

London. August 1<sup>st</sup> - 1824

My very Dear Sister,

Though absent from you, yet I cannot forget you, and as a proof of it, I embrace the present opportunity of writing you a few lines by Mrs. Denny who I understand has made up her mind to leave England. These lines I hope you will receive, & may I not hope that they will find you in the enjoyment of better health of body & of spiritual health. <sup>also</sup> Your last letter grieved me much. O my dear Sister what a variety of sufferings have you passed through, is it not that you may be crucified to all below, & seek only "that rest where pure enjoyment reigns." I assure you I feel every hour of my life that this is not my rest. - The Lord has permitted this portion of suffering, & will not remove you hence till all remains of sin be thoroughly purged away. - The mercy of the Lord my dear Sister is boundless our gratitude can never equal the blessings that every moment crown our unprofitable lives. O what a vapour is every earthly enjoyment. - these poor remains of pain & sorrow will soon be laid in the silent grave. - I long to shake of this corruptible. to put on immortality & dwell amidst the beams of the Son of Righteousness. -

but we must be willing to await our appointed time. I hope my dear sister amidst all your sufferings you will endeavour to repel every murmuring thought & look through the dark cloud unto Jesus, who will stand by you to succour help & comfort you. he has promised to be with his people in the fire & in the water. ye & he will remain with you in the fire till

"Till like burnish'd gold you shine  
Met this consecrated pain  
To see the face divine!"

I put your trust under the shadow of his wing - well on his never failing promises. - What an invaluable treasure is the word of God. -

Credence to his word I give  
My Saviour in distresses great  
Will not now his servant leave  
But bring me through at last.

We have often heard our dearest Father give out these lines when he has visited us in our afflictions. I cannot help feeling exquisitely when I think of parted ones when we used to be altogether. & now we are separated one here & another there. we must now follow those who are gone before. we have had an excellent example in our dearest parents. I trust we shall meet them at the right hand of God were parting will be so soon.

<sup>respecting all</sup> <sup>our</sup> <sup>family</sup> <sup>My</sup> <sup>dearest</sup> <sup>husband</sup> & I continue to go on in our <sup>old</sup> way though mercy my health has been better since my last lying-in. My dear little Isabella will be a year old on the 3<sup>d</sup> of this month. she is a fine child but

very delicate. - Sister Sarah was here a few days ago. We often  
talk about you & how we wish to see you. Samuel still  
continues afternoon lecturer at St Johns Horse down  
Sarah lives with in that neighbourhood. Brother John &  
his family were pretty well when we heard from them  
last. Joseph is pretty well but Lucy is poorly & has  
been so for some time their children are well. There is  
no change in any of our family, that I know of. David  
& Mary are well and appear to be doing <sup>very</sup> well. I am very sorry  
you ever left. however I hope you will do well. Let nothing  
cause you to forsake the God of your Father. I am sure  
you feel a great want of society. I am glad you are  
with Mrs Mansfield. I understand she is a very <sup>better</sup>  
young woman. - am sorry Mary has turned <sup>the girls</sup>  
so bad as to leave you. You must be very unpleasantly  
off without a servant. but I suppose you make the Chil-  
dren useful. how does the baby go on? pray attend to  
yourself for the sake of your dear children. Give my  
best love to them. I am afraid they have entirely forgotten  
their Aunt & Uncle. - Give our kind love to Mr Math  
I hope he will be on his guard with respect to Dowse  
& not place too much confidence in him. -

My dear Mr Whybald desires me to say that if you  
have not sent the wood. he wishes it not to be  
sent as the expenses attending it will be so great  
that it will not answer. - We are surprisid you  
have not got the Memoirs of our dear Father as  
they have been sent some time ago. the Memoirs  
are hardly out & are likely to sell. The climate does

not appear to agree better with you than England - but  
I trust you are now much better. - Perhaps you remember  
Mrs Shelly our next door Neighbour she has just died in  
a decline & left 3 Children. I trust now my dear sister  
bid you adieu may God bless you & support you un-  
der all your trials. - there are many who make

I give  
well  
value

Isabella Whytall

1<sup>st</sup> August 1824

Mrs. Walker  
Mr. Walker

Robert Town

Parliament Lane



Hope you will  
write often  
do error first  
mistaken thing

enquiries respecting <sup>you</sup> who beg to be remembered to you  
both Mrs Hopwood - Mrs Everett & many others. -  
Mr Richard Smith has married Dr Clarke's youngest  
Daughter. - Father's wife is still in an un-  
-stated state. - My dear husband desires his kind love to you  
both & the children he will write you by the next conveyance. - we have  
met with severe losses & are much straightened, shall be glad of  
your ~~own~~ money as soon as you can let us have it  
I remain my dear sister your affectionate sister Isabella Whytall