

Miss Mary

I take

the pleasure of writing you a few lines though I fear the liberty I have taken will not meet with your approbation if not I hope you will. Kind enough to inform me of the fact. I think we are sufficiently acquainted with each other to consider our selves friends at least and as such it would be a great pleasure to me to correspond with you for I delight to correspond with those I love and respect. But if you think to grant this request would be doing injustice to your feelings. And would afford no pleasure for you. Please forgive me for asking
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Mr. May should you grant this request it will be a source of enjoyment to me ~~and~~ since our first acquaintance I have constantly longed for.

Through should the decision of your better judgment forbid your granting it - it will be my place to peacefully submit when informed of the fact which I hope will do at the first opportunity.

Please write soon that I may not be kept in suspense.

Will you do me the kindness of keeping this a secret -

Please excuse all imperfections

Yours truly
Henry Pecknough

Miss Mary Smith

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Pa

