

I sat at the commencement that this would not be  
a very long letter. I expect I should have made it so  
but your grand Ma has just sent for me she wants  
to see me this evening - it is now five. I want to send  
Jane to town in the morning early as your pa will  
not be out this evening he told me <sup>in</sup> ~~that~~ <sup>when</sup> he left if he  
did not come he would turn Julia out - that she might  
come home to her cott - I wish you had your mare she  
has been rode some but not enough for your to venture  
on her - nothing suits him so well as old Julia -

write soon and often - I never know how to close my  
letters - for a thousand things crowd upon my mind  
which I cannot express - and will not attempt to say  
more than this - May <sup>and</sup> <sup>eat</sup> Heaven bless you all is the  
first wish of your devoted Mother -  
Maria

Send on the Telegraph  
in the absence of letters  
they are very acceptable

My Dear Len -

June 24. 50.

When I wrote you last I  
promised to write again soon - which promise  
I have not redeemed as soon as I intended - but  
perhaps it is quite time enough to inflict the  
perusal of an other long letter upon you -  
However I do not know that this will be a  
very long one - as I have to steal the time I  
devote to writing - you know that housekeepers  
have always plenty to keep them thinking and  
moving - (that is if they do their duty) especially  
those situated as I am - I have been so long good  
for nothing that I have fallen behind - and now  
that my health has improved so much I feel  
like beginning the world a new - you know I  
love an actual life and I find there is <sup>nothing</sup> like exercise  
for me - I not only see what is <sup>necessary</sup> ~~to~~ to be done  
but have the energy to accomplish it -

I have waited with much impatience for your  
answer to my last letter - but as yet none has  
been received - I hope a change has come over  
your feelings favourable to my wishes - if not I  
must resign to my lot - trusting to god for the  
result - a secret whisper bids me be of good  
cheer - that all things will come right after  
a while - your pa wrote you on the subject  
and regrets now that he did not write in