

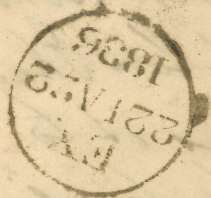
My dear sister Sally,
I arrived on Wednesday night
your most kind and welcome letter which gave me
every possible satisfaction except as it related to the
attack which your mother had after a short
interval. Learning so frequently that you were
weakened; and at an advanced age we cannot be
blind to what the consequences of that may be
and believe you will be prepared for whatever the
will of God may appoint whether it be to remain
with us or depart, and whether you are compelled
to leave her in a precipitous manner or not.
I am aware with your happiness as it may depend
of the opportunity of spending with your mother the few
remaining days of your earth: and hope you will be
assured that no motive should have induced me

to do this but a sense of the higher duty which we owe
to God, without a dereliction of which, felt it would not be
possible for me to decline what I have now undertaken.
First of all however let me say that I hope we shall meet
tomorrow night, as I have taken a place by the Tally-Ho:
and that I may be able to remain with you until we
finally leave Canterbury. This I am sorry to say must
be on the 1st of February. Monday week: at least I must
go to London on that day, as the Meeting of the Society for
Promoting Christian Knowledge, from which I cannot
be absent is held on the 2^d. and it was hardly be-
worthy while an account of the Cancer that you and
the dear children should refrain, because I am very
sorry to disappoint them; but they shall see I hear all
that they can while we are in London and there is a
concert at Mori, and they & others with Madame Dulcher
at Willis Rooms on the 2^d of February to which I will
take them if I can be had for that evening only.
I have this morning seen Mrs. Petty and her sister, who
appear as respectable young women and have
agreed

agreed that she shall go with us. The terms are to ^{be} fixed
when you come to London, and have seen her. I think it
will be a satisfaction to you to have Mrs Petty on board,
as I know you always liked her: and indeed so do I.
There is a Mrs Oliver, who is now living with Mrs John
Smith about whom I had an application before I knew
about the other: and have agreed if she likes it to
give her a free passage upon condition of her lending
her aid, if required, to you
and the girls. She is going out
to join her husband who is in

New South Wales, and is described as a very respectable
person. The two cargo in one cabin together without
adding to the expense; as I made an agreement that I
should take either one or two servants as might best
suit us. I had a pleasant journey enough to Bath &
back, and was very kindly received. I will tell you
more particulars when we meet. Since my return
I have been so occupied with persons calling and
letter writing that I have not even had time to see my
mother: but shall go presently after finishing this.

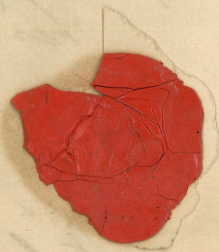
I have heard from Dr. Keate this morning. He tells me they are all well except John who has the scarlet fever and is in consequence left behind at Hartley. The attack appears very mild. Lady Darling and all her family



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have had the same complaint; and I hear of it very much about. Our dear children I hope will not be so unfortunate as to take it just now. I dined yesterday in Surrey Square. Mrs. J. has not lost her cough, but is better. Mary also is seemingly quite well. I will attend to