
helped to do so, wait, tho my patient  
& not be unhappy if after all  
things do not assume quite



their proper places, tho' of  
course I don't know but they  
may do so. M! I do hope I  
believe I shall be helped, tho' I  
dare say I shall often fail. as I  
do today my heart full, yet I  
have abundant cause to trust  
for the future, I dwell on my  
many many blessings, it is a  
sweet home. I am come to, I a-  
found father. yesterday afternoon  
he kindly took us a ride to a  
Cragg Pit in the neighbourhood  
where they dig the Copper Ore,  
[my likely not spelt right] we brought  
away a large piece of the vertebra  
of some animal, & part of a  
Shark's ear. we were told. I do  
so much enjoy my aunts & Cousins  
company at I Hill, the latter is



quite content to her bed & couch,  
& beautifully cheerful. under her af-  
fection besides being a very  
superior young woman in point  
of intellect. The absence of my  
dear mother no doubt helps to  
make me feel at present that  
it hardly is home, but I strive  
to be cheerful. I enter into my  
dearest father's pursuits - I hope  
that will very soon be getting  
out for a while, before wh  
I trust to hearing from thee.

My love to my very late com-  
panions who may kindly ask  
for me. To W. Wood of whose  
wife I sh<sup>d</sup> like to hear. I an-  
ticipate to C. H. thy father &  
mother F. B. & the dear children.  
My father desires his love to thee, with



1<sup>st</sup> day evening

My own beloved friend,

I have passed a  
quiet tho' depressed day, my  
thoughts have turned with in-  
stinctive feelings of love to thee  
this evening. My father's resolution  
seems unshaken, there is very  
little that I can say or do to  
please him, yet with all  
I am thankful to feel in  
looking back some weeks  
that I have made progress  
in self-command & I believe  
I could now get on if it were  
not for my father's present



State of mind wh renders  
it almost if not quite  
an impossibility to please him.

While sitting & thinking of  
thee this evening my mind  
recurred to the conversation we  
had the evening before I left  
York respecting Williams &  
thyself. I know as I do that  
there is not a word wh I  
ever said of or to either of  
you wh I should be uneasy  
to hear repeated. I do feel  
my desirous to know of  
what I am accused - I do  
not ask to know thy



authority, but I hope it  
cannot be wrong to wish  
to clear myself, not only  
in thy eyes when I thankfully  
believe I do stand as gentle,  
but through thee in the  
sight of those who have  
cast the imputation.

I am going to confess to  
thee as I used to do sometimes  
what I fear thou wilt  
term a weakness — A  
little while ago in conclu-  
ding thy letter thou said  
that E. & the children  
sent me their dear love  
& then thou added "accept  
my love also" & I wrote



not get rid of the idea  
that thou felt an objection  
to send me thy dear love  
it disturbed me, I do  
now when I think of it  
so I determine to tell thee  
I beg thee to help me —

Al! my precious Friend mine  
is indeed a cup of suffering  
dispirited though I doubt  
not in lone wisdom

Hoping to hear in reply  
to this note when thou  
canst spare me a few  
minutes I remain

Thy ever attached

Mary Beccumont





Framlingham Castle, Suffolk.

"My Birthday" what a different sound  
 That word had in my youthful years,  
 And how each time the day comes round  
 Less bliss white the mark appears:  
 When first our scanty years are told  
 It seems like pastime to grow old,  
 And as youth counts the shining links  
 Which Time around him binds so fast,  
 Pleased with the task, he little thinks  
 How hard that chain will press at last!

My dearest friends, I conclude thou

26<sup>th</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> 1840



am waiting to hear from my  
father before writing to me,  
but I feel as tho' I almost  
must write thee a few lines  
on my 40<sup>th</sup> birthday! I am  
sorely tried, & cast down,  
I go on from day to day under  
a sense of almost continual  
trial, & wounded feelings wh.  
seems almost to incapacitate  
me from making  
that vigorous effort  
which is absolutely ne-  
cessary if I remain  
at home — I deeply



feel for my poor dear  
father, & am thankful  
to say I have no abiding  
feeling but strong love  
towards him —

Mary Linneth comes to  
us on 3<sup>d</sup> day for a  
little visit, <sup>after that</sup> ~~then~~ I  
expect my dear father  
will write to thee — He  
tells me I must be passing  
I heard today that  
the West is with her  
husband & more com-



fontable - the daughters  
Shelina not at home.

This has been a long  
2 weeks without hearing  
from the my dear  
friends, but I thought I  
see how thou art situ-  
ated about it -  
My dear love to E. & J. & B.  
& the children, with  
for whose letter I am  
obliged - My love to the  
this wife & M. W. & then  
except the warm love  
of thy poor M. B.



John Kitching

Petreal

York.









4<sup>th</sup> day

My dearest friend,

Hoping that  
this note may reach thee before  
thou replies to mine of yesterday.  
I want to tell thee that I feel  
condemned for evincing an  
undue sensitiveness in some  
part of what I said relating  
to my dear father's claim  
on our sympathy. This  
is a poor explanation, but  
I believe thou canst un-



Understand me. Today is our  
M.M. at Woodbridge wh we  
have both attended, & I have  
felt cheered by the kind way  
in wh some of the friends  
have spoken to me, Sophie  
Alexander among the number.  
Otherwise I am feeling depressed  
by the recollection of giving way  
to an excited feeling last evening  
(wh was the circumstance I told  
thee of on a separate slip of paper  
in my last) - My dear father  
is also this I discouraged about  
it, but I trust I may



reasonably make to me allow-  
ance from the distressed state  
my feelings had been all the  
day since the receipt of thy  
letter - the principal features  
of the occurrence were these,  
in consequence of something which  
passed in reference to the letter  
I had been writing to thee, I  
hastily put it on the fire, &  
then talked to my father  
about returning to the Retreat.  
I cannot tell thee how grieved  
I feel about it - Miserable  
I please tell me thy thoughts about it  
I may only say as previous



To this, I believe my father's  
mind had been shrinking  
from a separation, & this,  
together with the feeling that  
my trials are now such as  
my nature, produced a cor-  
responding effect on my mind.

I am very desirous to know  
how thou art - I do so  
fear thou art seriously  
out of health <sup>that</sup> it makes me  
very thoughtful. Farewell  
from thy attached M B

Canst thou send me some writing?



I must say just what  
comes uppermost, but I  
do most earnestly desire  
to make my poor dear  
father happy. who is much



to be left for  
in different  
wards. I then  
came to the  
place where  
I had the  
first of the  
year.



the least  
by the time  
for the time  
to come.  
I'll cheer  
up dear friend  
I am  
very  
gladly  
I do not  
hear  
from thee I incline to begin  
a few lines, & tell thee some  
of my thoughts. In the  
first place I may thankfully  
say that I trust my power of  
bearing & forbearing is increasing  
& the consequence is that we  
go on better, tho' my trials are  
many, close, & varied - I do not  
think it may be profitable to  
enter much into detail even  
to thee in writing - but I  
may perhaps say that the treat-  
ment I have to experience is



not that of a generous  
Confidence. The servant  
is conferred with about  
provisions for dinner nearly  
exclusive of myself, I dash  
like trying little things -  
This morning I asked for the  
key of the medicine cupboard  
which always used to be kept  
in the door. My dear father  
chose to go himself, look  
for what I wanted, look  
it again - I am thankful  
to my father not complain  
but he remarked quite spontaneously -



Assuredly that "he should  
continue to keep these  
things under his own  
management" - Well my  
dear friend I only tell thee  
these things to give thee a  
little idea of what I have  
tried to do tho', but I may  
repeat I am thankful to say  
I do bear things better  
& we go on better - tho'  
thou wilt know that it  
is impossible for me  
to feel just as I should  
if I were treated differently.



Now then to turn to the  
future. My dear father  
I am glad to say he has made  
up his mind that Ufford  
is not the place for him  
that he wants occupation  
& society, this is very true.  
I know - It is very bad for  
him to be here - for me  
the place, neighbourhood &c.  
would do very well. I  
could find plenty of occu-  
pation & association  
but I believe he intends



I leave Ufford in the  
Spring or Summer, &  
give up housekeeping, &  
go to Southampton or the  
neighbourhood. Now I  
believe thou wilt agree  
with me that it would  
be very desirable if I can  
get on 'till then with my  
dear father to endeavour  
to do so, & I trust I shall  
get on better & better the  
more I act on the deter-  
mination to give up every



thing, & to hear every  
thing. Of course what  
my father's wish will be  
in leaving Ufford as to our  
remaining together will much  
depend on the way in wh  
the intervening time is  
passed. May I strive to do  
my present duty, & leave  
the rest — If he should  
not wish us ultimately  
to remain together, it  
is my wish to get into  
some situation affording



mental & bodily assump-  
tion, & calling forth  
my best feelings - & I  
should like to know thy  
opinion as to whether  
this would not be both  
desirable & attainable.  
I should delight in a  
situation calling for all  
my energies, -

I need not say that I have  
written the above to thee  
in perfect confidence  
& sh<sup>d</sup> be very grateful for



a reply. I almost fear  
our letters will cross, but  
hope to hear soon —

Oh! how I sometimes long  
to be near thee, inexpressibly  
so — My dear father tells me  
he was discouraged about  
my returning home when  
he was at York, & I believe  
he has perhaps unconsciously  
acted in the spirit of fear &  
mistrust wh has been a  
bad thing for me, but  
it only remains to try & do



John Titching

Retreat

York.









Worcester

5<sup>th</sup> month 1834

My dear friend,

I believe  
the time is now come when I  
ought to let thee hear from me,  
and I need not tell thee that I  
do so with feelings of no ordinary  
character. I should have written  
to thee, as requested in thy kind  
letter of 26<sup>th</sup> ult., very soon after  
dear Mary's return home, had not  
my medical fr. G. Lockhart, advised  
-rather to do so on my behalf. It  
may not however be improper  
for me now to say that, for all  
I week after our return, there  
was no interruption to our enjoy-  
-ment



but at the expiration of that  
time dear Mary was made very  
uncomfortable, and which was shared  
by those around her, by giving way  
to extreme sensitiveness at an insig-  
-nificant slight to her desires & this  
from a quarter the most completely  
my hopefulness at once gave way,  
but when on the following morning  
obvious discouragement and distress  
took place on grounds equally insig-  
-nificant, I became distressed, and dis-  
-couragement. it was on this day  
that D.C. called and expressed his  
great surprise at finding Mary at  
home in a few days afterwards, dear  
Mary's sensitiveness was again ex-  
-cited on a suspicion that discor-  
-probation had been felt on a trifling  
occurrence, which caused renewed  
distress -



the young person who has been long  
with me left at this period and I  
was willing to hope for the best  
for the future - at I must have  
since elapsed, during which time we  
have been alone, and I deeply regret  
to say that, altho' there have been  
seasons when, as thou mentioned in  
a letter in the 2<sup>d</sup> mo last, to have felt  
thyself - I have been encouraged with  
the indulgence of hopefulness, then  
suddenly I have been depressed with  
disappointment from very slight  
causes operating to our great dis-  
-comfort & distress, so that I am  
to realize the feeling thou alluded to  
at the same time, that, thou felt dis-  
-couraged at the success of any plan  
I am free to acknowledge to thee  
that I supposed my efforts to <sup>over</sup>come  
to prevail, my better judgment in



making the present experiment, con-  
trary to the advice of my relations  
and which has turned out so sad a  
failure. For it does not appear (I  
say it with heartfull concern) that  
there is that congeniality of mind  
between my beloved daughter & myself  
to warrant the hope that we can live  
comfortably long together. The sad  
alternative from which I do not at  
present see any means of escape, is  
truly painful, and I would gladly  
avail myself of some other mode  
of relief, but I feel that it will not  
do to go on long as I am at present  
suffering. and I incline to believe that  
dear Mary would be more comfortable  
and have more enjoyment if located  
under the beneficial influence of Henry  
& his other friends to whom she has  
been so long & closely attached, than  
I can kindly proffered thy assistance





and I am glad to avail  
myself of thy offer. I cannot  
consider my dear Child to be  
now a proper object for the re-  
-straints of an Asylum, and desire  
for her to be so circumstanced as  
to be made the most happy. It  
has occurred to me, & I mention  
it to thee in confidence, whether  
in the event of a married sep-  
-ration taking place, it would be  
consistent with W. Wood's selection  
to think of any arrangement  
which might be agreeable &  
confidential to him with regard to  
dear Mary L.

I am sure thou wilt sympathize  
with us both under our affliction  
and will be glad to help us. I may  
make allowance for the manner  
in



which this letter is penned, under  
my agitated feelings - I shall  
be thankful to hear from thee  
as soon as convenient with thy  
kind advice - Perhaps thou wilt  
also feel encouraged to write to  
dear Mary after thou receives  
this - Remains with love  
thy sincere friend

John Beaumont

P.S. Since writing the foregoing  
I have been made ~~afresh~~  
unhappy by dear Mary's  
extreme solicitude - but she  
has removed her protestations  
of concern & promised to let her  
attentions from the present time  
& therefore intend thou shalt be  
further informed very soon, as  
the intention I shall be glad to hear  
from thee.





John Kitching  
The Retreat  
New York



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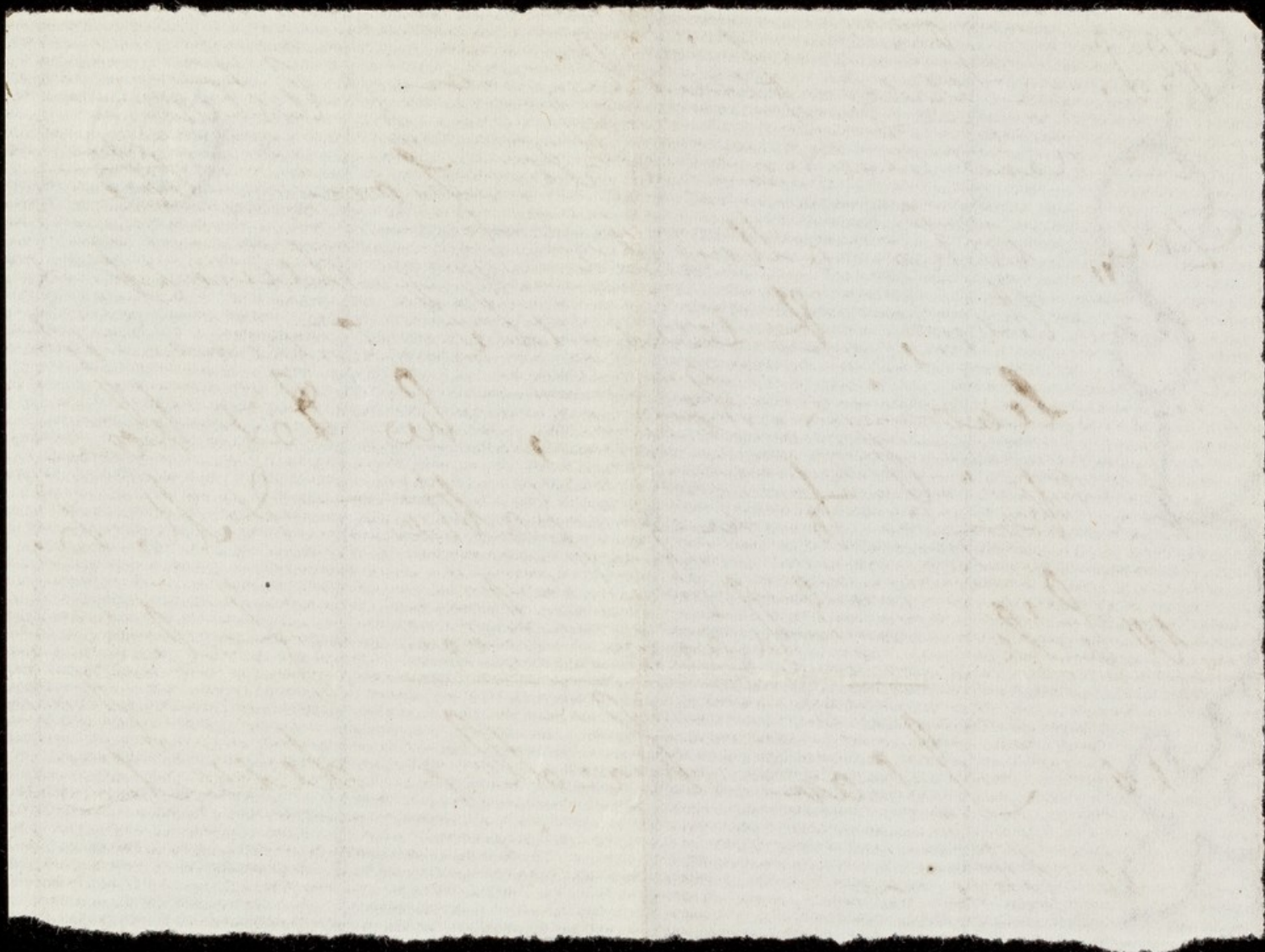
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P.S. Since finishing my letter  
we have had a call from the  
D<sup>r</sup>, who attended my dearest  
mother, & was the cause of  
my leaving home, he has been  
talking to my father & M. L.  
while I have been feeling  
as I can hardly describe  
to thee ~







I want to say, but  
 I really must do  
 so, with all my  
 try again -  
 Can I  
 Dear Mr. Norton  
 I have been  
 very much  
 interested in  
 your letter, but  
 I have not  
 time to answer  
 it now. I am  
 very unhappy -  
 I cannot form  
 a little idea of  
 what I am at  
 the present time  
 suffering from  
 the consciousness  
 of having given  
 way instead of  
 resisting - but  
 I will try to be  
 a little more  
 circumstantial -  
 I wrote to  
 you on 7th day -  
 between which, &  
 the 5th day following  
 nothing occurred



of a trying nature except  
those little almost nameless  
trials with regard to my dear  
father's habits & manner wh  
I need not describe - on 5<sup>th</sup> day  
there were some little domestic  
arrangements to be attended to,  
& rather unwisely I believe  
entered more into them than  
was quite best for me, I  
was a little too earnest about  
wishing to have some more  
room for my clothes &c -

It tries me a good deal to see  
how my father enters into all  
those little minutiae wh fall  
to the share of rooman, I but  
wh under his peculiar circum-  
stances of late is not to be



wondering at / and I got to feel  
extremely fagged mentally, &  
rather so bodily & On 6<sup>th</sup>  
very morning I thought M.L.  
had opposed my wishes in rather  
an underhand way, & very  
impudently told my father  
what I felt about it -  
this of course made him very  
uncomfortable, & I was deeply  
sorry for having said anything  
about it, particularly as I  
found afterwards ~~it was~~  
that M.L. did not understand  
my wish on the subject. —

She is a truly conscientious  
amiable young woman,  
but seems to have imbibed



my dear father's very forgiving  
a good deal about little things  
however on the whole it has  
been my pleasant & comforting  
to me to have her, tho' once  
I am sorry to say I allowed  
her to see that I did not  
quite like their being together  
alone - After this bad  
Catalogue of my faults thou  
wilt hardly wonder if I do  
that my manner towards  
my beloved father has not  
been so cheerful & affectionate  
as it ought; but I have  
been contrary of the past  
& tho' I hardly deare say  
it, yet I do hope it is



idea. If by writing this, I shall  
will send no messages to any  
one because I should be  
glad for no one else to know  
of this last letter - It is  
misery enough to me that  
thou must know it, for  
never could conceal anything  
of the kind from thee, & of  
all persons in the world I am  
most glad to tell thee.

I told my father I would cheer-  
fully return whence I came.  
This was not quite right  
any way - & I told him  
I saw this after - I almost  
fear thou never canst feel  
towards me as thou wilt  
do after my being so un-



past for ever - I have longed  
intensely to reform thee  
I know. I almost did it,  
but I should have been un-  
happy not to have told thee  
just how naughty I have  
been - tho' it is almost <sup>more</sup> ~~more~~  
than I can bear to do, <sup>knowing</sup> ~~seeing~~  
thou <sup>what</sup> feels about it - P.S. I  
have longed most earnestly  
for an opportunity to speak  
to thee - but I have been very  
proud in what I have said  
about thee. If thou art not  
too much disappointed, I wish  
to write me a few lines by return  
of post in answer to this  
I thi<sup>nk</sup> esteem it a most  
kind act - dear father has no



Weyford

19/10 month 1854

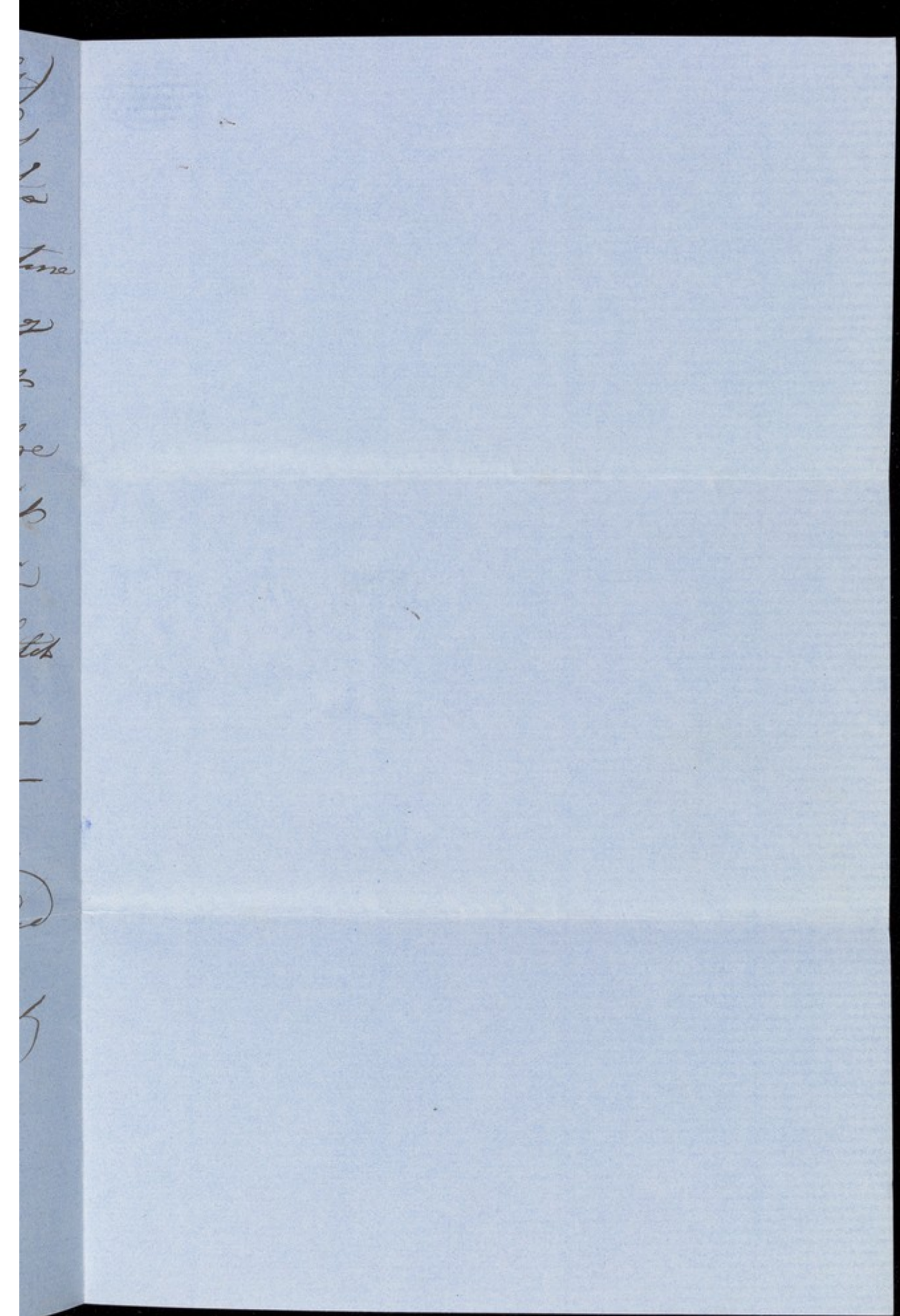
My dear friend

For the sake of my  
own mind and in order not  
to act precipitately, I feel  
best satisfied to send thee a  
line, as a postscript to mine  
of yesterday, which I wrote  
unknown to Mary, just to  
say that, she has since phre-  
-ned very strongly for further  
consideration - so that I would  
suggest thy being kind enough,  
in the first instance to write  
to her (and which perhaps

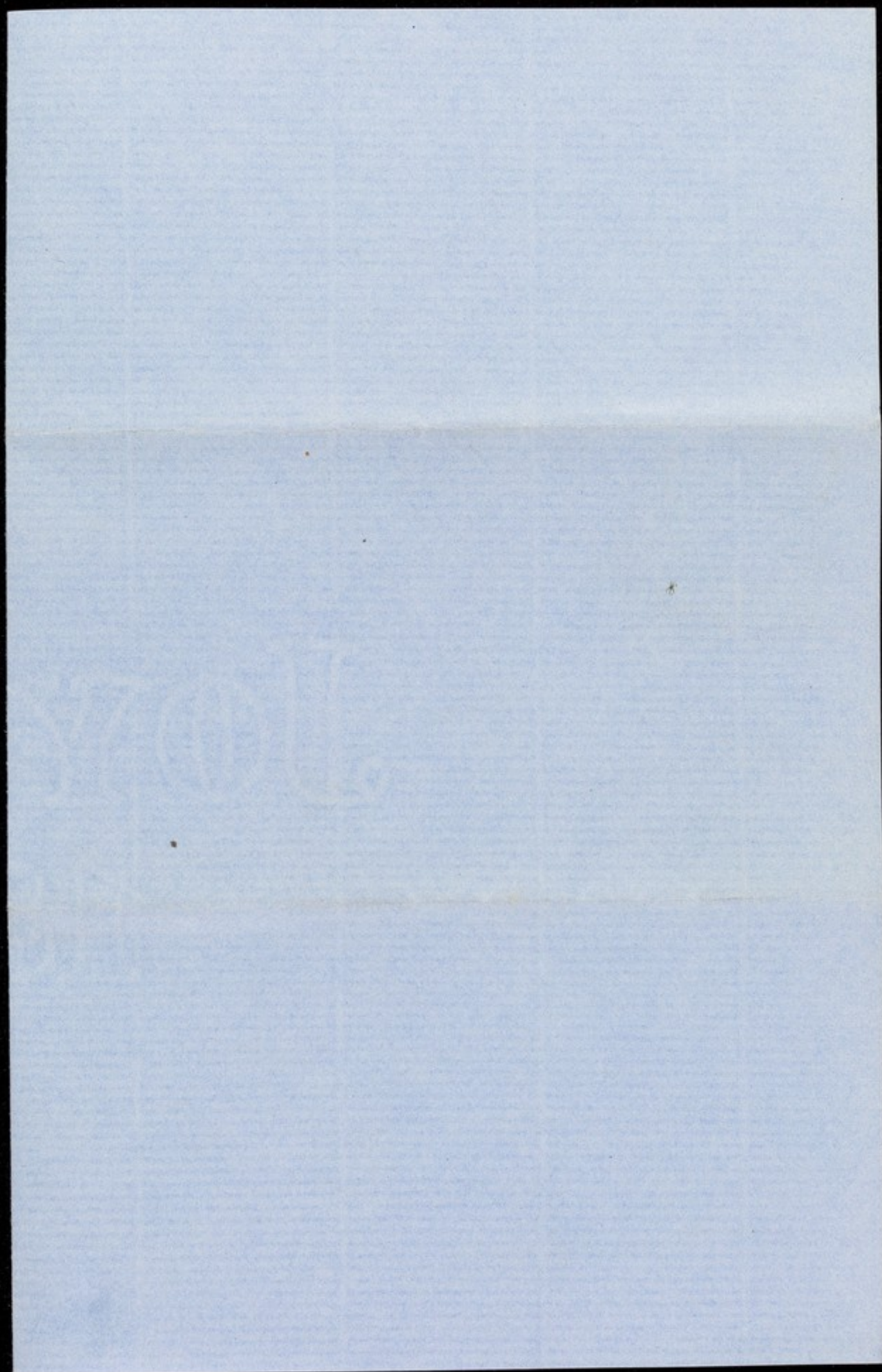


Thou wilt do immediately  
on receipt of this, informing <sup>her</sup>  
the "idea" of her paying the  
a rent preparatory to future  
arrangements. Thus preparing  
her for the result, and wait  
the effect upon her mind before  
acting upon it - my object  
in mentioning this is, in  
case it might occur to thee  
her at once. I am sure  
Thou wilt excuse me &  
believe me very sincerely  
thy obliged friend  
John Beaumont













Ufford, ~~14th~~

17/10 month 1854

My dear friend,

Although thy favour  
of the 11<sup>th</sup> reached me before I  
pouled a note to thee written on  
the 12<sup>th</sup> I felt inclined to forward  
the enclosed, as it may tend to  
show that, to some extent, our im-  
pressions on the painful subject  
under consideration have been si-  
milar - and I cannot but deeply  
deplete our not having been en-  
couraged to make known to each  
other our several convictions suf-  
ficiently early to have prevented  
our present unhappy position - I  
am obliged for the very candid  
manner in which thou hast



states they long entertained con-  
-tinued on the matter, & I feel that  
those sentiments are so clear and  
decided that I am bound to accept  
them. I beg then to receive my  
sincere thanks for thy truly kind  
proposal to assist us in this very  
difficult case, and I am free to  
acknowledge that, had I been at  
liberty to consult my own inclina-  
-tion and wish, I could not have  
desired a plan more congenial  
to my feelings. I have thought  
much of the future, & thou wilt  
readily imagine, I have come to  
the conclusion that, it will be  
right for me at no very distant  
period, to change my place of re-  
-sidence, and in doing so, I shall  
not be likely to resume house-  
-keeping; I desire some locality



when I can have the privilege  
of a little cheerful society & more  
profitable occupation associated  
therewith, than my present secluded  
allotment affords, will be benefi-  
cial for me, and of which I stand  
in increased need since my late  
unlucky bereavement. I am  
also strongly impressed that, for  
Dr. May to be at the head of my  
House Keeping establishment is  
not ~~inconducive~~ conducive to our mutual  
comfort. The idea of May's  
paying the visit in the first  
instance, is a very encouraging  
one and would not carry with it  
so much the impression of ne-  
cessity as of private arrange-  
ment for order that I might  
be more at liberty to carry out  
my contemplated change un-  
interruptedly.



And if, after I may have become  
settled under my new circum-  
stances (perhaps in the spring  
or summer of next year, if so  
permitted) in some eligible locality  
I under the roof of desirable parties,  
and my d<sup>r</sup> child shall have had  
the advantage of further change,  
I cannot abandon the hope that our  
reunion may be allowably sought  
& contemplated. Thou wilt see that  
I have in view, encouraging Mary  
to consider the proposed arrange-  
ment, as hoped to be only tempo-  
rary. I feel that I am in thy hands,  
in the first place, to acquaint  
d<sup>r</sup> M. with our idea & I also in carry-  
ing out our object, for I feel that  
thy influence alone will prevail  
with her. I may just say that, my  
medical friends approve of what I  
have now written - With love I am  
thy sincere friend  
John Beaumont





John Kitching  
The Retreat  
New York







5<sup>th</sup> day

My dearest Father

After what  
passed on the subject of writing  
thou wilt surely expect to hear from  
me so soon — but on returning  
to my room last evening my heart  
was very full, & I think it may  
prove a mutual comfort if I tell  
thee something of my feelings — In  
the first place I much regret that  
I did not mention my having written  
that note to J. H. — I don't won-  
der that it should strike thee, yet



change & rather close - & I am  
wondering that at such a time  
especially I should have occasioned thee  
one unnecessary feeling - I send thee  
a rough copy of the note in question  
<sup>as</sup> W. H. I believe there was hardly any  
alteration made, thou wilt see  
there is no allusion to my fear  
of getting thee the duties W. H.  
might devolve on me -

I also want to tell my dearest  
father, that I think at times du-  
ring ~~his~~ <sup>his</sup> late visit, <sup>I allowed</sup> my earnestness  
to betray me into a want of humility  
W. H. I deeply regret & something  
perhaps want of deference, & selfishness  
in the expression of manner -



These reflections have added greatly  
to the pain of parting, & I do hope  
I may take warning by what I  
have suffered - I do state with  
thee to consult thy own preference  
with respect to the situation I  
hold in the little bed-room &  
I sh<sup>d</sup> have no comfort in it if  
I know it tends thee to do it -

With my dearling parent I can  
only add that I do sincerely  
hope thou wilt be repaid for  
all thou hast gone through  
on my account, & that tho may  
have true enjoyment of our



Sweet little home — I had not  
any how much I have thought  
of thee this morning, I hope I may  
get a good visit of thee on 3<sup>d</sup> day —

I have not yet seen Mr. L. since  
the party, but hope to go & as-  
sist his wife a little soon —

I think of sending my uncle W. B.  
a few lines <sup>to day or</sup> tomorrow, perhaps thou  
will write him none at length  
in a little while —

In a feeling of my near separation  
I will now say farewell  
Thy very affectionate daughter M. B.



Uxbridge Oct  
12/10 month 1854

My dear Friend

On receiving your  
letter to the effect of the 5<sup>th</sup> inst. I think  
I did not sufficiently state the feel-  
ings of my mind with regard to  
the very painful situation in which  
I am placed in reference to my dear  
Child. I will therefore to make  
a little allusion to the short visit  
I paid to York in the 5<sup>th</sup> mo. On  
that occasion I during the discussion  
of the subject believed that I myself  
after a joint conference with Mary  
Sumner saying to the - "I feel  
discouraged" and during my seve-  
-ral interviews with my Daughter  
alone, more particularly on the  
last evening, I overcame rather  
painfully a loxacity of will,



for which I was quite unprepared  
I did not however disclose my im-  
pressions to her. I became so sur-  
rounded with the conviction that the  
time was not come for my Daughter  
to return home, that on the day after  
my arrival I wrote to her to that  
effect, in doing which I had satis-  
faction of mind. And when on the  
following day, I received the enclosed  
~~letter~~<sup>letter</sup> from Mary I was con-  
firmed in the propriety of what  
I had done. On these particulars  
ought to have been communicated  
to thee, as, in that case, I am willing  
to believe I sh<sup>d</sup> have been spared my  
present distressing position, but I  
summed rather to hope that, as our  
state work well I perhaps also I  
might entertain a secret reluc-  
tance to interfere with thy own  
judgement. Under these feelings



and after long and anxious deli-  
-beration. At length gave way  
to the step which has been taken.  
And now that the separation has  
been tried, I have not disguised from  
Mary my impressions with re-  
-gard to a renewed separation, on  
the ground of our not being able,  
at present, to promote each others  
comfort together & she fully admits  
that I have reason to feel discouraged,  
acknowledging that she has not  
done what she ought to have done  
to endeavor to make her father  
happy & but at the same time, pleads  
strongly that the past may be  
obliterated & that I secure place and  
-confidence in her unclouded & increased  
efforts to do her duty in future.  
Thus my friend, I have felt, (and  
as a Parent thou wilt understand me)  
in a deeply tried condition, strug-



as it were between the judgement  
of the Man and the affections of  
the Father. It is under this feeling  
that I address thee again, so soon,  
and it will be truly acceptable  
to hear from thee with any help  
which thou art able to offer. I  
appreciate Mary's sincerity  
of intention, but the power to act  
aright, is not always at our  
command. Thus are we in-  
duced into a state of conflict  
with each other.

I am with love

Thy sincere friend

John Beaumont



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John Kitching  
The Retreat  
N<sup>y</sup> York







I quite hope  
next week for  
lecture to begin  
the last. I shall  
be anxious to hear  
at it with  
9<sup>th</sup> mo  
1854.

Will thou accept  
my very sincere thanks for  
thy compliance with my  
request to hear from thee  
by return of post — My heart  
tells me that thy advice is  
~~unimpaired~~ excellent, tho' it  
would be at all events  
very difficult for me to  
leave an occupation in W



my dear father & I were  
unitedly enjoyed in the  
very those advises - my father  
wouldn't expect I put to it.

Oh! my dear friend I hear  
grit to the change with  
regard to my feelings about  
Mr. Linnet, but do try &  
put thyself in my position,  
my father constantly ad-  
dressing her as "dear Mary"  
"my dear" "dear girl" &  
& of course treating her



as she deserves to be treated  
with perfect confidence,  
& which I know I do not  
deserve - Think of all this  
in connection with some  
of thy conversations with  
me on such subjects, &  
thy own scrupulous care  
to avoid anything of the kind  
& thou may'st pretty under-  
stand, tho' of course not  
excuse my feelings -  
But thou wilt say, as I



have often said to myself  
"how worse than silly of me  
when this is only to last  
for a few days longer. & I  
am certain of my father's  
affection at the bottom, to  
allow such a thing to have  
any place in my mind -  
And it is only at times  
that I do - but I am  
entirely miserable at having  
given way to what is wrong  
& so cruelly disappointed



Myself & thee, & I feel

that nothing will enable  
me to rise above this.

~~but my feelings are such~~ I fear  
Nothing! thou wilt never  
know what I am suffering  
& wishy as I deserve to do it  
I fancy thou wouldst pity  
me if thou knew all.

I will attend to what thou  
wishes about not alluding  
to returning to the Retreat  
but my father often tells  
me that he does not



think we can go on.

I am most truly grieved  
for being made him  
unhappy, & will try ever  
now to do better, but I  
can never get over the  
effects of my first failure.

I fear — Yes! indeed I do  
desire for thee to be secure  
with me, & I don't feel  
thou hast said a word  
too much in the way of reproach.  
Wh I consider from a  
friend like thee as "the boy"



refinement of tenderness".

But thou shalt know all  
I did long for rather a  
warmer letter, however  
I am certain I have no  
right to it - but just  
the unusual I did not do.  
send a single line -

In conclusion I may repeat  
that I do most earnestly  
intend to set myself steadily  
to the work of making my  
dearest father happy, tho  
I shall move under the over-



whelming load of the remorse  
of my past failure —

I would give almost anything  
if my dear father had some  
interesting pursuit to take  
his mind from those trivial  
things which occupy him.  
but I will try & do my best.

I will tell my father thou  
intends writing to him.

no doubt he will be glad to

correspond with thee —

We have a nice dispositioned  
active young woman as



servant, & I find no  
difficulties in connection  
with her, or with any  
thing I have to do &

If eventually it should be  
needful for me to leave  
home again, I intend to  
look out for some  
situation where I could  
have some active occu-  
pation for body &  
mind, but this thou



may it be assured I will  
not hint to my father,  
because, as I said, I am  
going to try & make  
him happy, for I could  
never forgive myself  
if I left him without  
really having done my  
very very best. ~

I am truly pleased to  
hear you are all well,  
I trust the rest is all the same



I as I may not write  
again for some time  
I will ask thee to  
give my dear love to  
E. L. the dear children  
& F. Brown - it will  
now make but little  
difference to me who  
knows my dear  
State —

M. Linnell leaves us the



Any after tomorrow  
I shall in most respects  
be very sorry to lose  
her, she is a sweet  
young woman. Of course  
it is a great disadvantage  
to me to have <sup>to fill</sup> the place  
of such a one —

If my poor affection can  
now be worth having  
there is a large portion  
awaiting thee from thy  
closely attached  
M Beaumont



John Fitching

Retreat

Ypso









S. Hill, 4<sup>th</sup> day —

My very dear friend,

How well I know be glad to hear that with the exception of the heat &c, I had on the whole a comfortable journey yesterday, my only companions were a gentleman, & a lad about 12 / his son probably who were quite agreeable. I left me very much in the quiet possession of



my own thoughts, some  
of which thou canst  
imagine, more easily  
than I can describe, the  
firm & faithful friendship  
as I felt a great treasure  
which I was bringing  
with me, though leaving  
thee for a while. Took  
out my memorandum book,  
I made an entry respecting  
the 29<sup>th</sup> of 2<sup>nd</sup> Mo.. I celebra-  
ted a little on thy motion  
for giving me 6 months  
to recant, but did not



feel unhappy about it  
knowing that for some  
reason thou preferred it.  
thought of our parting inter-  
view, & of the influence I  
had felt from thy calm  
quiet manner when I  
believe my affectionate feel-  
ing would have asked  
for a little more indul-  
gence, & in wh. as in  
other respects I felt  
I could indeed trust in  
thee for asking for the  
best.



I had the comfort of  
meeting my beloved father  
at King's Cross, well &  
comfortable, he desires  
his love to thee, it is  
fixed for us to remain  
here until tomorrow, we  
go this afternoon to call  
on my aunt J. Ransome,  
& our friends the Newmans.  
My aunt & cousin are most  
kind, I think I may  
tell thee I am feeling  
calm & trusting —



I have rather an ex-  
pressing cold but hope  
to be better in a few days.  
Will then tell Malcolm  
with my love that I regret  
I missed Father's leave of  
her - My love to Mr. Whitten  
He knows <sup>of the group</sup> & a large  
share to thy own home wo-  
che - I hope it will  
not be long before thou  
gets a charge from some  
Etc. W. to me she had



thought of B. Rhydding  
I sh<sup>d</sup> be so glad to find  
thou got there for a  
little while - hope  
to write to thee from  
Afford in a day or two  
after we reach there.  
I trust to thy kindness  
to let me hear soon.  
I told my father this  
morning thou hadst  
given me some



hopes of coming to see  
us next summer,  
Oh that it may be a  
very happy meeting.

My dear love to the  
artists when you go. &  
please thank dear M.A.  
for her note to me.

I will now say farewell  
with dear love to E.L.  
& a large portion of



Kisses for my little  
pet. Believe me they  
warmly attend to & grateful  
friends M Beaumont

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My love to dear Lizzy.

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If thou thinks of it,  
will thou give my  
love to poor M. A. Tilney  
I thank her for the  
verses she sent me.



4<sup>th</sup> day evening.

My very dear friend,

I am so much  
obliged to thee for thy beau-  
tiful present, I believe thou  
knows how I shall value it,  
& many many a time shall  
I long for thee to read it  
with me — I really don't  
know how to bear the  
thought of not seeing  
thee again for a long while



but possibly it may be  
merrily ordered otherwise  
for me — When I came  
in to thy house this evening  
after our walk, I felt I  
tired & rather over-excited  
which may partly account  
for my coyness of speaking  
which was not what  
I like it to be, but  
I believe thou <sup>a little</sup> know  
it was with me —



I hope to get back so as  
to see thee tomorrow  
evening, to get a quiet  
day on Monday, for I  
don't like to feel as I  
did this evening.

I can hardly tell thee  
how very grateful thy  
kind sympathy was to me  
on ~~hearing~~ <sup>reading</sup> my ~~darling's~~ <sup>dear friend's</sup> part  
last evening. I shall often  
reminisce with grateful feel-  
ings to the visit alto-  
gether.



Thank you my very dear  
friend from thy truly Affectionate  
A Beaumont

John Jackson



John Kitching  
Rural  
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Subbalk

Wickham Market,  
Sept 9<sup>th</sup> 1854

Dear Sir,

On my accidentally  
calling at Wotton this day to  
see Mr Beaumont I was surprised  
to find his Daughter had returned  
from the Retreat, & after some  
conversation had taken place  
he told me that you wished  
to have a line from him to say  
how his Daughter was going on  
& observing how despondent he was  
I said that as he felt unable  
to the last of writing that I would  
do so for him - an offer which  
he gladly accepted -



Not having seen her since  
I ordered her removal from Effort  
nearly 14 years since, I was much  
struck with her appearance  
which to me best speaks anything  
but amendment, the same appears  
to be the case with her Father  
who says that he <sup>sees</sup> nothing encouraging  
in his daughter although she  
has not been guilty of any violent  
outbreak still there are many  
indications that Effort is not  
the proper atmosphere for her  
but you may perhaps think  
that the time is short to form  
an opinion & I grant such  
to be the case but knowing  
Mr B. former propensities  
& habits I have no hesitation.



in saying

that an experiment in any  
other locality might have been  
attended with better results  
do you not think that if you  
could procure a lodging for  
her anywhere near your establishment  
that it would be more conducive  
to her happiness than her remaining  
on the spot of her former  
indiscretions reflecting upon the  
lofs of her mother &c which  
may very naturally be supposed  
to exercise some influence over  
her mind already diseased beyond  
beyond the hope of recovery in  
my opinion; however as you  
have had more frequent opportunities  
of watching her from day to day  
if you can form a more decided



affirmative or negative to  
my suggestion as to removal  
his Father is suffering intensely  
at this time in consequence  
of the discouraging appearance  
of his daughter and unless her  
removal soon takes place I  
will not answer what may  
be the consequence of him -

May I beg of you in  
any correspondence with  
Miss Beaumont you will  
not think of having rec'd an  
letter from me if not too  
much may I beg the favor of  
a reply by return as I am  
going from home on Friday next  
for a week apologizing for <sup>giving you</sup> so  
much trouble - Believe me  
Yours truly  
Geo. C. Ashcraft



Stamp



John Kilching Esq  
The Retreat  
w York  
Yorkshire

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1<sup>st</sup> day —

My own dear friend, Thy poor  
Mary feels inclined to send thee  
a few lines, I tell thee how very  
very lonely it is never to see thee  
or hear from thee — I am sure  
I don't determine to hear, but  
if thou wouldst only send me  
a few lines now & then, I tell  
me thou still loves me, I  
feel that it would help & cheer  
me a little on my way —

Since M. Leinett. left us, I ra-  
ther more than a week I have  
had a deal of trial, partly of



my own. following -  
My dear father is exceedingly  
critical with regard to my  
manner of speaking. The words  
I make use of, & maintains a  
most strict surveillance  
over the minutes in different  
ways, & says I am not con-  
sidering as a daughter  
should be - I admit that  
I have not been - but can  
any one imagine how extremely  
difficult it is to be so when  
there is so much of a feeling  
of ~~and it is a very great~~ longing experienced. &  
however I am trying to begin



again, to endeavour to keep a  
mere single <sup>eye</sup> on what is my  
duty to do - My father seems  
unconscious how much his  
manner towards me is cal-  
late to reflect those affection-  
ate feelings which he wishes me  
to entertain & exhibit, & oc-  
asionally I have told him  
of it, but I believe I have  
quite done with doing this  
& altogether trust I am  
learning a little dearer  
wisdom from experience



I desire to lay self in  
every form on one side —  
I strive to make my dear  
father happy, wh of course  
he is not now, but out of  
spirits, wh makes it must  
harder for me —  
but I repeat I am trying,  
& need perhaps hardly say  
I have written this in strict  
confidence — My father  
told me one day he did  
not intend me to take  
my dearer mother's place  
exactly in the house, wh



tried to hurt me - but I  
will try & be every thing  
in a right spirit too - But  
do my precious friend write  
to me & tell me thou canst  
I still love me in spite of all.  
My missions & commis-  
sions - I want badly to  
hear of you all, including  
poor Jane Wood - my sweet  
little pet has forgotten me.  
No doubt - Hope thou  
art either gone or going  
from home for a change -



I hope to send thy List  
of books. one day this week.  
I have two of Dr. Martineau's  
books one of his editing / a  
volume of the Water-Cure  
Journal. / & one of his  
writing / On Small-pox &  
wouldst thou like them?  
if so I will put them in  
the list. & send when I  
have an opportunity —  
My dearest love to E. Kittling  
the dear children & Fanny.  
Didst thou get a little basket of  
books from me lately? —



(afternoon) I know thou  
wilt be glad to hear we  
have had a much happier  
day - & my dear father is  
brighter - To no one

else should I send this  
record of the past, but  
I hope  
thou wilt burn it when  
dead, & only allude to it  
to me - I want of  
sympathy (shown at least)  
has been one of my closest



trials time my return  
home, but I greatly  
hope better days are in  
store ~ I believe if it is  
not my own fault peace  
may be my portion —

Oh my dear dear  
friend do write to me.

I believe me Thy gratefully

Attach'd Al Beaumont —  
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A friend in speaking  
to my father  
one day lately  
spoke of his love  
of power. "The  
series thus offer  
a part at the  
bottom of our  
wishes - but  
it is so I can  
not alter it  
what have only  
my fear of  
a higher spirit

thanks for thy truly kind  
& affectionate letter of the  
28<sup>th</sup> of last month. It was  
more encouraging & cheery to  
me than any thing I have  
had. Since I returned home  
that indeed I don't know whether  
I shall ever be strong enough  
to get on with my poor dear  
father. Most earnestly do  
I long to follow thy advice

Alas!  
Dear love



To bear & forbear. but I do  
at times feel that it is  
more than I can do to get  
on. My trials are pretty  
much the same as when  
I wrote to thee before, except  
that perhaps I have been twi-  
cely tried by what I  
can hardly describe as any  
thing but a great tendency  
to contradict me both in  
word & action, more pec-  
uliarly as regards little  
things too trivial to name  
in writing. & sometimes  
it would seem as tho'  
my dear father must really



forget what he says, for  
he sometimes in referring  
again to a subject puts  
such an entirely different  
meaning on ~~his~~ <sup>the</sup> words  
~~he~~ <sup>he</sup> used at a former time  
as to make it extremely  
difficult to speak of any  
thing afterwards. I  
can hear thee say almost  
"The less you do this the  
better". & I can say  
I very seldom do it willingly  
but my dear father is con-  
tinually referring to past  
conversations &c. —



My father distinctly told  
me this morning, that  
he had long been accustomed  
to be both "Master &  
Mistress" & that he did  
not feel disposed to  
make any material  
alteration, so that it  
appears to come to this  
that if I remain with  
my grandfather I must  
just try & go on  
quietly & as I can, &  
try to bear what is a  
continual trial to me  
to see him looking after



two ~~success~~ <sup>very many</sup> ~~little~~ the little domestic  
at minution. I think my  
dearest friend there is no  
doubt of what is my  
duty under my present  
circumstances, that of  
putting up with all  
my parents' peculiarities  
& striving to make him  
happy - we shall not  
go on like other families  
there is no chance of  
that - but I try & say  
to myself "Never mind  
what does it signify?"  
Do write & tell me just



What thou thinks about  
things ~ Don't suppose  
that I wish thee to think  
I am clear of doing wrong  
No! my dear friend  
there are times of weak-  
ness when my natural  
sensitivity sets the better  
of my judgment & I am  
too quick in betraying by  
word or manner that  
I am wounded ~ & there  
are other times when  
(generally in speaking of domestic  
matters) I do not yield  
to my father so readily



as I ought - certainly  
on the whole I have much  
more trial than I antici-  
pated - but still I can  
not hear to think of  
any thing else than  
of trying to bear the  
main with my dear  
father, for if I could  
live in a palace & be  
perfectly exempt from  
trial I could have no  
comfort to know that  
I had left my poor dear  
father when by a  
sacrifice of self I might



have remained with him  
& been something of a  
comfort to him. Oh! I  
do ask to be helped & to  
be kept watchful, may  
I hope it will yet be granted.  
My father was writing to  
me yesterday, & as I  
knew he felt very uncom-  
fortable, it made me  
very unhappy that he  
should write to thee  
under these circumstances  
& I am sorry to say  
I allowed this to appear,  
but there was a Physician



Cause which made  
me more alive to  
painful impressions  
than usual ~ ~ ~

I feel persuaded that it  
would be much better  
for my dear father to  
give up housekeeping  
& have his attention di-  
rected into a totally diffe-  
rent channel, & as I  
believe he has something  
worth a feeling himself  
perhaps he may do so  
before long, till then  
my earnest desire is to  
do my best under Ep's -



try circumstances, &  
best for the future.

My father will tell thee  
his nerves are in a very  
trying, highly excitable  
state which is a great  
trial, & of course greatly  
increases my difficulties.

Do forgive this long letter.  
I have no one else to speak  
to on these subjects —  
I am truly glad to hear  
a good acct of you —  
Is poor Jane Wood living?



My love to E. F. the Chil.  
Aren & Fanny. I please  
tell the latter I am  
obliged for her letter,  
wh I yet hope to get  
I write to answer one day.  
The kiss from my little  
pet was very welcome,  
& it felt my sweet to  
rescue it tho' there,  
will thou give her as many  
as thou like in return.

I have not yet finished  
my list of Books I  
have been busy with needle.



work &c. — till E. L.  
I have plenty to do, I have  
met a kind welcome  
from some of our poor  
neighbours, Wh was  
quite cheering to me —

I fear I have not told thee  
the worst about myself.  
I believe the truth is I com-  
mit many faults & in-  
considerations both in word  
& manner — Do write  
to me, & as closely as  
thou like, if thou  
wilt take the trouble —  
I don't at all deserve it —  
Farewell from thy attached  
W. B.