

first day moon

My dear Francis

I was glad to have a few lines from
 thee last evening. I should have been
 glad to send thee the same last post but
 the messenger was late, and I was just
 going to bed, and really did not feel at
 all able to do so, so I requested that
 the message might be sent, saying that I
 was much as usual, I did not say any
 thing about it, because he was really very
 unwell and it would answer no good
 purpose to say so. I said nothing but he
 passed a most suffering week from pain in
 his back and limbs, but I am thankful
 to be able to say he seems much better
 this morning. Do not say any thing
 about thyself so hard, and hope thou art
 pretty well and that ^{I please} be very glad to see at
 home once more my dear son Joseph, please
 and say I was thankful to hear of it. He was better
 and I trust he will continue to improve and
 I should say I suppose favour thee to do so.

Lizzy and Vere have been with us during
last week and we expect Florence and
Helen here to morrow with the Regiment
but to take the girls home - they are nice
particularly Lizzy & think I do not seem
to have anything more to say at present
so with dear love to all send enclose not
forgetting myself I remain
Your devoted husband (Charles the Colonel)
as obliged to you
kind thoughtfulness (he says best thou
& kindness also to (consent to) & perfect
all friends (about the case)

Letter please