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Come me, My Dear Ann, to com-
plicity, who am so often a delinquent
I not only acquit you, but sincerely
with you on the trial of waiting with
hope however he has chosen well - and
the respect of his future
will reconcile you to his absence. we
doomed to separation from the young
members of our family. and I know full well
the bitterness of regret which for some time fills
the heart after such a departure. yesterday our
sister Etting had the joy of embracing her son Henry
after an absence of two & a half years. he came home
for a day on the first arrival of the Mississippi. looking
very thin & weather beaten, he has suffered a good deal
in health, but is now well & returned to his ship
for a few weeks. when we hope he will have time
to remain at home - your letter was full of agree-
able intelligence, that, and an evening visit from
our friend Mr Hanna, has quite ported me up
in Kentucky news, and I assure you nothing is
more pleasant to me, than to think of & talk over
the occurrences of a place in which I feel so deep
an interest. I have not heard of Mrs Walker's arri-
val, Mrs Biddles health has been much improved lately
but her husband told me she was out again on
Sunday. Mr Jo. told me the opinion was that Bernard

would succeed in his suit, but common reports
are not to be relied on in such matters, so I shall
wait patiently for more certain information.
I was heartily astonished to hear of the beautiful
Mrs Silfords affair. Alas! she little knows what a
troubled life she is preparing for herself - how
wretched she will feel when the stamp of dis-
grace falls on her. Whether reflected by the
misconduct of her husband or her own want
of forbearance, if she has children, her misery
will extend to them. if not, she will suffer in
loneliness of heart - the respectability of her hus-
bands family will go in the account against her.
Dr Hunt has tempted his destiny by moving
a divorce - While in Canada I saw a Quaker
man who had offended against the laws of
society in a simular affair - his wife lay
under the bars, was totally neglected & with-
out the leniency men experience in such cases
he appeared lonely and a stranger in his na-
tive city nor were their children associated with
the children of either his, or her family.

Your Commissioner My Dear Anna I have ex-
-celled with the utmost pleasure & I hope will prove
satisfactory. I can only say the Bonnet & Cloak
are of the latest Paris importation and fashion
in colour & material, the Bonnet is from Miss
Lawson, one of our fashionable milliners brought
it fresh on its arrival, for the sake of the idea

introduced into newspapers in modern times -
I agree with you in thinking Mrs Thatchers winter
will be dreary with so small a family in the country
give my love to her, when you see her - a letter
from Mary last week tells me, she is just fixed in
her winter quarters, which I understand is a small
ready furnished house - There now one will not be
furnished until the spring. I hear from all quarters that
Boswell is a fine large & healthy child of his age -

I hope Mrs Ball will not trust too implicitly to her
new physician, I must confess I should not easily be
humbugged by Dr Prich, however long he might have been
imprisoned in Paris - you & my dear Brother will miss the
Macdisters greatly - it is very hard to supply the top of
a familiar friend, in such a community as Leary
town - I want to hear something about my man - his health
and whereabouts, and also of dear Leary. They are all
such tags fellows with their heads that one cannot get
a word from them - Sister Mary has this moment come
in, for me to go with her to Learys and procure the
cloak you have generously given her, she will
write soon to thank you and the mean time present
her love - I am also charged with affectionate remem-
brance from Sister Eliza & her daughters - Sally Marys
Harriet Phil. & all your nieces indeed I think you
the most popular member of our family - for tho' some
love me - & some like me, there is but one exception
of attachment to words about Ann - our brother Thomas
is suffering under one of the worse colds I have ever known
him to have - he has become quite thin, lost his appetite, &
looks pale, but I hope will soon recover, as he is beginning
to take remedies for it - Sue is better & so well. I thank you
for recommending Professor Geyerss book, it treats of a
scurvy of which I know very little & will be new to me
I have got a new vol. of Walfoles letters to the Rev Wm
Mason, which shows him to have more good sense of heart, than
appears in most of his other correspondence - his wit & agreeable
style is very agreeable - one cannot but admire a person who
bears suffering with so much fortitude & thankfulness - give
my dear love to my brother and the darlings - the sweet children
and believe me ever, my dear Ann your affectionate sister Mary