

Derwent Bank 20 July 1831

My dear Father

I wrote to you last week but at Mr. Adey's desire I did not send you the letter, this day week he was taken ill of a fever and in some danger, that I wrote to you to come to Town if you could be spared without much inconvenience to yourself he has been in bed ever since, and is now suffering a great deal from acute Rheumatism he cannot turn in bed and Dr. Turnbull told me this morning it would be a month before he got round, as he was taken with vomitings last night and undid all. I have now got Mr. Weddings assist in collecting the Bills, and I think we shall get on without any further assistance, I suppose you are busily engaged with your crops, and I hope you will have some fat meat in Sept or Oct<sup>r</sup> as I have many enquiries from the different Butchers, but you had as well let me know when they are ready as I may be able to give you the information as to the stability of the Prizes. I am very full of business or I would write oftener, The Service is very anxiously expected from England, Money is very scarce at present upwards of £200000 lying over due: We have a French corvette in the Harbour and we are to have another Regatta on the Kings Birth Day.

with my best love to yourself my Mother  
Sister & Brothers I remain in haste.

Your affec<sup>t</sup>ed Son  
W. Blake