

Let the letter
 Jan 20th 1845
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My dear father

I received your of 17th Dec:
 You ordered the balance of amount
 for the guns - (£20) - He went
 to Belbourn though he was a long
 time with us I think he is
 in the situation of Pease with
 have none him good - He will
 have seen how things are
 managed the wife have rather
 a disagreeable journey to Belbourn
 in the mail

I'm glad you arranged it
for us in case we might want
to borrow money to purchase lead
with. But I do not think the
S & Co are in a position to purchase
they have just purchased 12000
pounds of lead with a mine on
it. It said to be a ^{good} ~~good~~
one - 30 miles from the port.

I must congratulate you
on your being chosen a Member
of Council.

Our wool this year is
dearly good & shall be perfectly
satisfied if we always get it.

of us when we have made
160 Bales - averaging 2900 to 3000
we have 2000 workers for the
our market is very distant
we pay much in what labour
It was said we were to have
400 Exils landed at Portland
I had I hear nothing of them now
The work is done in our
I think if John is doing nothing
he had better pay us a visit
and bring some instruments
he would pay his expenses if
he did not like the place
With kind Love to my Mother
and Sisters & Sister Germaine yours
affectionately
J. R. [unclear]

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