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My dear Boy

As I promised to write to you, you
no doubt depend upon hearing from me
because papa would keep his word. When you
open this letter you may think of the pleasure
whom enjoys when he breaks the seal of a
dispatch from Witham. Have you heard
from him since I came away? Have you
written to him? - will it not be pleasant to
write to him and tell him how you do and
what you are doing - There is a little Boy
with ruddy cheeks, and light hair, nearly dressed
at work in the garden before my window, he
seems very industrious with his spade and
rake, I have just ask'd him, whether he has
been at gardening all night, & he looks awfully at

our but mind his work. I told him I was
writing to you, he wants to know when you
will - I told him, and that you were also a
Gardener - he was with us after dinner yesterday,
for a half hour and carried away some oranges
with him - when I see him so busy, I think of
Jay - I received Mamma's letter yesterday, and very
much grieved at the account of the little boys
from Burlington - I suppose that we shall soon
hear Mr. Chapman's story, but from the account
of the little boys, I wonder not at their
return - I cannot say when we shall have
this dirty town, we have not yet seen Mr.
Holyoake, who we expect soon to see. I wish
you to tell John to ride on to the death to
John Wood's a Duck-maker who lives at
Great Beccles Parish, and tell him that
neither he nor Miss need to call next Tuesday
for I shall not be at home in time to have
the papers ready for them, but they must come

on Tuesday evening - I shall write to
Mamma tomorrow night, and then hope to
be more definite as to our probable return -
Our time is crammed with business, and
and every body here is a busy body - I am
glad that poor Miss Dolman's kind has
at last been induced to quit this abode -
- Good Bye my dear Jay, you & Mamma must be
willing to give, get among yourselves by a
to Papa at once the absence, and where
as you may assure yourselves of the fondest
love, affections of your Mother W. B. Phillips

W. Hampton
18 April 1811.

P.S. My kind remembrances to
Grandma & all friends at Witham
Dear Jay, your Papa has told you what we
are about I have therefore only to desire you will
remember me to your Grandmamma & Mamma & K

To take all the pains you can to comfort mamma
for the loss of Wilme & Papa you are now I hope
able to do without your Brother & as his going to school
will be of so much service to him you will reconcile
yourself to his absence I am your affectionate Uncle
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