

Sarah Thornthwaite

August the 18th 1800

My dear M^r

This moment I have received a letter from
Ireland after experiencing a daily disagreeable
since yesterday my philosophy has not been very
great & my Mother's presence has been agreed and
tried but her joy when the letter arrived evinced the
goodness of her heart & strength of affection for
me - My father's kindness has been all you can
imagine & he often made me for a little - cease
to regret the loss of Thomas's company from whose
counsel & friendship of disposition & character I never
was equalled. I have often received the greatest relief

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the long for the letter - I thought my letter for some
occasionally or even from her for their sake. It
is -
Accordingly acceptable to me

Mr B's receipt in Ireland has been very pleasant & his
letter is all I can wish - The reason of my troubling
you with this letter instead of addressing it to Maria P.
is I have to acknowledge the receipt of little Tom's
pretty letter - it certainly was right it should be written
to me as I am not only his only Aunt but he has no
Uncle consequently I hope he will ever remember I am
entitled to his attention - I had just been dreaming his health
when the letter came - I began reading & thought it was Maria's
writing to convince I was at Aunt Lora that she could
write my hand (but the spelling was a perfect imitation
tion is very quick, & I believe my Brother thought
me mad as I kept saying "what have I got" little Tom
love of cake reminds me of Papa when a bridegroom &
Aunt (I never need add my name because in law
I am his only one) was bridesmaid do you recollect
how Maria used to hide the cake with Grandmother
Catherine? his love of playing at Balls he inherits from

Maria & the style of his letter is so very pretty that it
made me see him with Papa's dark eyes & Maria's
smile on his sweet little face ever Grandmother
thought with my own eye it seems a reality to her
& while we were looking at a military funeral on
Friday I said "I wish little Tom was standing here to
what she answered "Pretty creature I should be
a friend he would fall out" I promised to hold
her very tight - This letter my Brother will see
you how very acceptable yours was, as well, which
I was & value most my Nephew - to anybody but
Papa this would be thought a very witty letter, but
Aunt's a brave young Providence, one of the
most valued by me is that of subscribing (I beg
your (including my dear Cox) affectionate

Sister I thought
As it will be some time before I send little Tom's
letter, so I must trouble you to sign your dearest
dearest love - I have six new letters, got now by me -