

Elizabeth^{tho} (née Howell) Widow of Tho^{tho} Thornthwaite

My very dear M^{rs},

Bristol March 28^{tho}. 1815.

Your last affectionate interesting letter gave me peculiar pleasure, as it evinced not only your attachment to me by wishing to oblige me, but also proved that you did not think my writing to Jacob and not to ^{you} proceeded from any other motive than a wish to distinguish him on his Birthday! you are both very, very, dear to me & every attainment you make in knowledge & Wisdom gives me sincere pleasure. I am concerned to know that your throat has been Swollen & sore, but your Mamma adds that it is better, & I hope ere this time you are well! I truly enjoy your being at home while your Uncle & Cousin are at Witham, I am sure it must heighten the felicity of the happy family circle! "You ask if I saw the Riots in London?" I did not: hearing of them was sufficiently painful to me: I love Peace & quiet & the more I grow the more I value both. awful indeed & distressing is the change in the Political State of Europe since we saw Peace proclaimed: "God is moving in a Mysterious way." His judgments are terrible, but wisdom & goodness direct all his dispensations: I so firmly believe that great is to be effected by the convulsions which now agitate the Kingdoms & Powers who govern Europe, that I dare not give way to distressing apprehensions: when the scourge of Nations has effected

The purposes for which God has permitted him again to stand into wronged
Power & will be crushed. The Lord God Almighty Kingeth, & that consideration
should calm our minds. & Young as you are my dear W^m you have been taught
to believe that all things shall work together for good to them who for God.
Maria & Susanna Dixon were to have passed this day with me but they very
unexpectedly went to Chatham last Thursday & we not met returned to school
I'm very glad you passed Friday & Saturday last so happily at Madon.
Give my love to your Uncle & Cousin Thomas. I recollect with pleasure their
kind & gratifying attentions to me, during the very transient interviews I had with
them, & I anticipate still greater pleasure in seeing more of them. I expect you
will enjoy riding on Horseback with your Cousin & their Madonmar Holiday.
I hope you that all our Mendal friends were well when you heard
from them, & do me the favour to offer my kindest & best wishes to your Uncle
in which your Aunt & I unite with me.
& that he & your dear Aunt & their amiable family may see many happy
returns of. Tomorrow the 27th inst. To your Grandmother Patsy from your kindest
respects, I saw Mrs Gripp as she was returning from Meeting on Sabbath day she
was quite as well as usual. Your Aunt M & W desire their kind love to you
to do all your Cousin M's including the Weightmans they are much pleased by
your constantly remembering them when you write to us they are all well.
I saw Uncle M he was quite well last night. Give my affectionate respects
to Mr & Mrs Newton. Tell your dear Mamam I would not even wish her to
write to me till next week. I requested your Uncle to write this same to her. I shall be
happy to hear from you soon. I am my dear W^m affectionately Grandmother
& Thoro's wife

My very dear Jacob,

Islington March 23rd 1815

Sincerely thank you for your affectionate & like dear

W^m well written Letter that you are well gives me great satisfaction to
hear happy you must be in the Society you now enjoy such relatives & friends
as you are encircled by are blessing which you can never be too thankful for to God
who gives you innumerable blessings. The goodness of God is manifested in giving suitable
enjoyments to us in every stage of life in childhood & youth as you know from experience
improvement in reading lively pleasure in society innocent amusements & bright anticipation
future joy. A felicity or eagerness enjoyed. The prime of life is distinguished by an
attainments great & active enjoyment from being useful to others & diffusing peace
as far as is in the power of those who fear God & are benevolent to Men. and when old
age advances if we are permitted to retire from the bustle of life to review the scenes
that are past & say it is good for me that I have been afflicted & rejoicing in the
blessings that remain to us, such as good Children & Grandchildren kind & true friends
and above all the humble hope that God is our friend. I think the enjoyments of
blessings of old age are not inferior to those of any other season of life. You will perhaps
think of this opinion of mine when I have long been silent in the absence of
Barrington's agent disturbing the Peace of Europe & the World makes me very
thoughtful, but I know dear Jacob will not be hurt that I should write so much to him
Give my love to your dear Parents, request your Mamam to mention Mrs Butler

in her next letter we are anxious for her. Your little Cousin Hugh Weightman
 is a very pretty sweet little fellow, he almost smiles when played with & danced to his
 Mother are well. Give my very kind respects to M^{rs} Money, for I like all
 who know her worth, truly love & esteem her! - I think I shall write to your
 Dear Mamma on Saturday instead of ~~Friday~~ Friday next. I received a kind note from
 your Aunt B. this morning your Uncle B. is well again, which I rejoice to
 hear. I think with great pleasure of passing next week at Ploustan, I shall hope Howell

28. March 1815
 M^{rs} Thornthwaite

PLAISTON
 28 MARCH 1815

Master W. J. Catthorpe
 M. W. Catthorpe Esq
 Witham



Ploustan
 Statue
 Sandford
 and
 Merton.



29 March 1815
 yesterday morning
 with Charles's milk pails

30 March 1815
 they found a new way of cooking. They
 used Mr. W. J. Catthorpe's and one of your
 own

single

The Bradshaw's desire their kind love to you & M^{rs}. The Misses Jennings are
 removed, but not settled: they desire their love to you both & are pleased by
 your remembrance of them. M^{rs} Bradshaw is so low about Buonaparte that
 by her earnest request Miss B. is often call upon them to cheer her. I am to pass
 this afternoon with them. Adieu my very dear Jacob, I shall be glad to hear
 from you soon & I am Your truly affectionate Grandmother E. Thornthwaite