

Before this Dearest Ellen you have been informed of an event which no circumstances could divest of it's first moments of agony, when all was forgotten but the suffering, and repentance of the sufferer. How hard heasted my incredulity <sup>now appears</sup>; and though I devoted my self from five in the morning till 9 at night when the watches took my place, and considered neither trouble nor expense to gratify his every wish yet I did it <sup>in haste</sup>, from duty; never believing till the last <sup>at least</sup> four days that there was danger. the mercurial pills, or rather the medicines he took along with them, prostrated his strength at once, but it was only in the last stages of the disease that the symptoms were sufficiently marked to enable the physician to ascertain what it was, when it was too late to arrest it's progress. but they say if it had been known in the beginning, nothing could have been done, as no cure had yet been discovered for it. the Sunday before his death he saw John Homming, who is working at Edgehill, and by him sent a message to Jefferson. I had spoken to him upon the subject before, but it distressed him so much that it was dropped and never mentioned to him again. however believing him, upon his death bed he ~~determined~~ <sup>wanted</sup> to have the meeting over at once but I have no doubt the agitation of his mind which he said made now <sup>as</sup> a wretched night increased his fever, and still hastened his end. he desired me Monday morning to send a message to Jefferson, that he would not die for the world without making friends with him. when he arrived he appeared to dread it so much that he put off seeing him till late in the afternoon, when making a desperate effort he told me to call him in and any gentlemen that were in the house, and I think he added the whole family with him. I asked Jefferson Col. Carr, Mr. Garret and Nicholas, the boy, I believe also went in, I did not go my self till the first emotions were over when

I said in he seemed to be addressing them all, he said he was a unit as an Christian, that his faith since he was 17 years old had been the same with my father. he then addressed himself more particularly to Jefferson he said they had said many hard things of each other, he offered and begged of him mutual forgiveness. he said it was folly for a dying man to talk of forgetting, but that he would live many years, and begged that every thing might be forgotten. he said in presence of us all "an honest man exists not. he exculpated him entirely, and again asked his forgiveness. he said some thing kind and affectionate to each of the gentlemen, spoke of me as his adored wife, and his children with great affection generally, but naming none particularly, absent or present in the course of his disease he had repeatedly spoken of you and your children and seemed much pleased when I told him how much Ellen reminded me of your childhood by her signs and vivacity. His blessing, as he said himself all that he had to leave, he left to us all and seemed anxious to atone for the errors, blunders he called them of his past life. he said he wished to atone for them by his <sup>death bed</sup> sufferings. he told Jane that his heart was not bad, but that he had been hurried away by the violence of his passions. that had he ~~had~~ followed the dictates of his head his conduct would have been very different. he seemed to have it much at heart to prove the sounness of that at all time. died at peace with every body. but in the course of his long illness, the same suspicion, impatience, and propensity to argue upon the most trifling circumstance, even the injudicious arrangement of a pillow, shewed itself as strong as in health. no single nurse could have stood the fatigues of his sick bed. but Jane staid with us the last four days, and

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her self the girls, and my self nursed him during the day. our kind neighbours, Jefferson & the boys during the night. he seemed anxious for Jefferson to be with him, enquired repeatedly for him if he went out, and begged him to be with him when he died. the last night & morning he suffered dreadfully with sick stomach and pain in the bowels, but for four or five hours before his death he slept quickly and expired in his sleep without a struggle or a groan. I have dwelt upon this painful subject my dear Ellen, because I thought that the details were such as to be a comfort to you. his last wishes, were executed in every point but one, having the funeral service performed over him by Mr Hatch or ~~Bowman~~ <sup>Mr Bowman</sup> against whom, at an early stage of his disorder he had objected. but we thought that in his last moments, his mind had softened so much that he would have recalled that, as he had done the strange ~~directive~~ <sup>directive</sup> for his shrouding and burial and that it would confirm the idea of his insanity. ~~the deathbed~~

he said if Mr Mead ever came in to the neighbour house any future day and would bury him ~~for me~~ & he might do it. ~~between the two men~~ - Mr Hatch read the service, & when Mr Meade comes, we mean to get him to preach the funeral sermon. in every thing else his slightest wish has been obeyed. I shall never cease to rejoice that I sacrificed my wishes which I acknowledge were to have remained till



My dearest mother. June. 1828.  
(my brother's death.)  
D. J.

Mrs. J. Cooling. Jun:  
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Massachusetts

Dear Sophia

June 30. 1828

You must not consider the sentiments on the Hartford convention contained in last Saturday's paper, as mine. On all these subjects, as I w<sup>t</sup>. be sure to be overruled I let matters take their own course: and Dr. C<sup>r</sup>, who's a christian i.e. member of the church, and withal a very worthy man, is a real christian in intendment & want of charity. I have repeatedly declared to both Dr. & C<sup>r</sup> my conviction that there were many members of the H.C. whose motives were just as pure as those of men C<sup>r</sup> Lee; and whom I w<sup>t</sup>. as soon extend the hand of fellowship & friendship to, as to any members of the congress of '70. — altho' in meditating any thing like kindredness to the govt. they violated the great rule in political morality to comply with the fairly expressed will of established authorities. — Danes, whose reason, altho' it has many & prejudices to struggle with, is too good not to give way to truth, I have satisfied that the proposed combinations agt the open of the tariff w<sup>t</sup>. necessarily violate the same principle; & therefore, in this aspect, be little the H.C. — I am satisfied, however, that these combinations are going to be entered into every where throughout the southern country.

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