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Dear Miss Merce

I have your returned of yesterday, for the inclosure
accept my best thanks, and be assured whatever may be its
value, it is not underrated by me, I can hardly believe it
is done by the hand, the Wickensaw is so beautiful
It was because I know you had more good sense than
spend much time in reading Newspapers & interesting yourself
in politics, that I sent them, ignorance however (even
amongst Ladies) regarding the mighty events that are now
taking place in the world (particularly in the East) is
inexcusable, when information regarding these may be obtained
by reading the Summary of any weekly paper, which would
not occupy more than ten minutes.

Eliza sends you her kind love, and says she will

I see I have written this on gilt paper you will probably
think the very unlike me, but the truth is I could
find none other in the House & am confined to
my room to day with a pain in my side -
Some folks here, have been saying that you are soon
to change your Name, you remember of having
once said, if such were the case you would
make it no secret, it is therefore possibly true
M.D.

Sabbath afternoon
Not having a Queen's Head and the Post Office being
shut, you will have to pay 2 for this letter, under the
wax of the letter you will find of which will pay
for the Music & postage, Please send the money for
Post. M.D.

write you in the beginning of next week, it is not
improbable she may visit you about the New year, but
I very much fear I will not have it in my power, altho
nothing would give me greater pleasure, inclination says
go but duty says stay at home and mind your
business. They may possibly however part, altho it only can
be for a few days,

Mr John Dow has gone to the English College
to prepare himself for receiving Holy Orders, Rome
I suppose will be the next step -

Would you be so kind as send me Mr C's of
Hullah's part music price eight pence, it was published
the 1st of the month -

Give my kind respects to all the Members of your family
& believe me Yours very

Sincere friend
Alex^r Smith