

My Dear Sir,

I record your letter at the usual time October with great pleasure I was in London and it was sent and by some means I left it there and perhaps may answer it oddly. We have a very melancholy event just now that will make my letter gloomy and prevent Catherine [?] writing at all. She had such a nice little boy 16 months old and a very healthy fine not [?] three months ago it was taken ill with .. and a month since the London Doctors told him change of air was the only thing to bring him about and she brought him here a month since but he kept sinking till Sunday when he died and poor little fellow I feel it as much as an old maid could feel any thing, for out of the 16 months of his life I had been with him 12 I had only come home a month before them after a 6 month visit. I am very fond of London Catherine and her husband are exceedingly comfortable and I dare say you recollect how fond I was of her the little darling will be laid in Darby Church yard with the family on Thursday morning, and poor John I love whom you will recollect is in a consumption he has been sinking with a bad cough for 2 years and he and I were at Brighton last summer a month thinking it would have restored him but that was not the case I am afraid there is no hope of a recovery. I have began this letter in a melancholy brain of knowing that you always

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used to sympathize with as I fancy you will still, but I will try to remember a little news in our neighbourhood as well I don't recollect whether I told you in my last that Joseph Alsop had bought your old house of Mrs. Low's family but he has and built a crop end to it exactly the same as your kitchen used to be they sure got to it. John Cowley died after rather a long illness last June and his place Mrs Radford at the horse shores bought. Well then our lease is out this March and we are leaving Lea and I suppose going to live at Matlock Bath our house is advertised but not lit at present. My brother and sister [?] have just left the [study?] and got to live at Matlock Bath the Top of the hill near the Tower, they had lived for 17 years at the study and my sister is rheumatic and the [?] that will be better if she is in a warmer climate Mr Allen takes 6 boys now it is a great change They have been 36 a family for some years, his father is living at 84 years of age.

John Hole is likely to have an increase to his family soon I called upon them last week his wife is a little interesting woman, his sister is become a mother I think. The Wa[?] are living together as usual William but delicate Mr. Waker's family are almost grown up, you inquire after my brothers family they are going on about as usual John is the father of 6 children, Mr Williams and Eliza were married last Spring. I have seen your brother frequently lately he is looking ver well and desired I would give his love to you and say they were going on pretty comfortably they are all together on the [move?] somewhere at a farm now. My nieces at Hayfield were very well a few days since Sally has 2 children and Ann 1. Joseph [Wall?] has lately lost their youngest child they have 8 living in business he has been a most fortunate

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man his oldest son is lately gone into a maroonlike house in Hule. Mr. Hubberly is still preaching at Dothick and I believe has a regular good congregation but I have been so seldom in Lea lately on a Sunday that I seldom hear him, The Goodwins are leaving Dothick And I hear young John [?] is going there and his sister.

Mr Greville I think is going on pretty well at Bonsall now, he is moderate. I enjoy'd hearing Dr. Croley in London very much he is a star of the first magnitude in my estimation. If I was in better spirits I would have written you a longer letter but I hardly feel equal(sic) to it. Catherine and all the rest of our family beg most kindly to be remembered to you. Are you really likely to marry one of the natives in your country? Do tell me all about it when you write I hope to hear from you again at the usual time with every good wish for your welfare whether married [or?] single I remain your sincere friend,

Ann Alsop