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To the November 27th - 1826

My dear Jane

This is the first time for near three months that I have been able to rise from my bed, and the greater part of that time I have been confined to my bed; I am now I am happy to say, getting better and hope I shall soon be quite well again. I am now using a cold vinegar bath which Dr Paton has recommended. I already feel much strengthened by it and hope soon to be able to attend to domestic affairs. I can hardly sit still and see a number of things which I know will be left undone till I do them, but I must mind what my husband and the Dr say.

You who know little of dear Weston cannot form an idea of his affectionate care of me during my protracted illness, he has been my only nurse day or night, indeed much as I have suffered, I feel consoled with the idea that it has tended to endear us to each other, and if I did not now love Weston I should be the most ungrateful of women.

I sent you a small parcel my Dr Paton, but as you never acknowledged the receipt of it, like most sea things trusted to private hands, it has I fear been lost - I had cut you a pair of stays and had them also put in, but as I was then rather unwell I could make no explanation; now I am sorry to find my trouble has all been thrown away -

I am obliged by the sight of Mrs Adams' letter, I have already written to her twice since I embarked from England, and do not intend writing again till I get an answer to one of them; I would advise you by all means to write by the next ship. -

Although I am much indebted for your short note enclosing a letter from my warm hearted friend Mary Birchington yet even that pleasure was damped by finding that the letter Weston had written to you during my sickness had not been received, this I feel confident if on you, I am sure would have enquired after the health of so near a relative; - but this frequent loss of letters, we should think are more subject to than you, living in a district where no post is; the letter my father wrote to Weston while he was in town did not reach us till a fortnight ago. -

Of our society I can say little, having been so great an invalid - from Mr and Mrs Sherden I have received the most attention - they live about three miles from here, his grant joins Westons - the first day I am well enough to go abroad I shall go in the cart there - You may have heard the Montague's speak of them, she is exceedingly dark

father manners are so like those of a gentleman, that her
skin is soon forgotten. —

What I saw of Mr Joseph Archer I was rather pleased with, they
are on the other side of the water, so that we shall probably see little
of each other. —

Mr Littleton is building a good brick house between 3 and 4
miles from our farm, he is a very gentlemanly man, and seems
disposed to be sociable — They know reside at Mr. Thomas Archers
she is Mr A's sister, he was a friend in the same Regt Capt Pike was

I want much to trouble you to get me a few things in Hobart
Town, if they could be sent to me round by water, Montague
is constantly sending Starden round things in the Governor's
vessels, if you do not like to get it done, I will speak to
Starden myself and arrange about the shipping —

When I hear from you, will be time enough to
talk of sending the cash, and mentioning the articles

Every thing is much dearer here than the other side. —

When you do come to see me I can now promise you
a bed, which I could not do before, while my best of husband
had to sit up at night with me, ^{his} couch was two sacks of corn
and his covering a kangaroo skin rug belonging to one of the
men — One night I told my damsel her master had not been
in bed so long, I wished she would sit up one night and make
up her bed for him, at night she retired comfortably to bed
without saying a word — I fear I shall not keep her tongue
is a bad one. — What has become of Edword and Ellen.
This has been a long undertaking and I feel quite exhausted it is such
a scrawl I am half ashamed of it Your affectionate Sister
Ann

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