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Sturminster Newton, Dorset April 23rd 1865

Dear Mother

This morning I enjoyed the perusal
of your interesting letter of the 21st - It was quite encouraging
after being so sadly disappointed on Sunday, the time it should
have reached me. I have during my life and a little previous
interesting and so encouraging. To think after such a long-
engagement and at such a recent time you could truly confide in me
is quite gratifying to one of my inclinations. Trusting that there
is something real in the cause which has prompted you to act.

I shall expect a bright and happy future, but not a full
that there are many things to be done to secure that confidence
and confidence, permanent. I am pleased to learn that you will
avoid me as much. Hope that you may never have an occasion
to do anything to make you happy. I hope you have used the
means of me that I can. You never me, I trust yet I cannot.

Can we go on for support in my undertaking - How
much I feel the need of your association since spending a
few days with you. Here there is nothing to interest me but
my business - My social position is "played" "put on"
I permit me to say that I am anxious to secure that asso-
ciation before long. I have been talking to my father about

I need fear nothing, all the excellent we desire is attainable. He
seems anxious to have me better understood, having the most
implicit confidence in you he thinks best would be the case.
Cousin Robert's kindness is unending, I am sure visits
an old friend soon. I could not hope from telling
him anything. Had the importance back my father's advice
and he was much pleased with the idea of having me marry -
then said "he you will be happy both and study much harder" and
and have any hope of anything living."

I was very sorry to hear of John's misfortune. I am almost
certain that I did not go and see him immediately - but you
know I had been away some time and my business neglected.
I can't wait coming over at home it was impossible to leave.
I have now made up my mind to be there next Sunday morning
when the packet whistles and lands at "Hunts Hill" the beautiful Sunday
morning. You may just know that you humble aunt.

My visit must in what will be by Tuesday morning packet.
By that means can spend the first of May with you, I have
an invitation to a grand "picnic" near New, I was a ball
at night, but I would prefer seeing you and John. I
allowing that you are again. And you may all be as usual
be then and be on the "picnic" too. I shall not
entertain any fears for my health. It is fine. There was
nothing the matter down there some fatigue, and

rainy weather during which I very foolishly informed myself
about Union Army things more to waste your time, before
I was here Sunday.

Yours Affectionately
Wm. L. Perry