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Dear Andrew,

I would have answered
your kind letter of 16th ulto
before this but for pressure of
business.

Milton & I rejoiced to
hear from Murray & yourself that
the former's visit left such
pleasing recollections in your
mind & I can heartily enter
into the feelings of delight
with which you welcomed him
beneath your hospitable roof,
& how the recollection of that
visit will ever form one of

Your most delightful recollections.

After his return here without
I heard him lecture on
"Shakespeare," his "World Parts" &
enjoyed a thoroughly intellectual
treat. I took Mr. Wilmore
(who stayed with us recently for
a month) ^{of my sister's} to hear his final
Sunday lecture on "Intolerance"
we were all delighted. The
The house was crammed; he met
with a fervid reception & spoke
warmly & eloquently & was heard
to great advantage, not a syllable
being lost. I have sent you several
newspapers lately, the last of
which contained the full text
of his fine lecture on Carlyle.
I hope you got them. I did

not hear his Lecture on London,
being all on the Evening of its
delivery - worse luck.

I rejoice to hear of the late
accession to your family & trust
the little stranger will ever be
a source of joy & pride to you &
his fond mother - to whom
please remember me affectionately.

Now I come to your kind
invitation to spend my holidays
with you - Alas, dear Annet,
though I say it with reluctance,
I am sadly afraid that that
pleasure will not be mine -
not only are my means terribly
crippled by the long, painful
& expensive year which is

now slowly drawing to its
close, but, as I explained to you
before, I dread the prospect
of spending even a portion of
the time with my brother &
his detestable affines if
I were not to do so, it would
only widen the gulf between him
& myself. However I will try
to think of a way to subdue
this big bear. Believe me, dear
Andrew, I am most grateful for
your kind offer & long to pour
into your kind ears my troubles,
hopes & fears. I will write
you again in the course of a
few weeks again on this subject.

I am getting very anxious
about

my future. The recent efforts
made to establish reciprocity
of admission has been, so far,
useless, the petitions sent in
to the judges having been
totally ignored. I am heartily
sick of being a mere clerk
& living a dull existence
which promises nothing. I
am seriously thinking of
returning to Jamaica & making
arrangements to leave my
home here. The subject is one
of demanding so many
considerations that I cannot
properly approach it in a
letter, but must leave it
to your kind hearts & strong

sense to fill up the picture).
This is one of the many reasons
which makes me long to see
you - More of this, too, soon.

Wilton & I are now much
together - He spends his Saturdays
& Sundays with me & as my
health has somewhat improved
of late I have had some
long strolls with him - A Sunday
week we made a pilgrimage
to Gordon's Grave & last Sunday
we took a long walk by the
seaside - In addition to this
I have joined the newly inaugurated
Chess Club, of which he was
Elected president, & occasionally
I visit him at his lodgings
to engage in friendly tussle.

Wilton's society is a most
delightful & grateful boon to
me &, speaking selfishly, his
exile has been a source of
perennial joy to me. Never
before, I think, did I so
fully recognise the value
of his friendship; his affectionate
nature, warm heart &
cultivated intellect have
made me lately look on
life with fresh pleasure.
He too, I am glad to say is
much better & his health is
I think firmly & established.
Next year I am going to
commence a systematic

Course of reading with him &
I hope to be able to help
him to better employments
& more lucrative gains. I need
~~not~~ not tell you how often our
Conversations here on you & the
dear circle of which you are
pale princeps, for we never
meet without paying some
affectionate tribute to the
happy days gone by.

Please remember me
affectionately to Ruth & Joe
& believe me, with every
sentiment of Esteem & Love

Thine

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(Eugene Clarking)
Sol. Hobart