Rosville. 4th May 1840.

My dearest wife

I received yesterday morning your letter of the 30th April; and truly gratified and thankful I was to find it containing so favorable an account of all for whom I am most anxious. The only thing that troubles me is that you do not appear to have heard from any quarter by the late arrivals any news of my dear mother; whose journey was a great undertaking at her time of life, and I should be very glad to know that she is safe and comfortably settled. However as I presume we should have heard if any thing had been amiss; I must wait patiently in the hope that all is as we could wish. I continue an account of my progress I may now tell you that after dispatching my letter to you last Tuesday, I went on from Stone Quarry to Clifton Inn where I slept. The weather beautifully fine. Next morning I had divine service at the Inn which was very well attended: and then went on to Perima, where also I had service in the evening. The

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dear Sally every day makes me feel more deeply the pain
of such absence from you. If I could come one in a week
or ten days just to spend half an hour with you, I should
not regard it so much: but I am restless and tormented
when kept away so long. Indeed it appears to me more
than a fortnight since I left home. Here
I have two comfortable rooms quite to myself: and could
find room to accommodate you very agreeably if you
could be here. As I was to stay some days here, and we
were not much more than 20 miles from Mr Macarthurs
farm, where John's father and family are living, I gave
him leave to go and see them. He went away yesterday
morning, and will return tomorrow. If you see
Alexr Rossi you can say to him that his father and
brother are quite well. I wish he did not live quite so
far from you, as you might ask him to come and
see you: but we will do so when I return. I am glad
to hear so favorable an account of Mr & Mrs Young:
and assure you that nothing would give me more
pleasure than to give our dear children as good home

to

ade as you say she has. I do not know what to say about Ellen using the horse which is at home: as he has been down, and may perhaps not be quite safe. I do not know how other people afford to have so many fine things, horses and riding habits and all that they wish. I cannot do so without spending more than we have: but as far as I have the means there is nothing I am sure which I would deny the dear children for their gratification. But take care they do not go on our horse without the fullest assurance that it is safe. If ~~they~~ you understood differently on the groom's part, I should not have felt any reluctance at their availing themselves of Lady G's kind offer: but as matters are, it would not be proper to do so, & it might be felt unpleasantly afterwards. By many it would be felt as a hardship to hold the post that I do; and yet not to be able to give our children or ourselves the indulgence which almost every one above the lowest class in this country is in the enjoyment of. But I guard myself very carefully against being dissatisfied about things