

My ever Dearest Love,

My sorrows almost overwhelm me
I certainly love my Father to Idolatry, his dis-
pleasure I cannot endure, if I never marry I
cannot do it without his consent, my Dearest
Robert do not distrust my affection for you
I love you as I love myself, of this, I am but too
conscious. I think of giving the inclosed to my
Father, I've read it & candidly give me your
opinion. O my dearest love had I but an heavenly
Friend in whom I could trust. yet let me intreat
you to pray without ceasing. For the word of God
saith 'none ever trusted in him & were confounded'

This letter reveals the
disapproval of the
Revd. Joseph Benson to
the attachment of Ann
and Robert. He later
gave his reluctant
consent to their engagement.
They were married on
the 16 October 1811 at
St. Luke's Church, Old St.,
London.

Ann Benson to Robert Mather

1811.

then of course, continue to acknowledge God, that He
may direct your steps. Let the word of God
be the rule of your conduct; then you cannot
err, remember the Judge of all the earth
will do right, should it not then be our
greatest concern to have his approbation.
I have such an incessant pain in my head, and
my spirits are so low that it is with some dif-
ficulty that I can come to see you to day, indeed
I am almost sick of life, was it not for a
future state I would no longer endure this
miserable existence, but you must forgive me
all errors & continue to love & pray for you

truly sincere & affectionate

Friend M