

Mr. George Russell Wiltford

Thank you heartily & sincerely
my dear friend for your most
kind offer - but I have an old friend
Mr. West's son who is a near
neighbor, & another most dear
& valued friend Mr. Nixon who
is at Reading in order to be
in my ~~own~~ neighborhood,
these two are backwards &
forwards to or the pile of work
of routine - besides which I
have had nearly a hundred
letters to write - some of them
very explanatory ones - so they
I have been fully occupied -
I had a very kind letter today

Dec. 13, 1842

Miss Purcell Milford

from dear Mr. Hayward - I
 indeed the kindness that has been
 shown by all sorts upon this
 occasion, much of it for the sake
 of the dear father whom I have lost,
 can never be forgotten - I have never
 seen anyone more sincerely loved.
 Dear Mr. Barton has been of
 great comfort, & great service
 to me - He is an invaluable
 friend, & his excellent wife is
 both itself - I have no words in
 which to speak my sense of their
 kindness. - Once again dear Miss
 accept my sincere thanks, & with
 my kindest love to dear Mary &
 best regards to Mr. Walter, believe
 me most faithfully yours,
 W. H. Whittier

Mrs. Walter
 The Willows
 Windsor
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