

York, July 29th 1844

Dear Joseph

I was sorry to find
 the letters you lately received
 from you, that you were disap-
 pointed in not having heard
 from me (some). I will explain
 the reason of my apparent neglect.
 Your sister wrote to me informing
 me she was going to land a parcel,
 and offering to enclose some thing
 for me. I awaited receipt of the
 documents of sending a letter she
 afterwards wrote to me to say that
 she regretted the packet would not
 sail immediately, would not sail of two
 days later, but I thought it better
 with your views you to the response

of another letter, as when the par-
cel arrived the whole affair would
be explained. Your packet of auto-
graphs to Mr. South came safe to
hand, and he has sent you a
substantial acknowledgment.
The "Penny" continues to beg your
forgiveness of and the hopes
it will bring in letters from you.
That the work is the production
of Mr. E. is true, who knows
the man can have the best
about, but he does not acknow-
ledge it as his offspring and
I do not suppose he will favour
the world with another volume,
though I dare say more of his
works have found to well. his re-
putation I think has suffered

from it. I know not whether
I have ever mentioned to you
back, the wife of one of our minis-
ters, one of the most interesting
women I ever met with, one of
nature's loveliest specimens, she resi-
ded in our neighbourhood and
from constant association I
had become fondly attached to
her, but last week she was after
intense suffering summoned to
her reward. A lovely young crea-
ture only 27, she has left a dear
little girl 12 months old, too
young to feel her mother's loss. I
was present at the last moment
and saw her lying without a death
before, at last left an impression

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upon my mind which I find
it difficult ^{to shake off}. Mr. W. married a wife
in his last circuit which was
Lincoln, he leaves another in
York, and I fear he will soon
have another - I thank you
for your Conference news, I am
glad your southern neighbours
are rousing themselves on the sub-
ject of Slavery, it is a foul blot
on your national character, and
though your position is certainly
a peculiar one, yet if you were
able to concentrate your energies
the movement might be anticipated
I join with you in the wish (which
by the way is useless) that we were
endowed with a magnetic telegraph