

My dear George

Since I closed my  
 letter it has occurred to me to ask you  
 to get a piece of duff for Anna which  
 I will personally describe. but first it  
 depends upon Cap. Blatch being willing to  
 bring it out without charge. I bringing it on  
 shore without duty — as Anna is looking  
 out for the "Lake Erie" I go down for it herself.  
 Should if you could ask Mr. Gust to purchase  
 it I could depend upon his economy & judgment  
 & thinkly if <sup>it</sup> would not entail too much money  
 & trouble upon yourself. Possibly if you can  
 spare £2 or 3. to pay for it. which we could refund  
 when we come. She requires something of the kind  
 that I will personally describe early in Spring



It would be far advanced in the season  
before I could send it to her.

It is a short black silk overdress to be  
worn over the street over a petticoat, &  
without a jacket. I do not wish it  
excessively trimmed or too good a silk. It  
is a fashion that will soon go out. I  
have named £2 or 3. I have little idea of  
the value of a ready made garment. but would  
not like to go beyond £4. at most. Her  
waist measures 24 inches. <sup>around</sup> the bust 34. From  
the waist to the neck  $15\frac{1}{2}$  across the shoulders ~~at~~  
~~the back~~ Length of sleeve  $22\frac{1}{2}$  Should it prove  
a trifle over long Eliza could easily take  
it in. Not so easy to let it out. Of course  
I do not urge this but have got to consider  
the difficulties & decide as you think proper. It is  
a matter chiefly of economy to get it in this way  
fashions are as soon introduced here as in  
London.

Yours in love  
Emma