

Wednesday morning 17 -
January Answered on Monday 26 - 97

Ms. Frances Ellery

Long ere this would I have answered
my amiable Cousins agreeable epistle, had not indisposition pre-
vented me, believe me my dear I have not had a pen in
my hand before, for upwards of four weeks, or I certainly
should have endeavoured to have expressed my gratitude
for your attention to me, during my dear mamas absence,
words are too feeble to describe my sensations on receiving
your two kind letters, for of all others that state of suspense
is the most dreadful - almost all the dear children have been
unwell. But my dear mama enjoys her health, tho' almost worn
out with attending on us. Thanks to the Supreme Being we are
all recovered, but sweet little Ely, who is still drooping - I hope
my loved Aunt and Cousins are well, I have not seen
Mr Moses to enquire particularly about you all. Elkahah
was delighted with your charming letter. she is continually
talking of you, and dwells with rapture on your praise,
as does every person who has the pleasure of being ac-
quainted with you. We have been much alarmed
by the many attempts that have been made to set on fire
the City, they have not succeeded in any yet, owing to the
vigilance of the citizens who are indefatigable in their en-
deavours to prevent any mischief, you also must have

had your fears, I hope they are now removed, my dear
mama joins with me in love to all your dear family -
kiss sweet Mr. Nettle for me, you are pretty girls to learn
him such a speech, he repeats it quite fluently before
every person who visits the house without discrimination,
tho I try to break him of it, ^{which I have almost done} - Thank my Cousin ^{Lally} for
her letter, will answer it very soon - your lines of poetry
my dear were elegant and expressive, I wish it was in
my power to ^{send} you some in return, I am no favorite
of the muses, tho my abilities are not adequate to
that task they are perfectly so to assure you I

am with every sen-
timent of regard your
affectionate Cousin and
friend Lally Cohen

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