St Heliers 4th February 1840

You will have been expecting my dear wife to
hear from me I have no doubt; but will not have
have had any fears on that account But will have
attributed my not writing, I hope, to its true cause:
that I was not able. After leaving you I went
on to Mr Wyndham's where I slept; next day to
Mr Scott's at Glendon; on the next to Mr Glennie's
at Dulwich; and on the Thursday to Bavensworth
whence I intended to write. But I had not arrived
two hours when it began to rain, and continued
as I suppose you experienced, during the
night and day almost without intermission.
The river and all the brooks and creeks became
impassable, and I was detained there a week
not able to communicate with any other place
I was not until Friday last that I was able to

get

got away. I reached Merton with some difficulty;
and remained there till yesterday. Last evening
I arrived here: which is the first place I have been
at within reach of a Post Office for nearly a
fortnight. On the way I called to see Sir Francis and
Lady Forbes. I thought him very much broken and
altered. Mrs Damarescq is looking very well though
thin: but I think upon the whole, better than when I
last saw her, which was when she called at our
house with Colonel D. The children are also well.
Tomorrow I am going to Captain Damarescq's: and
make my way from thence to Mr William Bell's
where I hope to arrive next Friday: and to spend
next Sunday in that neighbourhood. On Monday
I believe I am to lay the first Stone of a Church at
Fal-Brook. On Tuesday next to attend a Meeting
at
at Patrick's Plains. On Wednesday or Thursday
next week I hope to leave Glendor on my way to
Llewellyn, and there to meet you and the dear
children again after so much longer an absence
than I expected. It is not possible for me to fix
exactly the day on which I shall be with you
as the time for the ceremony at Fal Brook Church
is not entirely settled. But I hope not to be later
than Thursday week. You must have been confined
as very one else has been by the rain: but I hope
are now beginning to enjoy the country. I have been
quite well since our separation: and hope to
hear the same account of you and the girls
when we meet. Make my best remembrances to
Mr and Mrs Townshend and the Boydells.
I hope my delay has not made your visit
too long either for them or yourselves. God bless
you

you my dear Sally: believe me to be

Your most faithful and affectionate husband

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