

Birkenhead July 18th
Little Malis

Dearest William

After a glorious day it is now
a beautiful evening & I sit with open doors in
the low but clean parlour. It seems quite a week
since I breakfasted at the hotel this morn^g. - I should
have been my experiment. I see of first this with
Bansford ^{pleasingly} the stone pipe hole in the roof for which
I desire a pipe & one of my best men sitting the clock
going. Between these wants would fill a volume
suppose it say that the cottage is scrubbed from
the roof to the cellar by an industrious Irishwoman.
The improvements may in a general way be said
to be done altho I notice windows wanting buttons
doors handles & the blue cloth with some a lock or
outside. The kitchen is not boarded down to the
ground & as the rest of the house is painted I don't
know what Sygate intends to do to it. The colour

of the point is very nice. Sil Rankin that
the boat is safe at the same time has been hammering
at the steps of the jaddock. All the embarkment
of logs are built up outside the pier on the
shore is completely washed away as well as the boat
& backing-house steps. Most of the logs are scattered
about in the neighbourhood but I shall not
touch them until some of the boys come to help.

Most of the powder bins are jerping above ground
& the shubert's boat & myocans.

Thus it will add that Mrs Carpenter & I abd
drive to the P. O. She from the steamer & I from the
train at the same instance. They have a storm
to leave as to come. The Captain to shelter some
where for 6 or eight hours. Mrs C. is comfortable
settled at the Hotel the only inmate there.

Mrs Major has her old mother's document in her
house making it ready for her reception next
Sunday. Mr & Mrs Mr. Leach as you know
are also here & the Bathurst. - I hope that you

Now able to read my Great-Cousin I did not bring
ink & it could have been finished. It was chiefly
about the Charge - must for the barrels. I shall
feel quite disappointed if you cannot reclaim
the money it was a most unnecessary expense. There
were little pieces of rope tucked on to the barrels ready
to attach the charges & there wd not have been a question
as to their being carried for. I shall enclose the receipt
I got if purchase it can help to recover the money
\$13.25 for furniture \$14.50 for Express & 2 Cents - \$1.10
for Pullman. 75 for Carriage. Hotel \$1. Chambermen 50⁰⁰ make
\$13.10 added to travelling expenses!

I have had my thoughts so occupied with my
surroundings that I have only had cursory thoughts
of home. I hope the girls had a good time of the
wedding & that the party off well. My best love
to Mary Jane & Edna. Like the former that I must
be fast giving good advice to the latter. Now I expect
her to be happy by it - the only thing I have yet
missed is the key with glass which I intended
to bring & it was left in the sewing room. I shall
also like some white flowers for the center of my
bed. - a bridal rose or white pansy or white

Prof Hays's grounds are very sufficient
but his hens are nearly all dead. Puss are
greatest taste.

Shirley is a pretty long epistle from
a very sleepy wife. Letters by grand
arrangement must be mailed at night
as the post leaves at 6 o'clock a.m.

I feel very well & at Mrs's house have
busy & am really not more tired than
is maternal & healthy - just enough to
make sleep come easily.

Mrs Carpenter has lots of delightful
books. I quite long to read some of them
with all love & haste to have seen
from home. believe me ever

Yours loving wife
Maryant.

Shirley day evening

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Jan 19