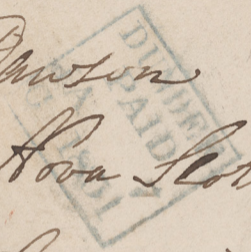


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My dearest Margaret

After allowing so many  
months and even a year  
to pass without any  
communication having  
taken place between us  
I feel incapable of  
making any apology for  
my remissness but not  
withstanding, still I must

but allow you to suppose  
it has been a willful  
neglect, do say often talk  
about yourself more than  
once have I sat down to  
write you lately, and since  
somehow always been inter-  
rupted. At the time your  
last letter reached me  
I was just recovering from  
a fever with which I was  
sick the day after poor  
Billie's death, and after

that the declining state  
of my beloved Mother's  
health kept me very  
anxious, and took up my  
attention. O, my dear Mary I  
cannot tell you sad and  
depressible to the loss I have  
sustained, she was my only  
consolation and ready at  
all times to hear all my  
little griefs and joys and  
share them. Sometimes  
fell as if I were alone and  
could no one to open my

kind to, tho' My Sister  
is always very kind, while  
she has her house and  
family, to take up her  
attention. My dear Father  
I am glad to say is enjoying  
excellent health. His doctor,  
better than for some years  
past. He feels a sad, sad,  
blame, but as he says we  
ought not to sorrow as those  
who have no hope, for she  
gave us every assurance that  
her hopes were resting on the

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Am perfectly recovered; having  
just had that blessed remedy  
and only the grace of God  
has in the wisdom of their  
for me. I have been  
some time, but I have  
family she has. I must  
into your own house, I  
are not to be there, but  
Margaret and I thought  
you part of the plan, had a  
the same name. I am  
Colonel's good work, know  
very well, but as much  
with the Col. as long as  
I have been very sweet  
which was at Cambridge  
with him. I hope you  
of the day, no doubt will  
I hope to be the paper