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My Dear Brother

I was happy to see
by your letter to Horace that
my man and his poor suffering
wife had reached their home
in safety. But regret they should
have given you any uneasiness
respecting a wish of mine, to
have a visit from one of
your dear girls this winter
in speaking of Louisa's health
they gave me the impression
that a change of air might
be beneficial and I was
glad to think how much plee-
sure I might derive from
having her come and try
this climate for the winter,
but did not take into con-
sideration, the anxiety

her absence might occasion
to her Mother or you, I beg
therefore My dear Brother
that you will not give the
subject a second thought, nor
could I consent to withdraw
that Anna from her home
and studies, I am afraid
My man laid too much stress
on the conversation respecting
this subject, when ever
you & Ann, can bring the
dear girls to see me, I shall
delight to have their visit.
but cannot consent to separate
-ting them, or breaking in upon
the domestic comfort you
enjoy by having your
daughters at home
I am very sorry for the

I had a letter from poor
Bucky Nathan yesterday
she is making great exertions
her health a good deal shaken
by long anxiety and fatigue
& I fear she is left quite
destitute - her boys are very
good, and employed on small
salaries - they were all much
attached to their Father, whose
amiable domestic character
made their home so very happy.

My dear Ben, I need not say
how happy I shall be to see
you when you can come
conveniently, but shall not
expect to have you bring either
of the girls - in the Spring per-
haps Ann will be able to
bring them - with much love to
all, believe me fondly & devotedly
by your affectionate sister
Mama's love - Elizabeth