

Tho' my hand is not quite steady, or my
head composed as it might be, I feel a duty
in attempting to acknowledge my gratitude
for the tender enquiries of my dear Relations.
— And as earliest kindness, demands earliest
acknowledgement, I endeavour to thank my
loved Rebecca for her letter — and now recall
the hour it was brought to my Bed side by the
same hand that ministered all my restoratives.

It was indeed the most agreeable notice I had
received — You have already been made
acquainted with the nature of my disease, and
tho' we are particularly Egotists on these occa-
sions, I will refrain a repetition, and only
tell you I am thank God recovering —
and gratefully say "Lord what is Man, that Thou
takest knowledge of him!"

I am yet very weak, and still troubled by spasms
which rack me severely at times - They have
fortunately spared me a few minutes, but
I write by stealth as it were - for the most
trifling exertion provokes them. - I now take no
medicine but Bark. being slightly under the
influence of Mercury. Tomorrow if pleasant
shall attempt to visit them below, for a few
minutes and perhaps ride - The last big meal
I kept in my Chamber - and indeed still continue
to chew the bread of affliction, having antici-
-pated it, in the five preceding weeks - from
an entire distaste to leavened Bread - again
these uneasy Spasms subdue me - and by their
uncouth joggings of my poor Frame always
create a headache - so am fain to for the
present, going further than to assure you all
of my sincerest wishes, and fervent prayers for
an uninterrupted enjoyment of that best
 blessing I am now endeavouring to attain -

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Richard & Ellen

