

Friday [c. 1850]

Dear Margaret,

I have lost another lecture night. Thursday was very wet and so few appeared that they thought it better to put off till Monday. I hope I shall be able to make it up on Tuesday, as we not to miss my time. To day I have been enquiring the prices of carpets & pottery, with the views of consulting you before buying. I find, as I mentioned before, very good three ply carpets for 5/- and the next quality good commonest carpet at 3/6. I can get a nice pattern of the latter, if you think it will do. There is a coarse kind of strong looking carpet for 2/- which might perhaps do for the bedroom or lobby. Straw carpets from 1/-, good for 1/6. Cotton Crumpled cloth 1/2 to 1/6. In pottery a good article for summer use, including the article you mention for £2.15 the common Willow is much cheaper. Breakfast things (what they call white china) plain at 35/- for the set, as you mention. Finishes 6/6 upwards for

Cat, moulded of course cheaper. I have bargained for a sideboard chifferniere or cabinet, just as you please to call it for £4. It is to be 3ft 10 long 18 ins deep inside (2 inches deeper than Mrs Manning's) and to have solid doors, which hers has not. An estimate for these things may be as follows

1 side board	4 - - -	
1 Table (long & narrow)	1 - 10 -	
35 yds carpet @ 3/6	6. 2. 6	
25 - do @ 2/	2. 10. -	perhaps more of this (Lobby)
15 - stain do @ 1/6	- . 15. -	
10 - crumpled cloth @ 1/6	- . 15. -	
Pottery - any	5 - - -	
Hardware -	5 - - -	
	£ 25. 12. 6	

This is nearly as much as I shall be able to spend on such things here. There may however be necessary things not included in the above list which I might require also here. I think chairs, stoves, tin ware, & many other things can be got as well in Pictou. Can I do anything about Window curtains?

Saturday

I received your letter yesterday afternoon; you will see from what I have written above that I did not suppose you had

my devoted intention of coming. Since
you have however, it is of course all the
better, and the thought of meeting and
embracing my own Margaret so soon as Mon-
day is quite an exciting one. I have never
turned your intention to Mrs Marvin so that
she may be in readiness. I send you a
plan of the locality in case anything should
prevent me or some one from meeting you.
The place is known as Fort Maffy and is near
the Chapel of Ease which every one knows. On turning
the corner at the Chapel of Ease there is a space
without houses and Mrs W's is the third door
you come to, ^{on left hand side.} I shall endeavor to find out
when the stage is likely to be in. With good winds
it ought to be by 7, but of late it has been
much later, and once I think did not get over
the harbour till next morning. It is most likely
that it will come just when I am at my
Clap, or between 8 & 1/2 past 10. If the weather be bad
or threatening, you should wait till Friday; as we have
scarcely had a fine day however since March began,
there is likely to be some improvement; it is beautiful
to day. Be sure to wrap yourself well up, as the
mornings and nights are still very cold. Give

strict injunctions not to change your system of
diet for little boy, while you are away. Dear
little fellow, it will be quite a blank in the family
not to have him here; but I am sure it would not
be safe to take him.

May God grant you a comfortable and safe
passage you come and all assurance that it is
for the best if you are prevented from coming
you are loving husband
William

Your letter rec. 2/10/00

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