

Dear Madam Friday
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the note you have been so compassionate
as to send in favour of your protegee
has come at a most unpropitious
Season. for yesterday was the day
of paying all rents & sending in
all accounts. When I say rents I do
not mean my own for that I look fore
ward to all the year & provide for
accordingly. But there are a certain
class of honest & truly industrious poor
who in cases of sickness or other misfortune
are deprived of the means of paying
their entire rent thro' the year
And they are turned out & ruin'd if they
fall short, the landlord having the
first claim. Distress of this nature
where I know to be real & clamorous
has borne very heavy both on my feelings
& means at this painful crisis and
will very much diminish my little aid

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for some time to come even where my feelings are most interested, I fear my inconsiderate inmates are now feeling the excess of their shop accounts.

We have made out ten shillings to the girl & at any other time should have done twice as much at least. I have had a letter from Miss James full of hope & cheerful views which is much from her who is not naturally sanguine. I have put her into the hands of two Ladies who are charmed with her character & manners have much zeal & considerable influence & will I am sure exert it to the utmost in her behalf. They do not think her terms too high because the expence of teaching is included, it is only those who have the accounts of young people to keep who can understand the excessive amount of that article. I feel quite safe to

recommend her establishments in preference to any I know of, I should have told you in person of the respectful and affectionate good wishes she sends you had not our holy week been succeeded by such weather.

Mrs Smyth whom you met at our house & who is really a very excellent person (tho' a natural showman of speech gives her an air of formality) has much captivated by a manner much differing from her own & most ambitious of your acquaintance with the slightest encouragement she would oblige on you. I hope on some future occasion if your little protegee should want assistance of any kind to be less niggardly in my supply & am

Dear Madam
Your Ladyships
Faithful humble Servant

Lady Mede