

My Dear and most beloved Friend
D/S/3/6

The merit of your kind and
most affect letter affords me great
Pleasure, its almost twenty three years
since I enjoyed the Pleasure of your
Pleasin good Company, many happy
Nights and Days have we spent together
in that long Period of time in many var-
ious Circumstances in a Family most
and its acor both joy and Sorrow of which
you have ^{not} wanted your Share both as
a Mother and a Wife, in your Loves
I truly condole with you, and also I Congrat-
-ate you on the happiness I hope you will
enjoy in your Aff^r Chitoning -
we had not the pleasure of seeing
M^r and M^{rs} Wegerent but hope they
they are safely landed in Ireland -
its not to be wondered at for me to say
during the length of time I mention
that I together with my Sister has and
-ever trials and many day hard ~~trials~~
Struggling with a troublesome world
for a living hood without hand to
help - Eye to P^r they - but God is also
a fisher for all our wants if we
truly depend on his mercies -
my D^r Friend, you say your on the
Berlin its

the way with ours all, but what have
I see all mortall, ^{to expect} but do as I am. I hope
to spend a Night or two with you
at Oupher's House ~~with you~~ yet
I how how I enjoy the thoughts of it
Our loving acquaintance was on the
account of the late times nothing long
we thought to have been more com-
-fortable had having a Sister here
but she is of such a violent Temper
that we do not enjoy the Comfort that
we hoped for but these things must be
born with - I will not feell pleas
god to see it any opportunity that offers
and will be happy to hear from you
when convenient, nothing will
aford us more Pleasure -
we have a heavy house rent of £45 and
£12 or 14 of taxes, little or nothing do-
-ing in the Lodging way which is very
hard on us at present and was but
badly sett all the Winter, and nothing
-ing to be expected in Summer, how it
to turn out I cannot say, but we
will hope for the best - - Who have
we hear but a daughter of Mr. White
who wants a Situation as Lady's Maid
but they are of all Descriptions who
is experienced and fully qualified for
I believe that are not great Pleas
they are so few to be got

and I'm afraid she will stand a poor
chance - I tho' not repented in that
line is for this fortnight I had has never
been of the Street from Shop to Shop
from house to house Every where that
could be thought of to hear of her
pleas for her but as yet has had
hard of any thing, my Sister as she
is not very Eable to go out has writ
to a Lady of her acquaintance she has
not seen for this 25 years who will do
all in her power if any thing
should cast eye, as she is ^{so} very quiet
we cannot know whether she has
abilities or not but as she is young she
may see learn, I have given you a
long terrible I'm afraid you will
hardly make out pray for our best
to your best Meried Daughter may
happy Days may she enjoy, with our
wishes to your young Farmers wis-
hing Prosperity to the Old -
Sisters joins me in our best
wishes to you and all the Family and
and believe me to be my Dr. Mrs.
Johnston your Ever affect
Cousin

Edw^d May
1823

Barbara Mackay

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Mrs Jane of Johnston
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To the care of W. Sheerer
forward by the Capt. (Thirbrowale
of the Ser Josaf Bonting



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