

Batts Hms 25. 1840

My dear Mother

I take up my pen to say how keenly I feel for the very suffering attack the has recently had through - and cannot for sake the love it is the will of our heavenly father that the may be spared a little longer with us - as I am sure that recent events have prepared me for a greater appreciation of the inestimable privilege of having such a Mother as I have. I fear I have not known or appreciated thy worth my dear Mother - altho I have always cherished the greatest respect and affection for thee - I fear I have not had sufficient respect for the pearl of great price which it has always been thy inestimable privilege to seek and find - ~~and~~ in hoping which thou hast nothing to fear from any change thy heavenly father may see meet to bring about altho I hope and pray the time is not yet, that thou shall be taken from us - I have led a life of great devotion to worldly pursuits - but in the death of my end and brother Mahlan. a total change has been

brought about in my feelings - the value -
of all the goods or honours of this vain
and illusory life have been sterned
in my view and I trust I now see
them in their true light - and am fully
aware of the all important concern
of an approaching eternity - and
have concluded to separate myself from
every hindrance (with divine help) to
a state preparatory for that great
~~eternal state~~ ^{eternal state} - I have derived great consolation
from the ~~brief~~ short time spent with
them and thy injunction respecting
ardent spirits shall be strictly
complied with - I hope to be spared
to redeem in some measure the great
amount of transgression I am bur-
dened with by leading a life more
becoming the purpose for which I
was created - what is rapid is rapid
I have no power to undo our single act
and were it not for the redeeming
blood, and the divine grace of our
dear redeemer where should we find
any hope - Oh my dear Mother the
New of Sin is strong - and I have
prayed in that grace we are told
is sufficient - May I not (in the mercy)
of God have served away my day -

I have sent Philip down with a
very pretty and convenient little car-
riage - I hope it will be a comfort
to thee - I wish if shared pay thee
a very early visit - Jenn^r has
improved very much and will
I trust make a valuable mem-
ber of the community. my love
to all - and to thee more than I
can express. - believe me thy ever
affectionate and I hope dutiful

Thy
Johns Hopkins

If thou would like to see Doct^r Wright
signify it to Philip and I will
try to get him to go and see thee
- I write this in great haste and
am much interrupted

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