

London January 23, 1824

My very Dear Sister,

I have just learned that there is a vessel going off to-morrow, although I have but a short time for writing, it now being past nine o'clock at night. I am determined to embrace this present opportunity of showing that you are not forgotten by me. No my dear sister I still love you, & it is a cause of great grief to me, that we are obliged to be separated, however we must submit to the will of our heavenly Father, whose wisdom is infinite, who sees it necessary to put us into the furnace in order to purify us from the dross of sin. — I am extremely sorry to find from your last letter that you have suffered so much, & so many privations, may the Lord support you my love, and give you strength according to your Day. We cannot expect to see each other again in this world, but

never mind, we shall meet where parting  
will be no more. Let us prepare for that  
time. - I am sorry that you have left our  
people. which I fear you have, by your great  
intimacy with the Church Ministers. -

I hope you will take all the care you possibly  
can of yourself. I am sorry <sup>many have</sup> <sup>acted</sup> <sup>so</sup> <sup>ungrate</sup>  
fully towards you, I hope my dear sister you  
will not suffer for that. The Lord I trust will  
raise you up friends who will assist you. Trust  
in Him He has hitherto supported you. -

I hope the Year Children are well. Give my  
kind love to them. I hope they will be a  
comfort to you. - Do they behave well? I wish  
I could see them. -

Our Brother Joseph was dead to day he looks  
very poorly he has a very bad cough & looks very  
ill. John is ~~likely~~ promoted he has got to living  
in Somersetshire. which will bring him in about  
three hundred year. he intends removing to it in the

Spring - Samuel has obtained the Lectureship of Horn  
lydown since the Death of Mr Ddy. Through the  
interference of many of <sup>the</sup> Parish men. Sister Sarah  
lives with him. They are tolerably well. & had  
they known of this vessel going. I think they  
would have written. There is not time for me  
to let them know. - I will now say something  
about myself. my health is tolerably good con-  
sidering that I am suckling a very fine little  
girl who was born on the 8<sup>th</sup> of August last  
she is a very healthy child we have named her  
Isabella Benson. Must the Lord will spare  
her to us, but his will be done.

my Dearest Husband is not very well we have  
many difficulties - but I trust we shall be  
brought through. Adam & Mary continue  
Must the same as usual. all our friends  
are must the same. Miss Leitch spent two  
Months with me this last Summer. Mr  
Richard Smith is going to marry Dr Clark's  
third Daughter. but I must conclude my  
letter is very uneasy & it is very late. Do pardon  
Call state in writing every thing respecting

yourself & the children I hope you will  
keep a Journal and send it all opportunities  
have you got a Sewing Machine? take every  
thing I assure you we are very anxious about  
you. —

Isabella Whytall

28<sup>th</sup> January 1824

Mrs Mather

The Lord bless you — have you got a nother little  
one — with kind love to Mr Mather & the  
dear children I remain very dear sister  
because he wrote  
I am sorry there is  
so little time allowed me. Isabella Whytall