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I just Received My Beloved Beckys Affectionate Letter

and hastened to answer it and inform her that we are all well a Blessing I was happy
to hear you all enjoy. My dearest daughters will a join be disappointed in not seeing
their Mother Simon as soon as they expected as he finds it impossible to leave home
at present owing to business, which demands his attention, Tho he told me this
Morning he hoped the latter End of this month he should be able to pay
the long wished for visit you may see on it he is very anxious to see
you all, I find my lovely Child I shall be obliged to postpone you stay some
months longer, under the circumstances you have advised I could not
think of you leaving your dear sister my anxiety to see you both are excessive
and would to god it was in my power to be with my dear family this spring
How happy should I be, when I think what a length of time has already
elapsed, and how much ^{longer} a period must arrive ere I can expect that happiness
So ardently wished for, of Receiving my lovely family and her darling flock
here early this spring was our every days conversation, However we must
give up that Idea for the present I congratulate my lovely Becky on
her Entrance on her 18th year may you my beloved Child live to see many happy
returns and may your days glide on to enjoy every wish of your heart, give my
affectionate love to my lovely family hope she will excuse me for not
writing separately this time as she will know how long I am in the
writing way and tell her I think her very Best friend not to inform me of
her Satisfaction, Ere this, However I think its almost time for her to get
the Bottom of that, tell her that her Old friend which has a Son a week
2 weeks a day. She was very well the Child was named yesterday it
could not be done before as the Reverend was out of town I was not
there owing to my not being able to be out so early in the morning as
your poor dear father demands my Attention Would to god I could inform
you he was better he still continues in the same uneasy way I read your
Letter to him he then told me I must not think of you leaving our
dear family and desired his love to you both in my affectionate
love to my good Mother and tell I am happy to hear he is getting better
tell him his Mother often Enquired after him and send word to her he is well
our dear Kische husband and Children is well the darling Mirrah did

Take the small Box which Indeed I am very sorry for as Rich has ~~been~~
Dillected so long. I fear it will be injurious to have it done again but I
Before the doctor Entends having it done this Spring ~~but~~ I wish she was well
over then I think I never saw a ~~more~~ lovelier Child she resembles the dear
Isabelah in Beauty and temper and you would be amazed to see what
a dear dainty fellow Isaac is, he often looks of you and doesn't fancy
and all his Cousins. Our dear Ben has been very poorly but thank God
is quite recovered and is very attentive at his School as is our lovely Jacob
who is ~~now~~ ^{now} ~~pleasing~~ ^{pleasing} me to let him write to you I tell him he shall
by the first forward Off. I think he improves much. He is kept busy
to his Studies but I cannot prevent on him to write. The Irishman
he Entends writing to his Uncle who he is extremely fond of and desires
affectionate love to. Kiss all my dear little good Children for me tell you
he must not forget his good mother & how much do I wish
to see them. Let me know of Little Ben. I think has a name in a
former letter you mentioned he was around, and then again that he had
good name so that I did not know what to infer from the contradiction.
Dear fellows what has he got to undergo. I often think it is a pity it
has been so long delayed. If you Brother Jim just come in and deliver his
love to you and his Uncle and to tell him that owing to the pressure
off business he is afraid he won't be able to get to Bathmore
as soon as he wished but if possible with the latter end of the month
as he is obliged to go up the country soon before that time.
Sally & Rachel Love they will write soon Sally was this morning
to see Mrs. Nicholas who says she wished you would write
to her do my dear gratitude her as she is so very desirous and write
by post the complaints of being very lonesome ~~and~~ you dear Aunt
Belle & family well and gives her love to you all your friends
is well and begs to be remembered to you My affectionate love to you
Dear Brother Richard Cousin Rachel Sally and all the Children Mrs. E. & the
girls ~~the~~ Love to you all

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