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My dear dear Mother

My state of health has long been such that I am scarcely ever able to take you in hand from nervous debility - and I am now suffering in many ways from weakness - I shall never write again as I have done - and have been in constant fear of losing the use of my hand & arm again - if please God I ever do get better I will give you a proof of it - but I am anxious to write a few lines, by a young friend of ours who is going to buy Deacons land and wish'd much to be the bearer of letters from us to you - by way of introduction to you or yours - if you can put him in a way of getting his bread - he is one of Miss Childers - who have lost their father - a Mr Cope a wine Merchant who paid - and many of the children unprovided - This one was with his father - and not wanting with any thing to suit him in this Country, he has a mind to try his fortune by going abroad - The one in question is a good natured and the like may say well disposed young man - and a good disposition - willing to put his hands to any thing, having work with many hands & legs since their loss of father. We besich'd the Family and were returned with the young ones - = he do not impose him upon either you or yours - to pay him any particular attention - only to give him your aid well - he is strong & willing, and will not mind about he does to get a moderate living - in any way - sh^d you be in

be out of a Pension on your Father to assist you - It might
be worth your while to make use of him - if it sh^d be to your
interest - at all events your advice will be valuable to me

I often very often think of you & your family - wish again & again - you
were near me - I often wish your advice - your consolation - we have
had many troubles - but my serious attack - and poor Thomas's
Coughs & Sore - has been a great affliction - a great expense -
which has been of serious consequence - and given us many difficulties
and to add to our troubles - we have lost ^{our} poor old servant - many
who after attending to Mr J. five months - had a long illness
and died - after living with me 14 years - and with my
Dear Mother eight - she is a very good old lady - for she was
much attached to me - and a faithful careful servant - but
I am losing all my friends one by one - I am now with Father
at Beaumont - hoping what can be done - by her Pain being for
a time - I have had many kind visits & doctor - and done all I could
to in some success - and have had more fatigue than I was well
able to bear - we have not quite made it pay expenses -
The season is now at an end for the present - and all are
going home - I and I fear it will not answer to return
again - and if I do not get better - I sh^d not wish to be gone
there - I was very much delighted to hear of the marriage
of Dear Susan & John - and truly & sincerely wish them
every comfort and happiness - I wish my poor Girl was well

Wished - that I might see her provided for before I leave this
World - and a kind protector to shield her from the snares
of a selfish world - my head is so constantly bad - that I often
scarcely know what I do or say - and I am not very comfortable
in my mind for many reasons - it will give me great plea-
-sure to hear from you - all particulars of every one of you -
and what poor George is doing - give my very kind love
to Mrs Mearns, and all the family - they have my constant
and daily prayers - and wishes for their society - which is
now in my declining years - and become ~~in~~ ^{as}
a great consolation to me - I wish ~~some~~ ^{some} these were
whom I love - and who can love me for what I have been
to them - I have been much to many - but those are
far away - and Lucia is so much taken up with her books
and poetry - almost too close to be the companion I some-
times stand in need of - If I get better I will write & tell
you so - if not - believe me you will as ever live in the
Heart & mind - of your devoted & ever affectionate Sister
Louisa Anne Threlkeld

Leaving for

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12th May 1837

When I had my melancholy attack Mrs. Hensley never
 once call'd upon me - nor have I ever seen her since - ~~but my~~
 Brother John having capt. Bismarck makes a black there Mrs. John
 Astar - he has very well to do - and was very kind when we were
 ill - but there was some few - with breads in the wrong place -
 Yours has ever been in the right place - and so you have ever
 proved to your Dear Mother - I wish - may God reward you for it -

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June
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~~of Meredith's copy~~
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As letter from a travelling friend - raises the dearest spirits - and
 in you I have never been depressed -