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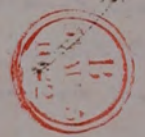
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My letter is perhaps scarce with the postage: but I shall be glad if it draws
an answer from you before very long. — I must now say Goodnight:
& accept my kind wish & prayers for you & yours, of my Sister
& Affair: ~~Another~~
Most Affectionately

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Mrs Hawkins
Little Wymington
Arundel
Sussex.
August 20
1822



When is the memoir of Mr Stoddart to be published?
delivered by
1823

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Little Wymington, August 1st 1822.

My dear Sister!

I have delayed from week to week & from day to day fulfilling my
intention of writing to you: Indeed I must confess whether it be with shame
or not, that I have become a delinquent in my epistolary communications &
— I was going to write yourself — and you well know how quickly the
beck ships away, when there is no want of various employments — but I need
bemoan any further excuses, let me thank you & Mr Hawkins for some
very kind present of several fine prints, which I duly received by the
hands of Charles. At present I have not nor seem likely to have an
opportunity of exhibiting them in a dwelling of my own & they would paper
the limited walls of my lodgings at Little Wymington. Perhaps before you receive
this you may have seen Humphrey & Mary. And they, or my mother more
open can let you inform you of family concerns, than I can. The other
house, or at ^{it} is sometimes, I believe called, the little house, is proposed
painted & plastered, & is now airing. A few weeks more will suit
purpose, & then I suppose, my mother will wish any further delay
latter upon it — Circumstances, will at present, prevent me joining her.
I cannot quit Little Wymington, nor obtain the help of a curate: & I
doubt, whether, a mother stand between me, & a certain B^d Par?
prebendary, I sh^d ever get another station in the county, or acquire of
Leicester. — And regular employ^t I must & will, while I have life
& health, have, with Gods permission —

I hope my mother will be glad the removal, than might have been expected. Charles & Maria off on very affectionate & attentive: & I think, the children among her in the great house. — My Aunt having reached England will I hope, before long return to the Minister Yard — As much as I can, I shall be with her: & I trust it will please God to soothe & comfort her mind, with that peace which He alone can give, & which passeth all understanding. — & to prepare her for that change which I cannot foresee from myself, & cannot be very remote. — & due preparation for which is indeed the great & most important end of life. — I sometimes think of her whom we have lately lost with uterine, in some different, ^{slight} but serious manner. — I am persuaded, that formerly attracted his notice, I am persuaded his first care would be to draw the attention of those he most loved & valued to that one great object, — Eternity. He has entered into it, & knows what it is — & I trust & believe, thro: the merit & atonement of a Saviour, knows what it is to enjoy a happiness most pure & exalted & to enjoy it with the certainty that it never can end: never receive any diminution, abatement or alloy. — And oh, that I & you, my dear Sister & all whom we value & know, may share it with him — I can truly say, it is the first desire of my heart for all whom we love & dear to me, & indeed for every human being — I have to thank ^{you} for your affectionate invitation to join you at Little Hampton. — I must not think of it this year, I am obliged to engage to be in the Bay to this place. — I trust Humphrey & Mary will find the benefit of it: & I think they both wanted change of

air and scene — I am expect^{ing} Mr. & Mrs. Dutton perhaps next week at Tottenham tomorrow. — but I think it doubtful whether the 2. letter will come. The harvest is begun: & upon the whole proceeds well: but the weather is not yet very impassable. In the last fortnight we have had dreaching showers with daily thunder & lightning: — Here it has never been severe: but in some places very much so. — No complaints among the farmers: & one doubt you have heard how Charles has been plagued, & indeed ill-treated. — I had a little conversation with him about his affairs: & he spoke very reasonably indeed on the subject. — If he is but prudent, all will be well: if not, I fear he will ere long, be in difficulties: & he certainly has very heavy debts to make. My mother writes me, that Mr. Hawkins & Heywood have been at Manchester & have I suppose the parts are with you: — I am glad to hear of it. — I suppose he should be glad of their help here next week in despatching the barn where our annual school feast is held — in which 200 children on beef & plum pudding: & it is a kind of gala day to the neighbourhood. How goes our old Morgan: too old, I fear, to mend: & you must not be undervalued for some time longer to leave him discharge his "hot thunderbolt".

I am at present very busy in saving the corn now of old & stained grain scattered thro: the Church of Tottenham — There is altogether a considerable quantity, broken, set out, & covered with dust & cobwebs: I am putting it together & placing it in the great East window of the Chancel. — where, being cleaned, it looks very well.

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