Dell Leighurst —

16th Octr. 1841 —

19 to 5 —

My dearest William —

I have allowed two days more than the three weeks to elapse, without writing to you, but the weather has been so very boisterous, that I feared the Steamer could not go out, and indeed I have not been sorry to have this excuse, as since the awful bed of our poor friend Mr. Haegood of which you will have heard you may suppose I have not been much inclined for writing — the shock has been so dreadful, that we have scarcely yet recovered from the first effects of it, and if we feel it so much, what must it be to his own family; I cannot get them out of my thoughts at all, and I am sadly to understand from Papa & Mr Jones that they are left very badly off — in fact we were at one time afraid that circum-

stances would have obliged them to leave the house immediately after the funeral, but they are still there. I fear they will be obliged to leave it in a few days - in which case poor Mrs M. and dear Louisa will I believe come to us. & Miss M. will go to the Jones's where Dicky has been ever since her poor fathers death. Aga has been written to, & I should think he will come to his mother as soon as possible. What a dreadful blow to poor fellow! Papa & Mama said poor dear Mrs M. and her family on Tuesday Wednesday but Emily & I have not seen them yet, and quite dread meeting them for the first time; it would have affected them deeply at any time, to lose so kind a husband, father & brother as he always was, but to lose him in so dreadful a manner, must have been almost enough to deprive them of their senses. They have hitherto been wonderfully supported, & trust will continue. To be so I cannot write much today, but must deliver Papa's message he begs me to say that he has paid the money for the corn, into the Bank for you - also that he is much obliged to you for enquiring about the land at Paterson, but that at those prices, he cannot think of purchasing; neither can he at present, do any thing about the Cedar which he spoke to you about when you were here - Poor Mr Shaw-goods death has been a great blow to Papa, they had always been such intimate friends - Since the funeral he & Mr Jones have been consulting together about looking into his affairs, & I fear will give them both trouble - I hope and trust the rains &c we have had here, this

week. have reached your part of the
country, as I see by the papers that
at most districts have had three
refreshing showers - Will our turnip

kindest remembrances. & hoping
soon to hear from you. Believe me
to remain. My dearest Willie,
Yr. sincerely attached
W. P. Brompton