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Portobello. Brighton Crescent West
Sept. 20. 1842 - -

My dear Margaret.

To write or not to write has been the question at issue for several days past, and the following are my reasons for having delayed - I had but little, indeed only one subject of importance; my thanks; to communicate. I was afraid of troubling you with a letter when among strangers - Lastly new friends, and new scenes will have engaged you so much, that correspondence was not requisite to pass away a few of the fleeting moments - I sought to have put these out of sight, and sooner acknowledge your very much esteemed note, together with the acceptable present contained. For both I tender my warmest thanks (these are common place terms, but they are sincere -). Now may I without being thought by you impertinent repeat a request often before made, never possibly denied, still not granted. It does not require me to name the old story, letter writing, the boon I crave is an answer - Here is a digression from returning thanks, to asking a favour. I was led to it by chance almost, the sight of the note did it - Again I must take up the weighty point, and add my hope of your complying with the above request, to thanks for the short but delightful epistle. I have no wish to prove a "bore" on this point, and must

Crave forgiveness for saying so much -

I called on the Saturday and was astonished to find you fled, but somehow, the idea had entered my noddle that you would be off with your mamma - ~~The~~ servant spoke of ill health as the cause of your flight, I trust you are better, or rather that the girl was in error - you left an address for Mrs Bell which I believe, and at the same time took the liberty of copying -

Having no engagements for Saturday afternoon I went to Daltryth - (the day you left) - I spent a happy evening with Mr & Mrs Cleghorn, they were well, and so was the dear Child - "I'll be well" I mean to walk to their dwelling tomorrow, and have another pleasant hour or two - Mrs Bells family have left Porto, they are all ^{in good health} well Father Mother being &c - This is yesterdays report, I met Mr B in Georges Square - Mr & Mrs Phinrose are very well, and ^{are} at present engaged in the evenings surveying the empty houses round about their neighbourhood in quest of one for ^{Mr} Mr. Geoghegan - is that right spelled - Marion talked of writing you on Saturday last, so I suppose her letter has reached its destination at Marions I had the pleasure of Mr Gordons Company to enjoy the music, he was so kind as afterwards to see me safe to Porto bello, along with a Mr Richardson, picture

up on the road - Another piece of good news is that your
dear sister Mrs P. is decidedly improved in appearance within
these few days, indeed she feels better, and certainly
looks so - Have I any more news, you are in the
land of politics and newspapers, so to mention that the
Queen is arrived in safety - is Pipers news - I may
just ~~mention~~ ^{state} that my Brother James saw a copy
of the Lexan Lariff in the Sun newspaper (London) of the
13th (Tuesday)

I hope that your dear Mother is well and has enjoyed her
trip, no doubt you are better, change of air and scene
will have made you "as you were" - such is my wish.
You will be astonished at me troubling you with so
much scribbling, if you are angry & I hear on your
return to the quill and tom of Edm^d - my apology
will be tendered -

My best and kindest wishes are at your service -
With love to you I remain
Yours very affectionately

P.S. Excuse the tautology in this letter
if such a name it deserves, having been
written hurriedly -

David Walker