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Dear Mother

Liverpool, Dec<sup>r</sup> 2 1844

I thought it quite hard that you had not written to me either by the Steam of the 1<sup>st</sup> Nov. or the 9<sup>th</sup> but I presume you had something better to do - or wished to save postage. Surely you will not let that prevent you from writing to me as often as you can write Every day or two a little in one of those large sheets of paper I left in my desk - so that I may know just what you are doing every day - but you must pay the postage as far as Boston. or it will not come to me. I fear that you may have put letters in the office. I not paid them & that in this way. I am disappointed in <sup>not</sup> hearing from you - You have in my letter by the Steam of the 19<sup>th</sup> of Nov. & of course know that I arrived in safety & that I found good friends in a lady & gentleman on board. They have been more than kind to me. & I have derived much advantage from being with them - I have so much to tell you that I hardly know where to begin first - but if I am not able to fit it all into this letter. I will write one on one of my large sheets. to come by the Steam of the 4<sup>th</sup> of Jan<sup>y</sup> - but I can tell you why this one is begun at so late a date. Mr & Mrs Polio were going to Scotland & I had an opportunity of going without incurring the expense of Sally - & besides having a gentleman along - was so much better. So leaving Sally with Mr Forkington & his wife (he used to keep door at the Walnut st) I started last Sunday afternoon (Nov 24<sup>th</sup>) for Manchester. (I thought in case any thing happened that I should not go to Scotland to see that it would be a shame to take such a long voyage, & not see Edinburgh & I did start.) and ~~now~~ have been through Scotland & seen every thing worth seeing. My letters of introduction here from Mr Polio took me among some of the wealthiest & most delightful people I ever met in my life. They treat me like a prince. I was driven out in magnificent style with covered coachman & footmen. I sat in to such magnificent country seats. I saw shows all sorts of places - in fact. I never was among people who were so kind - & you may be sure I enjoy it. I had only five letters to Liverpool - two of the people were Mr. & Mrs. Polio among the other 3. & the people they introduced me to - I was surprised

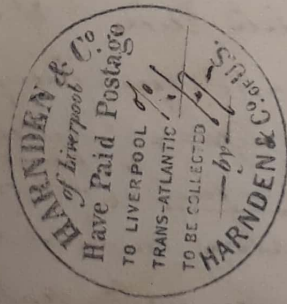
Every day. not only to dinner but to breakfast, & I am engaged there deep  
I come back here to stay any time. I have not time to tell you all about  
of their places & their kindness to me - but suffice it. I never dreamed of such  
splendour: or elegance of manner. & by the way, right kind of people  
in every way respected - well. on Sunday afternoon. I started to Manchester  
had to go in Manchester on Monday. I was down out & dined splendidly  
to show I had a letter from Mr Randall - we went all over Manchester - saw  
thing that was worth seeing. among other things a Church over 700 years old,  
going we started for Glasgow: by the way of Helwood & The Channel to Ardrossan  
very sea sick: arrived there on Monday. I raged all day for it rained - on  
morning soon all around Glasgow - saw all sorts of things. I have  
bring you home - on Thursday went. Started for Edinburgh. & on Friday went to  
Holyrood Palace. The Castle. The Tolbooth & more things. than you can  
see so much to tell you when I come home. that you can exhibit me like  
the "learned pig." went to the theatre. where Mrs Siddons Keble & Keble  
from. Don ~~Stirling~~ took passage in our English Mail Coach. of which I had  
so much. drove 10 miles an hour - horses galloping all the way - & at 10 o'clock  
at night arrived at Newcastle-upon-Tyne - (saw a fox hunt as we came along  
men a more - all in red coats - & such a number of dogs. it was a beautiful  
sight) called on Mrs Martyn - who was out - & at 12. went to work. when  
morning. I went to work Minister & heard the Chanted Service. by boys. & then  
very splendidly. but being quite ill. I went home & went to bed. On  
I was down in the crypt of St Mungo's Cathedral at Glasgow. among some  
tombs. got my feet wet. & have not had time to take care of myself. The  
is an awful diarrhoea. sore throat. &c. - but with care of myself to night I hope  
be able to start for London some time this week. - This morning I started  
& have travelled 91 miles - saw heart sick. but when I get rest (I shall  
 plenty of it in Paris) I shall be better. By the by - did I tell you  
letter to me & there was a letter waiting. which I rec<sup>d</sup> the morning <sup>after</sup> arrival. <sup>the</sup>  
me he wanted me to come to Paris: I hardly knew what to do - but wrote  
he gave me advice & I sent word I could not come. he wrote back quite  
I replied - & last Sat. I rec<sup>d</sup> a letter quite ill-tempered. saying I was taking an  
able step. & on Sunday morning down came a gentleman from London. <sup>to</sup> <sup>frankly</sup>  
me - but while the "Pathos softened the Governor was fixed" - & he went back  
on Friday I had a letter from a Mr Stirling who has taken Court <sup>and</sup> <sup>is</sup> <sup>now</sup> <sup>in</sup> <sup>Paris</sup>  
& who wanted me to come, making my terms - I had written to Buckleton <sup>asking</sup> <sup>for</sup> <sup>him</sup>  
The stability of such a concern. & I got a letter from him. saying that after

Mr Roberts would be glad of me at the Haymarket. So you see. I need not go a begging.  
I saw by the papers yesterday. that Macready had met with an accident which prevents  
his going to Paris as soon as he expected. ha ha! I shall, I think, start for London  
on Thursday (15<sup>th</sup>) if possible - remain there with Mr & Mrs Blin for 10 days. I then to  
Paris - for it is very dull in London now. & the best season in Paris. So I shall return  
to London about 1<sup>st</sup> of Jan. I remain there until I act. I have seen Ellen the  
young man saw such a falling off. Susan (saw for a few old stage tricks of Ellen's) could  
act with more spirit. & if Ellen's success is no better I saw not afraid - but I will tell you  
when I see her. By the way - I sent up to London for the new Comedy which has been  
so successful - two other new pieces - which will do wonders for Susan if she out  
has courage: Let her say to Blanche that she has the new Comedy - show him the paper  
of a criticism, which is all I could get. Let him see there is a fine part for him.  
(don't let him take the book away) John Povey can't have more than see the book,  
for it is just printed. & if she is speedy. <sup>she</sup> will be the original of Lady Alice: which  
will be as good as Lady Gray, was for me: & if they will give her the third of the 4<sup>th</sup> night  
for the benefit - let her take it <sup>each the country</sup> upon the proviso that Charles has the Copying job of  
her every night & Lewis will that it - perhaps she could go to Boston on it & play  
an evening: But if they won't give her that. I'll that. She must not let them have  
the carriage from <sup>London</sup> so she may make a good thing out of it. - & a very  
- which piece "The Mysterious Stranger" which Claret is playing for the 20<sup>th</sup> night  
in London - if I was home it is a part. I would do - if she don't do it. Let her  
his pole of it to Burton. & also a splendid piece "Don Causen" pronounced Sago de  
Barrow. I never saw such exquisite pieces & if she manages right. They will be a  
send to her - for she can make something hand some off from them. <sup>all but done</sup>  
Let Blanche have them out of her sight - & unless she gets something from them all  
they must go to Burton without fail. <sup>as I promised him - he don't let him know how they come</sup> I would wish to turn her - but ask Mr  
Marshall - to be careful I implore you - I cannot express to you my anxiety  
to be able to send these to her for they will materially serve her. & I will send her  
more by the Jan<sup>y</sup> Steamer. don't let her be at all frightened at any original  
next she gets. & make her throw dash into every thing she does: I say write to  
me without fail by the Jan<sup>y</sup> Steamer if not before & let me know whether  
you see the packet. - it may cost something. but she will reap the benefit. I must  
close for the present - for I am indeed very very sick. I can hardly see what I write.  
I have written so fast. that I have not courage to read me what I have committed. Let  
I should throw it into the fire. in despair of your being able to decipher it. so you see  
next. I say you all - Tell Edwin. I have already bought him the dearest Scotch  
cap made in Edinburgh. & he must be a good boy & love his aunt. & his niece - Thomas has

Tuesday Morning. I feel a little better this morning. I am quite feverish. I not able to go out. but I hope to be better by tomorrow. I have had a very long day. I have been writing from home by the steamer of the 10<sup>th</sup> Nov. I declare it makes me quite sick. I have had some newspapers directed to Charles. I want him to take them to Mr Harding. I have had a wish him to copy them for me. Who do you think I have rec<sup>d</sup> a great deal of attention from since I have been here. Henry Coleman & his family. they are very kind people. I had I have heard from Remy three times. he was going to the country but has written in town to see me. If I was not sick. I could have from home I should be very happy as it is. I am miserable; When I write to you again I shall be in Paris.

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I have ordered in Manchester some silk jackets like my merino ones - but with the as large as those you put in. I think will have some drawers made to correspond home. The post here are splendid & almost break my heart - I saw some splendid blands all wool (in Glasgow) of the inside & soft as possible - for 1.30. on money. Long about 2.50 for them not as fine as shawls. Every thing long - but there are things they do in London & Paris so much more beautiful that I shall not remember these - all. If I am well enough I am to go to see Mrs. Preston & her daughter to see her. Mr. Guckerman you he must have my letters for the steamer to day. Is as I saw very near the end of the he is such very good by & see bless you don't all who care for me. Miss Feb. & Helen. Mr. Guckerman  
My write to me.  
Aff - daughter Charlotte