



Downton Sep<sup>r</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> 1821

My very Dear Sister,

Knowing that you would wish  
to hear, <sup>as soon</sup> as possible of our safe arrival at this place,  
with great pleasure I take up my pen to inform  
you how we proceeded. There was a Lady & Gentle-  
man in the coach with us who were remarkably  
pleasant & agreeable & as far as I could judge true  
pious, after travelling a few miles, the gentleman  
took from his pocket, Clarke's Scripture promises,  
which we read alternately till the evening came  
on: when we had got about thirty miles it be-  
gan to rain & continued without ~~ceasing~~ any  
intermission, till we ~~got~~ arrived here, we stop-  
ped at Oxford, & took tea, about twelve O'clock, but



afterwards I wished that in preference I had taken  
supper, for after fasting so many hours, tea was  
not sufficiently substantial, and also prevented  
me from sleeping, the night was very tedious, and  
I did not sleep at all, my Brother slept a little,  
towards morning I began to feel faint, & sickly;  
but I got better after taking some breakfast,  
about seven o'clock we washed ourselves a little  
with which we were much refreshed; we arri-  
-ved at Akham about one, where the coach left  
us, we dined there, when my Brother's cart came  
to take the luggage: my Brother & I walked to  
his house, which was about two miles and a half;  
but such a walk I never had in all my life, the  
roads were so bad, owing to the continued wet  
weather, I really thought I should never get through,  
but must certainly stick fast in the mire, we  
got to my Brother's house about five, the house is  
most delightfully situated, <sup>the</sup> scenery is beyond descrip-  
-tion. there is only another house opposite for some

distance, Mr. B. received me very kindly; John is  
much grown, William, & Joseph, are the finest &  
most healthy looking children I ever saw, as far  
as I can judge I shall be very comfortable; at  
least as much so as the feelings of my own mind,  
under present circumstances will admit, I  
inform you my dear sister that I keenly feel  
the separation, & at times I think I must cer-  
tainly sink under it, but however, God is  
able to support us even under this, if we look to  
him. I hope you will write to us before you  
leave England, give the children a kiss for me  
give my <sup>kindest</sup> love to Mrs. M. Isabella, Mr. W. Joseph  
& Lucy, Samuel, & Miss M. - Tell Samuel to write  
often to me & tell me how you all go on. Excuse  
haste as they are waiting to take the letter or  
it will miss the post.

With kind love I am your ever affec-  
tionate

Sarah Benson

May the Lord bless you Amen

Sarah Bondick

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