

I have just received your kind letter of the 20th inst. and am glad to hear from you. I have been thinking of you very much lately and wondering how you are getting on. I hope you are well and happy. I have been very busy lately with my work, but I have managed to find some time to write to you. I have been thinking of you very much lately and wondering how you are getting on. I hope you are well and happy. I have been very busy lately with my work, but I have managed to find some time to write to you.

...and about the 20th of next month (if all be well)
will accompany her to ... for a fortnight. He
shall miss her exceedingly, for she is a very sweet little
girl, very amiable, very docile, not remarkable
in her attachments, but very desirous to please.
However my cousin I have but a few children, perhaps
none so lovable as your little niece. She is an elegant,
gracious little creature, nothing common-place about
her very beautiful and intelligent and most ardent
in her attachments, so sensible by far for her years
that she could not be made to neglect her heart,
and her soul would be injured by neglect. She is too
sensible that all thought of her and her fear of being
neglected, may be a source to her of this little weakness
in her character, be not so much feared and over-ruled;
however she is just one of those little fairy beings, that
would please your dear wife, and give her some share
in her to portend the best of first rate abilities,
or rather she needs only to improve her gifts.
I wish you could find her standing by my side
should I read your letter, you be best justified in
my painful anxiety, that your dear George, and the
rest gladden in his first disappointment was
visible in every feature, but this seemed to something
through his words, that my uncle has
never named me." I could read the silent comment so
easily, but I said, "you know Emily's uncle did not

know you were in York, or he would not have forgone
his little niece; this was quite sufficient, but if she
thought herself neglected or overlooked, it would have
prejudged upon her spirits for days. Oh! those long jour-
neys! how does your wife endure it? well is it for me
that Providence did not cast my lot, as the wife of a
"travelling Secretary." 5 months absence!! it seems intoler-
able to think of. Devotion and excitement may bear the
traveller through, but the dear ones at home, Oh!
the hours of blanking anxiety, I cannot bear to think
of it Joseph. I am sure as a husband and father ought
not to be subject to such long separations, you will
never endure it long; how much you lose of domestic
intercourse, but I know there is no need of saying
a word to increase your distaste. I rather ought to
strengthen than weaken your resolution; but, Oh dear!
it would shorten my life. Oh Joseph! what a poor
figure you cut in the "Great Exhibition"; I have felt
quite mortified at the remarks in the public prints
about the American department and Punch "is basking
you most unmercifully, and that oracle of wisdom
the "New York Herald," I hope feels ashamed of itself
for denouncing the whole affair as "dumb." I suppose
it is really very wonderful, and I have not heard one
word said in the public prints, or by those who
have visited it, as expressive of disappointment, is not
this wonderful? You see my cousin in spite of your
enthusiasm

About your great and noble country, neither you, nor all
the countries on the earth combined, can rival this
little spot, it is the focus of genius and enterprise, and
we ~~intend~~ intend to retain our position (as your good wife says
"if we can") as the sun in the system, the rest of the
nations like inferior planets revolving round us, your
great and mighty country among of the rest my cousins
all tending to one common centre our little mighty
England. And now to change the subject, we have
this day lost our friend Mr Stevens from Hobart Town,
he left that place since my father's arrival, so we have
had much very interesting conversation, he says my father
arrived in excellent health and spirits and seemed much
pleas'd with his new country. We hope to see him
again before he returns home which he will do in
8 or 10 weeks. you cannot conceive what a pleasure
this has been to us. Mr Stevens was accompanied
by his niece, a young lady of 14, and the most
accomplish'd musician I have ever met with, she
has sung with Jenny Lind and accompanied her in
"God Save the Queen" at the Birmingham Festival.
She is a sweet, polite, unaffected girl, which has made
a most favourable impression upon us all, my girls
and Emily have been almost wild with delight and
I am transported with excessive excitement. Such exquisite
singing I never heard. Mr Stevens has been an in-
valuable friend to my sisters ever since they went to C. D.
L. and it has afforded us infinite pleasure to have it

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