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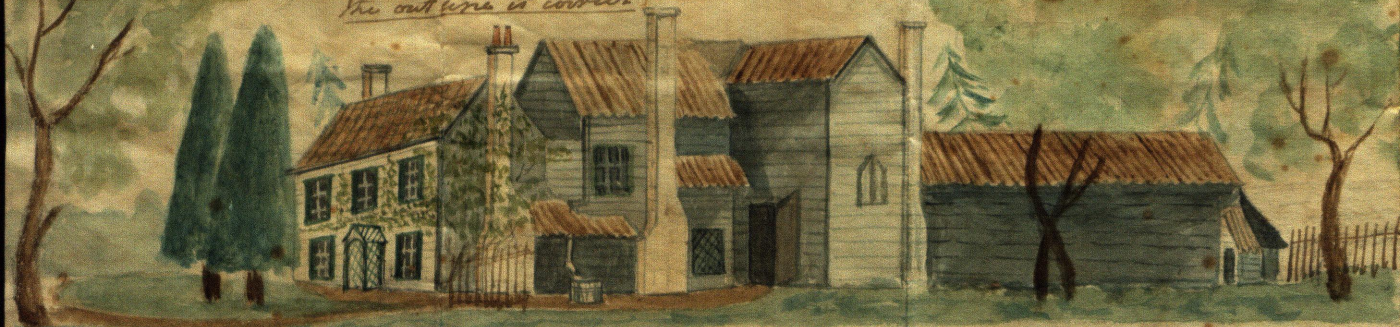
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You see Cottage Denham Bucks Dec: 5th 1849

Other letters than yours is an old saying, and
one that I must believe, and by my dear Aunt as
instance of it as an apology for not writing sooner
I have not writing to you from time to time
and I do believe I do not know the cause.
I ought to write to you and my own
sister that must be all and each of you to accept
this goodly - you do not my dear friends
have some of my having become a Benedict
and a benediction. It is to me, ~~and~~ ~~short~~
you are known the object of my choice, you
will I am sure agree with me - Perhaps I
am wrong in thinking my wife but really
I cannot help it when I write to those who
will make allowances for my partiality &
who I am certain will be glad that I
get sincerely and truly happy in each other.
I am a goodly respecting letters from my
dear Parents, still I almost fear my dear
mother will think I have been rather too busy
in getting myself for life. I have a competency
and my wife as she helps myself
I still did ~~the~~ ~~with~~
as she is in death ~~the~~ ~~her~~

careful foresight, she would not blame very much -
 At present we are living in a delightful little cottage
 16 1/2 miles from London. where we raise our vegetables our
 poultry pigeons, & Pigeons, and considering all the disad-
 vantages arising from our being poor, we manage to get
 along, without getting into debt which is our first care
 as we will know the miseries it creates. I sent you
 dear Maria a view of the best side of our Cottage I shall
 give you here a view of the best side which I think is
 still prettier. so that you will have a correct idea of it -

Two quarts of air are meant
 for two but the paper will not
 allow shading them, it is also
 candle light therefore I secure know
 one color from another
 the outline is correct



Pray excuse the manner in which it is done
 but it will I hope give an idea what sort of a
 place it is, and I am sure you will be pleased
 to think what a fine house we have. However
 small as it is it is very comfortable, we make
 up 4 good beds and 2 servants and room for
 one more also a nice sleeping room - The
 thing we want most is society - I have
 denied out since we have been here,
 the Countess of Kilgobry a very respectable
 -ant Maria married the Duke

has very lately come here he like many more
of the English Clergy has a handsome income
and not long since took compass in a beautiful
widow with a jointure of £6000 per annum, and
no doubt that his pious society will soon reconcile
the poor widow to the loss she sustained.
They called here a few days ago for the first
time and were much pleased with the Lady
and were very warm to hope she will be
a great acquisition, as she seems truly amiable
and all the world say she is very good.

I have I am sure given you quite enough
about ourselves and our neighbors
have little else to tell you, excepting the
impression that every one thinks their country
in. I am no Politician but it seems to me
that nothing in the world is wanting but strong
and decisive measures on the part of government
but there is so much said about the rights of
the people &c. that many I know would not
agree with me. But that's the way I should
always deal with the disaffected. Particularly
if there were more of character among
them. which is altogether the case with the
demagogues - You are clear for
me - but I fear Peter is not with
me this head - but he is here.

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X
Mrs Mumcewley

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Dec 3rd 1819 J. B. Nichols

