

Bury St Edmunds

20 July 1828

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Sunday  
P.S. 3 p.m.

I had already  
sealed my letter  
when

our dear  
William

came - for which  
I am  
troubled as its contents

are  
I sincerely thank  
him - Indeed, as I could

not doubt the correctness of  
the things here, but

it was a relief to me  
when such a blessing is

struck as early, deliverance  
is a mercy which I hope you

will  
all thankfully acknowledge  
no one could wish that

that unexpected cure  
had been effected that

leaves abated  
admired object, indeed

with some animal life  
for a few days but  
with the imperfect  
profusion of moral  
intellectual powers

My dear friend

Intelligence has

just reached me

which

follows

with sorrow tho' I was not altogether unprepared for it

The greatest affliction which providence in its ordinary  
dispositions could visit you with, has fallen upon you - One is  
hanging over you with still more frightful severity.

I dare not remind you of the best consolations which await  
you, I have no doubt. The exhortation would come with a bad  
grace from me - I can only assure you of my tender  
commiseration: - A feeling which is excited in me by a full  
knowledge of the virtues of your excellent wife - I fear I  
must add, our departed friend - tho' the fatal word has not  
reached my eye or my ear - I know too that you were fully  
sensible of her excellencies and that you loved and honoured  
her as she merited to be loved and honoured - Your sons are  
both with you - It is well they are - Their presence must be

Had the left moment  
 should have been so  
 far from suffering  
 that sort of thing, he  
 might have should  
 have been with her  
 are circumstances of  
 expectation which you  
 will all recollect  
 with gratitude.  
 I do not expect to  
 hear from you immediately  
 but be at Cambridge  
 on Saturday next here  
 I shall expect to  
 receive a letter from you  
 By that time you will  
 begin to find that it  
 will have some influence  
 that your mother  
 gradually occupying  
 will be the better  
 I have talked  
 about you dear  
 friend - I do not  
 know how you will  
 when you are at  
 the point of human  
 happiness  
 Once more, my  
 dear friend, but I  
 love you, my dear

a powerful consolation to you in the heavy hour of trial

I do not ask you to write - But as soon as you or  
 one of them is able to use a pen let me hear that  
 you are all as composed and as submissive under your  
 life as she would previously have wished you to be

I received the sad tidings when my feelings were  
 already excited by occurrences of a kindred nature  
 I say a kindred nature tho' in themselves of infinite  
 insignificance compared with such an overwhelming  
 & irretrievable loss - The quitting a profession and  
 course of life which had lasted 15 years and the leave  
 taking of many respectable individuals - The passing  
 an empty house in which alone I had slept when here  
 for more than half a century - These are admonitions

of that perfect change which is the characteristic of  
 humanity - and are enough to sadden the soul; but  
 what are they to the departure from this sphere of  
 active exertion of so exemplary a woman as your dear  
 wife - So dutiful a daughter so devoted a wife, so  
 ardently affectionate a mother, ~~affectionate sister~~  
 and such a tried constant & unwearied sister & friend

My dear, dear friend I will say no more:  
 Perhaps I have said more than can be -  
 salutary, for you need not be reminded of  
 your loss -

My best love to your dear Son  
 Affectionately your friend  
 J. C. Robinson

Wm. Bayly Edmunds  
 20<sup>th</sup> July 1828

My address will be "Fossetts Circuit" All the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup>  
 of August -

20<sup>th</sup> July 1828.

Mr H. Robinson

On the Death of Hannah  
Wife of W<sup>m</sup> Hy & Pattison Esq

20 JULY  
1828

W. Pattison Esq

William

Esq

By Special

