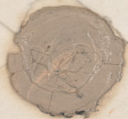


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Thursday evening

Dear Margaret,

On Monday I was so thankful for seeing you at all, that I did not so much feel the disappointment of not being able to converse with you, till after I had left you. In the days that have passed, since, however, I have felt as if everything were quite as bad as before, with the additional aggravations that I had caused much trouble to you, and had perhaps greatly offended your mother.

I fear that she will think
that I spoke rashly and
harshly to her; if so I am truly
sorry, for I feel that I owe
her too much to have any
right to complain; and though
I think that the right of de-
cision belongs alone to you,
you know that I have not
attempted to advance my
own cause by disparaging
the influence which either
the authority or feelings
of parents ought to have.

Mrs Bell informed me
yesterday that it was Mr Horburgh
your mother wished to consult.
I remember that when here

before, I thought him to be
a good man, and I hope that
God will guide him to advise
wisely. My chief reasons for
writing now, are to ask you
to inform me as soon as pos-
sible of the result of his advice,
which I think your mother
said she did not object that
you should; and to say that
if either your mother or you wish
me to see him, either to hear his
opinion, or to give him any in-
formation that I can, I am
very willing to do so.

I hope too that your mother
will not forget my
request that I should have

an opportunity of seeing her,
before next month.

By far the hardest part
of this whole affair, to me,
is that it should cause
so much pain to those whom
I have least wish to injure
and most cause to respect
and love, and especially to
you. How can I hope to repay
you for all the trouble you
have already been put to. I
cannot however cease to
hope that I will be allowed
to try to do so.

William

If your mother suspects anything
treasonable in this note you may
show it to her.