

Kelvedon. 9th Dec^r 1843 -

To Joseph Benson Mather

Dear Friend

Woolrobe has made a great deal of bother about granting a receipt for the Flour at one time he said we must obtain the receipt from Lavender, now he tells me he will give me the receipt to send by this Post, he said that he would include it in his Accounts as having received it from the Contractor that we must look to him, ^{Mather} for the payment I told him that we must look to the Government for payment it being the Act of one of their officers, and that we did not intend to sell our Flour at the price the Contractor obtained - he said Barton asked & obtained a high price for his, we think of £18 per Ton, but I suppose it best to leave it to thee to fix a fair price.

Thy Mother wishes thee to send half a yard of black silk velvet, some flannel if it has not been sent for before 12 yards of flannel fit for servants - some lambswool worsted for knitting socks, for Rachel. a soft hair brush such as ^{thy} Sister Sarah uses for James Bachhouse - Some wicks for the reading lamps - and a strong pocket comb for Thomas - Some twist for the Sailer and a few yards for repairing scales. For myself, Thomas wishes for a Cricket Ball. Samuel was to select one or was to be asked to do so.

Hast thou obtained anything for me in the
shape of a cloak or coat. I said I thought a cloak
would be most useful, both have their in convenience
in travelling so that it is hard to choose between
them, one thing I forgot to mention that I said
~~not~~ it should be as light as will be allowable
to secure strength - if thou hast seen anything
that thou thinkest would answer thou couldst send
a description of it or perhaps if sent down it could
return if it did not suit -

Thy Father went to a sale of Stock at Evandale it
was held on 2nd Inst but we have heard he did not
make any purchase. There was to be a sale at Britton
Jones's on the 5th which I suppose he ^{would} attend, he was
at J. Lawsons on the 4th -

Mary sends her love to her Sister & hopes she is
getting better & John says he should like to come
up in the Mary's to see her -

We hope Jas. Dichensom will not forget the plants
~~we~~ we are all very busy in putting the flower garden
in order to receive them - and thou hast not sent
me ^{a list} of those I am to send - ~~don't~~ ^{forget} the flower pots &
their saucers -

We are nearly out of quills wouldst thou send a
quantity of Onions, they are for the children -
Some Ginger is wanted & a pair of Grouse's

of the kind I selected when in Town for myself
Furlong has neglected taking the Wool. I only
discovered it yesterday. Donaldson arrived on 1st day
he is to land our goods to day. The wool was left
at Mr. Hepburns & Furlong would not take it on board on
the 4th day, Mr. Hepburn went to his Fathers the next morning
& Furlong sailed on 2^d day before Mr. Hepburn returned.
Mr. H. offered to give it Furlong on 4th day, but he would not
take it on board then, it is a most lazy & careless
trick of Furlongs, I told him we ~~just~~ wanted the Wool to
go immediately & he promised he would take it. I have
engaged with Donaldson to take it at the same price as the
former ones - I believe he will sail in a few days. We are
out of rice, I dont know whether it has been enumerated
among our wants - also a bottle of Smiths Scurvy drops for
my Mother & two yards of Black Gros de raple of the pattern, you
last thou heard what has become of Polly, the child
ask ~~what~~ if there is any account of her.

I have enclosed a letter from her Mother to Maria
it should have been sent last week.

My Mothers health still continues very indifferent -
a fever of the Intermittent kind affects her daily -
which keeps her from recovering her strength, so
speedily as could be desired.

I now enclose the receipt & include this draw
which I hope thou will excuse as it has been written at
several times & all as is usual with me in a great
hurry, with kind love to thyself & Maria I remain
thy friend

P. I believe 10 per Ton
will be a fair price
for the Flour the Gov^t
contract was £ 10 " 10

George F. Furlong

Joseph Benson Mathers
~~By Andrew Foot~~
Barbara Town

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