

Mr Dear Father

Wednesday 19 October
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I have been anxiously looking out for letters from you the last two posts I should have wrote last Saturday, but owing to the Report in Boston of the melancholy catastrophe that has happened to Mr Horne's family and not knowing whether it was to be credited or not I was silent. It was stated that Frank Horne had been shot while walking with the oarsman and the man had also fired at the oarsman & missed him, It quite renewed me, as all of us that have come out by the Andromeda must with violent death. I hope my mother will turn that man she has got at home out of the house, for I am sure he is wicked enough to do any sort of mischief, Indeed men do not do for house servants, I am sure she had better have some women had as they are they are some sort of protection, Poor Mr Horne was away at Cambridge Town I dare say on Magisterial duty if it was him I should resign directly, In this country all our time requires to be spent about our own affairs not other peoples, there is a

very critical time approaching I am sure every body
is anxious for news, 2 ships are signaled one
with male and one female prisoners, I have
written a letter of condolence to Edward Horne
as I did not consider I could dictate one well
enough for Mr & Mrs Horne. when you see
them next pray make some excuse for me
and inform them I feel for poor Benjamin as
much as if he had been my own brother -
I am glad to be able to send you a letter
from John delivered to me by one of the passengers
but he does not even mention his name, I hope
you have got letters from uncle William as the
sloop sailed from Liverpool - I am much pleased
with John's miniature & some parts of his letter
if he did not write in such a hurry or
so carelessly. there is a great want of carriers at
present so that you will ~~wait~~ wait much longer
without the John & what I mean

My best love to all at home

I remain
your affectionate son
W. Clarke

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