

Elizabeth Pattison
daughter of Benjamin Pattison
2nd wife of Jacob Pattison Esq
also W^m Hy. 2. Pattison,

1800.
Witham Ap: 29.

I thank you my D^r Daughter for your Letter rec^d on Sunday & as well as for this with the Patterns today. I find by William the pain in your Head did not go off so intirely as I hoped, indeed I pitied you when I heard you were fix in the Coach, a Coach that from its size ought to take but four, though I travelled in it when there was seven, and very uncomfortable it was. I fear you are not yet quite well, but a little quiet and the Society of such friends will I hope soon restore you.

Very happily M^r B. and myself approve the same pattern, I inclose it, the width I do not know, if it is a three quarter saynet, thirteen yards I suppose will be enough, if only $\frac{1}{2}$ Ell I think I shall want fifteen. For the Cloak three y^d 2 nails will be sufficient. I should not wish it less than half y^d wide, you know I had my doubts respecting the propriety of so thin a Cloak, and short and thin too will never do at any time of Life, if you think the still wider will be more proper or more worn I do not object to it rather than $\frac{1}{2}$. 1 y^d of White Crape I suppose will be sufficient, but if you think not send more. When you can, with convenience procure these things I shall be glad to have them, though I am sorry to give you so much trouble at a time I wish you to be enjoying the Company of friends so dear to you.

Your Side-board came by the Waggon last Saturday and fits the place extremely well. The Bedstead is changed though not quite finished putting up. Do not forget ^{to bring} the Bell lines and the lines & Tapsells for the Book shelves. As William is to write on the other side, all that is further needful is Regards to M^r, M^{rs} and Miss Thorntonsite from
Your Affectionate Mother,
E. Pattison.

My darling wife every thing is at this moment hurry and confusion, and has been so ever since my arrival, indeed you would be gratified to see my importance, which I hope tho' not so useful in its effect will be like the influence of the year increased, increasing, and ought to be increased. I had scarcely parted from your father any long before the first notice, which gave me my dearest Hannah, announced at a distance the approach of Charlot White, and I soon ^{was} placed in the corner of a forester's box. The company was amusing, I was indeed the spectator, but not inattention, I was devoutly collecting, the art of the Mechanic, the Adventures of the Traveller and the science of a Grazer. A most sage Egotistical carpenter amused us with an enumeration of the great men of Hastings his native place, his acquaintance with Sir Jeffrey Belcher & Lord Lubbock whom he had perchance assisted in making, of his wondrous abilities in apprehending figures, conic sections, solids &c &c when a child, that his Brother thought him a Prodigy, and the Plans Forte, and Models of Sir Richard Arkwright's Machines which he had made in Principles were the admiration of all who saw, tho' not of all who heard of them, for the Grazer in the midst of the herangue put his head out of the Coach enquired to whom the Dogs that were driven by belonged. This gentleman carpenter was also a Musician, and from great adroitness in writing charges upon the Parish bells, had

blow'd a Germanic musical ear, which might afford Mr. Jacob's Position. The Traveller had visited Hudson's Bay, and might perhaps have been more had he stay'd at home. And as to myself they perhaps thought me a sad unhappy man, as ignorant as I was when I was, but I enjoy'd at the corner of my back the recollection of my dear dear Wife's endearments and caresses, I was lost in contemplation ten times in a moment, thought my Hannah was at my side, till the Coach stopping awaken'd me to my great disappointment. By Heaven said I we will part no more, is life so long that hours of absence may be suffered from my dear dear Girl's presence without a diminution of my Happiness, a Happiness which the fervid Imagination of William had never found and which Experience only could prove their existence. Hannah you have exalted my views you have made me both wiser & better than I ever was, and when you are present I am completely happy, but Oh I am far otherwise at this moment, tear after tear may trickle down your cheeks, and my best consolation is that Hannah does not chide the weakness that engenders, may the sympathy of her Wife's soul whose only aim is to form William & Hannah two persons indeed with one friend. - Adieu Hannah

that you are dearer to me than last week is most true, I love you with increasing affection, and when I cease to feel increased regard, may you cease to observe it. The one is impossible, and I am so proud of the latter as to be convinced that Hannah is not insensible

And is the other to be left blank - No my dear
 I think it was not one notice, or you would not
 have missed it - I had my former 200 far
 my letter - may be
 you - and would be
 with a safe answer
 every thing that of other
 - please - send to this
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My dear Catherine
 My dear friends

John Barber Row
 Abington Mass

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that William is more enamoured of her who has sworn to be ever his - It is true I have written this letter in 1/2 of an hour, but to chat without reserve with you is so familiar that all restraint is at an end, and thought finds words to tell you all I feel and think - Do not fail writing to me very soon my dear my most affectionate girl, and most excellent wife, remember that my love for you increases as increasing swift go on to increase ad infinitum - God Almighty bless you my darling, remember me in your Prayers, and then gaze with fondness on the pictured image of
 Your affectionate lover & husband
 W. H. Miller