

London 7moth 8 1845

My dear Rebecca

On seventh day as usual I left
 the noisy City and went to Stoke Newington
 with a young Lawyer from Baltimore who
 bro't a letter of introduction for Isaac Tyson.
 He promised the latter that he would call and
 see Hannah Allen & sisters Albion Road. and the
 accordingly went there & took tea after which
 he walked around Abney Cemetery & he returned
 to the City — I then visited our friends W. P. Ham-
 mester & Mary Ann Davis & Mary Ann Papp's & and
 John Burgess Family & lodged at B. Peedy's
 whose daughter Elizabeth is in poor health
 her fear consumption. Dr Goodkin attended
 her — after meeting I rode with Mr Beaumont
 wife and daughter over to Tottenham to see her
 sisters Nancy & returned & dined in company with Joseph
 Pease. Brother of Edward Pease, & his daughter
 a niece of Mr Beaumont, & a very warm abolitionist.
 of course we had an argument on that subject.
 in the afternoon I took tea with our dear old
 friends J. & S. Kitchin & one of the female
 teachers in Friends Boarding School at
 Croydon, — after evening meeting I went
 home with that old Lady Elizabeth Beck
 and dined with her and one of the Miss
 Ashby's — from Staines. — I lodged again
 at B Peedy & returned to Town second day
 as before I had numerous pressing invitations
 from our old friends of Stoke Newington and
 many regrets that there was not more

*Miss Ward

me in which I could heartily unite for I am
thoroughly sick of being separated from
thee, but I must submit & how much
longer tis impossible to tell - I have plenty
of trouble with M. Denny's Estate - contending
with numbers of Persons who make the most
exorbitant claims against it -

Did I tell thee that Samuel Gurney's daughter Betsey
is engaged to be married to the Son of the Prussian Emb
-assador - Bremen - said to be a very excellent
Religious young man, tis of course of great trial
to her Father - that she sh^d be separated from
our Religious Society - tis also reported that
J. Gurney's only Son John Henry is engaged to be
married but to whom I know not they are offery

I'll tell thee a secret - great riches, as I
Christianity, and especially as worn by Friends
are not very congenial - tis very difficult
for our young members whose Parents are
wealthy to take up the cross and appear and
act as Quakers - Neither Riches or Poverty
are desirable or safe for poor frail Man.

7mo 14th on seventh day I went by Rail Road to Croydon
& visited Richard Barrett & family; after dinner on first
day - Ch^l Gilpin (who joins me before meeting) accom-
panied me to John Morland, who has a
beautiful County seat about 2 miles from
R. Barrett's - with him and his family we took
tea, went to evening meeting & returned and
supped & returned to my Lodgings about 10 o'clock
much gratified with my visit; - Croydon Meeting
was small owing to the absence of the numerous
Scholars - it being vacation - Peter Peafare is

yet in the north - in Scotland with L. M. Hoag.
at Croydon I heard that Mr. Gurney was
to be married to a natural daughter of
Richard Gurney a Bachelor - an Uncle of
Jas. John Gurney, and a man of immense
wealth say 5 Millions of dollars - I regret to
hear that Mr. H. has thrown off his plan and
address - it must grieve his Father exceedingly -
do not repeat this report as all may
not be correct - our dear Friends John &
Isabel Kitching go tomorrow to Burlington
to visit Mary & family to remain 4 or 5 weeks
visiting their relatives.

I received 3 Letters from thee & one from
William & 1 from Frederic Brewer - I did
not expect Delleoy Smith from a letter I received
from sister S. R. Smith but it seems he determines
not to come. - I regret that thy letter
gives me no information as regards what
occurred at the New England Yearly Meeting
& in Williams letter he merely says that there
was a separation without giving me any
particulars - supposing thou w^d - of course
Friends constantly enquire of me & I feel
abashed not to be able to give them any
information - I keep a letter to thee by me
I had a few lines of daily occurrences that I
think will interest thee - If William cannot
attain more than Eighteen thousand
dollars (18000 dols) for my House and
Lots in Filbert Street, let him take
that sum - tis less than I ever intended
to sell it for, but I cannot now afford

to live in a House worth 18000 dollars - the
Interest on that Sum. and high Taxes and
heavy repairs are too much for my
reduced income. I do hope He will
succeed in selling it this Summer. -
it is now in friends order & looks well -

I send by Mrs. C. Crepon who goes on this Steamer
a Roll containing another Engraving taken
of William Allen from Robert Forster for Mrs.
S. Grellet. - The former Copy was sent by C. Gilpin
Steward of the Ship Henry N. Hudson care of
Collins & Brother, - and C. Gilpin now says
as Mr. Grellet will receive this that I may
have the Copy He sent - so that you will please
get it for me. -

James H. Tuke a very promising Son of Henry
Tuke of York intends going in the Steamer
Great Western with his 5 Choice Friends and
C. Marnall on the 23 of next month. His object
is to inspect our Public & Benevolent Institu-
-tions - I sadly fear I shall not be able
to go with them on account of my Business. I
may however let Isaac return in our Sailing
Packet soon - a few days will determine it.

Tell Grellet I will buy him a nice
Knife and a Knit doll for Mary Forster
- a Watch for Percival and the Big doll for
Anna but what will Mamma have?
- a new Pearl colour Merino shawl, or
what else? - my dear love to you all
& a kiss for each. Affectionate regards to
our girls - Thy truly attached Husband
Isaac Collins