

[4 March 1815]

I intended to have written to you
yesterday my Dear Jefferson but my eyes were so sore
I was obliged to put it off till this morning

Ellen mends so slowly that I think it is
very doubtful whether she will be able to go as
soon as the ^{day} fixed for her. The pain and fevers have
left her, and the swelling has nearly subsided, but
the stiffness of ^{the} jaws which I am apprehensive is a
rheumatic affection remains in as great a degree
as ever. she can barely open her mouth enough to
admit a tea spoon, but the jaw appears to be
perfectly paralyzed and without power of motion.
her stomach also is very much affected by the thin
diet she has been obliged to use, and if a change
does not take place shortly the derangement of her
health will be serious. she has by Dr Carr's advice
began to use the volatile liniment, and I now
sincerely

hoped that we did not follow it also in the
application of a blister to the part affected, but
I had no idea, the case would have been so tedious
a one as it is likely to prove. you had better
send Phill down with the horse ^{Friday} if she is
well enough to travel she will go up with him the
next day, if she is not I will send the carriage
with out, her although she is very anxious, to go
and I think the change of air will be of service to
her. god bless you My Dear Tom present me most
affectionately to our Dear Jane, tell her that I
have so long thought of her as a daughter that
she has insensibly taken the place of one in my
affections - the girls all, and then particularly
join in love to you both adieu

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