

Elizabeth Pattison

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1810.

Some hours ago I hope you rec'd William quite safe and well, and if so my Dr Hannah and William's agitation has now I trust subsided, and they can contemplate his healthy look, though with a crooked head with something like quiet pleasure. I have enjoyed the fine morning for his journey, and for your going to Mr Kidmans, and hope both were over before the bad weather began, or nearly over. How did ya receive William, his little affectionate heart would not lie perfectly quiet I fancy. I partly expected a Letter this morning as I hoped mine <sup>to</sup> you rec'd yesterday, might be in time to have an answer to a Mr Littles question respecting the Will.

I had a Letter from Mrs May this morning, to tell me Myra and Betsy will be here by the Coach to morrow morning, <sup>as she thinks she shall not have a horse</sup> for Betsy must return on Tuesday after Tea with her brothers on account of Mrs May staying here that night; she is unwilling to miss a few days here as she must have done had she not come till Monday, as not only leaving the Baby but the family so intirely is an objection; Mr & Mrs M- and five more are to come on Xmasday, so whether Emma or Sarah are to be solitary with the infant I do not know. Your Turkey is come, 16<sup>lb</sup> Mr L-

has written the direction, and it is here, as my maid went be up to receive the young folks, Martha is to take care to send it by the G. G. - The jelly is made it is very clear and I hope will be found to be good. - What a dismal windy and rainy evening it is, I can only hope you may have the better day tomorrow. Mrs Crisp was so kind as to write to me she was very good in taking so well what I had said in my Letter, if you see her after receiving this give my Love to her, and thanks. - By what I see in the Times to-day, of the examination of the Physicians I suppose there will be a regency appointed, for there is no appearance to lead to a conjecture when the King may be capable of acting for himself in affairs of government. - I have felt rather troubled respecting Lucien Bonaparte's arrival, as it was the only son he had a fancy to, & I am fearful he should be coming to see if things are in a proper forwardness, for him to continue to fit it to his head. with the help too of that general who escaped hitherto safely; if government ask my advice I should recommend both to be provided with accommodations in the Hebrides. I see Lucien is to be offered to reside in Wales, but I think that rather too near Ireland. Such are my politie's

Mrs A. called in as she was going to the meeting to leave a Letter of W. B.'s for me to read, and she is to call on her return to give me a suppliment to it, what that may be I cannot

say, but I think in her place I should wish instead of W. B. writing every two weeks he should write once in two years to him. - She has called again, nothing very new but very trying.

I hope tomorrow's post will bring me a Letter to tell me what time I may expect to see you, I know not whether dear William will arrive time enough for you to mention that, but a Letter will give pleasure to

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