

L P June th 1829 -

Dearest Love

My inclination would lead me at all
to coincide with your wishes, and I am sorry
in the present case it is not in my power to do
to act conscientiously towards others, as I would wish
to act towards me, has long been my motto; but,
far I have gone by this rule you are the best judge.
respect to inviting Henry to return, you will know
I hate compliments, my maxim is sincerity: if he
back he must sleep in ^{my} room, and I must dress
and comb him myself; as your daughter says
will not be Mr T's servant any longer; his time
I must wash myself for our new dairy woman
even me a sufficient specimen of her washing.
says, it cannot be expected that she can wash
four young children; so that I shall be under

March 9 1830 -

My very dear Love

Our wants being few, we have not
sent up the post - Mr Hensley has returned the
Coater because it is like a strait jacket upon him
he will be obliged by your sending, by old John, some
nails to the pattern he has brought, about 6 fifty will
probably be sufficient; if you think it proper to
send us half a sheep, you can do so; for we have no fresh
meat remaining, and you know, that I have not eat
the salt meat - I have just received a comfortable
flannel gown, for which I feel exceedingly obliged to
you, also to Sarah for getting it made so nicely.
On Sunday, I could not help feeling very uneasy until
Joe returned with the Mare, about three in the after-
noon, between five and six in ^{the} evening Andrew brought
your letter and the P of Sea - after that I felt perfectly
satisfied, and think you acted wisely to stop at home

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I told Mr Hem-ley, that as you could not come, I should
wish him to read to the Men; he replied most certainly,
but, as he did not understand the singing, if I had no objection
he wd read the evening prayers instead - he did so, and we
concluded the day in a pleasant and profitable manner
I have some reason to hope that he is not a stranger to ex-
perimental religion, for he has evidently read and studied
the Holy Scriptures. - my cough still continues to give me
some trouble - may the will of God be done in me and by
me - be grateful for all your mercies -
remember me affectionately to the dear children -
John and Samuel also send their love -

Yours truly affec^l Wife
Ann Mather

On Saturday I shall send Anne, unless it is very wet day

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