

Tarvis to the West

Tuesday afternoon 6 o'clock

Dunfermline May 1855

Dear Harry

Your note came while I was
out walking. Even if I had been at home
I could not have managed to dine
with you today, being under a ~~Business~~
engagement to dine at Longman's.
Unless I hear from you to the contrary,
I shall expect you here some time tomorrow,
and will remain at home. I must
wait your instructions, to get the
little canvases made. O what a pity
it is not the outside of the lighties, with

the sea a rowing again! - Never mind. Will
 get an effect out of the Inside - and there's
 a storm and a shipwreck, "off" - and the
 great ambition of my life will be achieved
 at last, in the wearing of a pair of
 very coarse petticoat trousers. So hoover
 for the salt sea, mate, anchor bowstern!

Ever affly

B. B.

Lewis A. Hird

Tavistock House

Tuesday afternoon 6 o'clock

Twenty Second May 1855

My Dear Stanny

Your note came while I was out walking. Even if I had been at home I could not have managed to dine together today, being under a Beastly engagement to dine at Longman's. Unless I hear from you to the contrary, I shall expect you here some time tomorrow, and will remain at home. I only wait your instructions, to get the little canvasses made. O what a pity it is not the outside of the Light'us, with the sea a rowling agin it! -- Never mind, We'll get an effect out of the Inside - and there's a storm and a shipwreck, "off" - and the great ambition of my life will be achieved at last, in the wearing of a pair of very coarse petticoat trousers. So hooroar for the salt sea, Mate, and bowse up!

Ever affect'ly

Dick.