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My dear Harrietal

I feel painfully afflicted and so is your good Mother and all the family at the Departure out of this World of your lovely Bertha; We all, sincerely and mournfully condole with yourself and your dear Mary on this almost heart-sickening Occurrence: but it is not for us to scrutinize the ^{THE} degrees of Providence:

To submit with patient Resignation to such awfull Dispensations of the Divine Power, is a duty which Religion teaches us, and I trust that neither you nor the Child's dear Mother will abandon yourselves to excess of sorrow, always bearing

in mind that you have two lovely Children
left, who claim your mutual protection.

Both you and ^{Mother} and myself are
not quite well and are taking Blue
Pills, our best I may safely say that we
are both convalescent.

We all unite in kind love to you
and Mary with the sincerest wish
that you may escape for a long time
to come further family Calamities.

Respectful regards to Mrs
Jennett and believe me

Yours Ever affectionate father

W. Becker

London 1st Feb. 9 1832.

Mr H. L. Becker
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