

Albert Brown

My Dear Father

3/19/72

Esther Nathan has gone to her "happy home in heaven" her last words distinctly heard - were "happy - happy - Heaven - " I is or happy Marion" was her frequent expression - She wished a message sent to Dr. Dixon as to her decease, remarking "It will be dismal news for him," but immediately checked herself - and said "No, happy news -"

She continued conscious until between 7 & 8 o'clock on Fri. day evening, then gradually sank, departing a few minutes past nine - very peacefully. Dr. Walker, who was present, remarked that it might truly be called a peaceful end.

I suppose it will be best for them to come to town early. Dr. W. has taken charge of her trunk containing securities &c and has left it to take her for the present.

The funeral is to take place tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock - I am positive not in early as that an earlier time was found best than was at first thought of -

The service obtained proved a great acquisition, very kind of attention, but not to more or -

Love Nathan is seeing to arrangements & I have been taken this morning - and am pleased

To hear such news from Dr. Constatian - I am surprised writing a few lines to Sister Mary - I have had an envelope addressed for some days and intend sending the letter tomorrow - with the Quilt to her Domestic Meeting, which I had quite lost sight of until I thought of writing, when it occurred to me that the Quilt had not been sent away - Soon after the Annual Meeting I took up the Correspondence and attended to each in course, leaving the S. C. to send a letter with - It was our untidest accident since I think I have had my hands so full that I have had difficulty at times in getting on from day to day - However I hope to believe that we have no ill will, and I feel quite clear as to any blame, though I am very sorry for the delay - The spirit of S. C. 2 months meeting is a course that never has been adopted -

I was much surprised last 6 May evening after writing to thee to hear there was a report of the first sales in the Mercury F.C. market - carrying off the high prices, almost the highest - coming very cheaply to the modes - indeed, considering there is cold water washed, there is a better price - I am pleased to hear that Corby & Co sent the particulars -

I omitted last mail to send a parcel & cheque for Brother Thos' Apples - I obtained a high price for them, better than has generally been given, selling them this together, both turned out well - but some of Thomas' cases were very small and objections were raised about them - Thomas has just come to convince me about Sarah Cole's case - My young man "Jery" was brought some weeks ago by Peace and another man, and was upbraided for his wickedness which was the means of turning the jail up - John Swearing was freely taken about, which was confronted, and Peace was appealed to as to whether he did not say all that was stated in Court - he confessed he did and that he said the same to the matter the next morning but he was taken by surprise he - The man who was with Peace then began to bounce a little - calling out you know very well my friend the joyful order - Jery replied that he did not - Give up the plea the man said - it was two horses and you know it - I think that both men must have been in league from their manner of proceeding by Jery - but it was dark, when he was going to the jail, he must have by his voice but he could not tell what

the other man was. It was a pity he did not endeavor to draw them on to one of the street lamps so that he might have been able to identify the juror - But he said they were too busy cough in their language and tried to intimidate him - He said he was not to be harmed, if he had perjured himself he was liable to the law and was willing to submit to it, but he would not be stopped in the street in such a manner - The Police Office was the proper place to catch it where he was ready to go at any time - The assertion that Mrs Hooper appeared to come out unadvisedly - but it did come out, and was expected by the man on Long Street. I have no further word about Ping-jone. George Walker is desirous to go down by the Kingston.

Dear love to all

Thy aff. son

J. Mather

Memo of
17/1/80. A man who was in Grace's company said that it was Mrs Hooper that presented the forged order and not Henry Cole, and that Mrs Hooper was paid to say that Henry Cole presented it. (Signed) James Mather Gray