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My very dear Father

I have just received your letter with Lady Northrop's note and answer as you desire immediately. But first must tell you that the adverse winds which kept me at sea was alone the cause of my not writing on Monday as I intended but that my last letter will explain respecting who the Power of serving one. As Admiral Dundas has I believe nearly the whole management of the Navy Board but whether he will remain in office or not now that Lord Grey M is out I do not know. The new account is running out very fast it will indeed require a large book and I shall be obliged to go to Worcester again to clear accounts. When I last wrote my mind was so agitated by that unhappy circumstance at Swansea that I filled the letter with self. I am delighted to hear you had the usual collection. I did not forget you that day and prayed that you might be supported thro' it, I know you must be but what I most feared was that great anxiety joined to the fatigue and both combined make you ill. My fears were groundless and I have much to be thankful for. Is Falmouth really too far if you travel by easy stages and if I come and meet you? But it is almost too much a happiness to expect to see my dear Father here when I have said perhaps we may have a visit from Mr. Lake. "Oh if he would but come." and directly I believe you would almost be made an idol of. I do not despair of it tho' the journey may be too long just now. You will be glad to hear that my sister is much more at ease. I have written Captain Powell telling him all the circumstances 'tis most painful thing to me but I think I have done what is right. I was at a prayer meeting last night which I enjoyed more than anything of the sort since I left you. The Chapt. read was the 1st. of the 2 of Timothy which you quoted in a former letter, and I could not help wishing it was you I could hear reading it. I must not forget to thank you for the letter to my dear sister, she prizes it as a treasure and prays for does not forget to tell me sometimes "Mind you are in my charge" I endeavour to follow your devotion and pray for the teaching of the Holy Spirit I certainly do hope that God and will carry it on but I must say what you will laugh at me for I cannot feel I want to love Jesus and hate my and I hardly do one or the other and as I cannot do either of myself pray that I may be enabled to wait the Lord's time. Give my best remembrance to Miss Woodward and Miss Price I told my of Miss W's offer she returns her best thanks and regards for it but Worcester is rather too long a journey for an invalid. She I am happy to say is better.