

Adieu my dear Cousin and be assured
any thing relative to thyself will ever be
particularly interesting to thy affectionate

Cousin
Ellen

Doncaster 19th of June 1821

My dear Cousin!
I cannot express how
much I am obliged to thee for thy very
acceptable letter and piece of Poetry, the
perusal of which afforded me the great-
est pleasure; the sentiments as well
as the poetry of thy address to the King
quite delighted me; I was also partic-
ularly pleased with Lulladen, Ode to
Brougham Castle, & To the ruins of Carthage,
and I think the Sonnet to the Moon extreme-
ly beautifull. I confess I am an enthusi-
astic admirer of Poetry; but as my Father
and Mother are rather particular, what
Books we read, I have not had an oppor-
tunity of reading the works of some of
our best Poets; though, by some means
or other, I have seen specimens of most
those I have seen of; Byron's, and Moore's,
have particularly delighted me, as they
possess in my opinion, the true spirit of
Poetry. Mr. H. White, (whose Remains we have)
is a particular favourite of mine, as his

Post Paid
Margaret Abraham
Duchess
Post Abraham
Cousin

P.S. My Sister desires her love to thee and Aunt
and wishes me to tell thee, she much ad-
mires thy pieces of Poetry

sentiments and feelings are so congenial
to my own. It is time to apologize for
troubling thee with my uninteresting
remarks, but there is nothing occurs here
that would be at all interesting to thee,
I am fully sensible how unworthy I am
of thy correspondence but I value it too
highly willingly to relinquish it, for
if thou hast a few moments to spare,
be assured, thou couldst not devote them
to give greater pleasure to any one than
by writing a letter to thy cousin Edith

Aunt Ann received a letter from
Aunt Margaret informing her she does
not intend coming to Dorchester this
winter, it certainly would be very plea-
sant to me to have her near us, especii-
ally if it were an inducement for thee
to pay us a visit, a circumstance that
would afford me the highest pleasure; but
I fear I may not at present indulge
that hope, as I suppose thou art pretty
closely engaged; I may tell thee my Father
& Mother were much pleased with thy
company they desire their dear love to thee

my Uncle and Aunt.

Thy information respecting the
new Canal was very interesting, also
that respecting the Election which (as thou
says influences the County Election) is a
subject on which I am always much
interested. I should much like to know
thy opinion of Brougham, who being
a great favourite of mine, I do not like
to hear spoken of in the manner I fre-
quently see by some (who were once his
admirers) on account of his Bill on Educa-
tion. I certainly cannot ascribe to him
the measures many do. I may not be an
impartial judge but I cannot believe
but what his opinions are the same
that ever they were, and from what
I hear, he continues to act upon them.

Aunt desires her dear love to
thee, & wishes me to say, that if thou art in
want of a Suit of Clothes, Aunt will pay for
them if thou wilt get them, & if there
is any other article of clothing if thou
wilt inform her either by writing to me or
by Aunt Margaret's letter she will send them
she also intends sending thee a great coat
the same time. Aunt desires her dear love
to Aunt Margaret and intends writing to her soon

of too sincere pleasure for me to abandon it on that account. What is peculiarly unfortunate, is, my Sister not being at home; for altho' she is in Town, yet she is so closely confined that we have little opportunity of seeing her; & I am conscious thou wouldst have derived more pleasure from her society, than I fear thou wilt from a near relation of hers I could name. My Sister was requested about 3 Months ago to assist in a School taught by acquaintance of ours, in the place of one of the Mistresses who was ill, but who they then hoped would have recovered in a few weeks, but that not being the case, she being now no better, my Sister was prevailed on to engage until their Vacation the 10th of 6th Mo. I think thou mayst believe, at first very lonely, but I have now got ^{more} reconciled to my situation, but I much regret thy being deprived of her company.

Thou observes it's being extraordinary our having so long corresponded, & without ever being personally acquainted, and so it must certainly appear to any one who knew of the circumstance, but I could readily explain in a few lines of Poetry the origin of all my feelings respecting thee, but this I shall offer until we meet.

Thy last was written in a season that gave me some pain, but our feelings are very various, mine at least are so; so that I trust ere this thine have assumed a more cheerful tone; perhaps thy severe cold, & which thou then had, might tend to depress thy spirits, and lead to thoughts of too melancholy a nature, for me to know of thy indulging in, without giving me uneasiness.

Thy Sister was disappointed and appeared hurt, at thy not particularly noticing her message, which I gave an very short, but I assured her that thy time and attention were so fully occupied, as to preclude thy writing to her as otherwise thou wouldst wish, that it was very far from thy intention to slight her, as she would be convinced when she considered thy engagements, which I remonstrated her of, but I fear did not quite reconcile her, and as I am sure it would be far from thy wish to hurt any ones feelings, I must request a particular message to her in thy next.

I must request a few lines informing me the day we may expect see thee, & Father & Mother I promise me to give their love and say they shall be glad to see thee; altho' the former will not have much of thy company, as he intends for London, & the yearly Meeting happens in the next month; thou must consider our house thy home, my Aunt's being too small to accommodate thee, for which I am not sorry, as I shall probably see that account, have more of thy company.

My Aunt desire their dear love in which my Sister would unite did she know of my writing, my Cousin M. wishes me to tell thee she shall be much pleas'd to see thee, in which I cordially unite, & sincerely trusting that no adverse circumstance may occur of depriving me of that pleasure I subscribe myself thy affect. Cousin Ellen C.

Doncaster th Nov. th 1824

My dear Cousin,
I fear thou wilt have thought me long in acknowledging thy last letter of 2^d Mo., but as this will be the last thou wilt receive from me, (except at thy request,) ere we meet, I thought I would defer sending it unapproaching; but altho' the anticipation of that event has long been a source of great pleasure to me, which increases with the near prospect of its consummation; yet thoughts intrude of a less pleasing kind, when I contemplate ^{that} a reality, which I used to indulge as a pleasing dream; and thinking on ^{the} pleasure I should derive from thy society, I forget the infinite difference between thy present associates, and thy friends at Doncaster, or if thoughts of that nature did occur they were soon expelled as intruders on my schemes of happiness. There is only one of my friends, to whom I can introduce thee, from whose society I can expect thee to derive much gratification, & from whom I flatter myself thou wouldst; she is my particular friend and some of my happiest hours are passed in her company; she is not what we term a "Friend", which is one principal reason of our intimacy not being sanctioned; but her friendship is to me a source

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