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Helvedon 3-6-69

My dear Francis

Enclosed are letters which I expect you will be very glad to receive and which we have also read. The perusal of which has again convinced me that there are faults on both sides and that A. Day is, "I have always said he hot headed, and that his zeal is not according to knowledge".

We were very apprehensive about you all on fourth day afternoon, particularly poor Edward who left that morning we hoped that you and James would find shelter and we glad to find you did so not so poor Edward, he had a most miserable ride it seems I hope his cold is not increased thereby as well as the rheumatism in his leg please give my love to him and say so, we had said here to '66-

I am glad to hear by James's letter that
they seem'd better than when you left
some I thought the change would set
them all right and you will get a rest -
we are all pretty well now, but I have been
very poorly indeed for a day or two since you
left with cold and fever - seems better to night
no mention whether Bromley is coming
or not, if he is not coming I should be
glad to know, as it is quite necessary some
thing is done about the wall if we can't get
any one else we must have Joparty about
the stove too, if we send up the dimen-
sions with that we about a piece of iron
as you promised to. I suppose forgot
about it when you left - during the polling
day on fourth day, we were very ~~un~~ perfectly
"favoured" with the company of five half blood
ladies, Edward Shaw and wife and Mrs.
Lillias Lyne and John Steel and wife with
a young lady named Smith were intending
for a picnic party on the rocky hills
intending to call here on their return

but soon after they got partly on their way
signs of rain appear'd so they were making
a sorry ^{repair} under a honey shield in the pine
flat when a clap of thunder put a stop
then fear, and Lillias Lyne was so earnest
in her entreaties that they should proceed
at once to Helvidon that with all speed
they made the best of their way here
we had a good fire built, in the kitchen
here they all repaired, and we soon suc-
ceeded with the aid of the large clothes
horse in getting their water garments dried
and themselves warmed and comforted
and spent a pleasant afternoon
I got very pressing invitations amongst
them, particularly from Lillias Lyne who
said "do come and see me Mrs Cotton's
bill take such care of you, you stay at home
as much, and call that - but all this is
very uninteresting to them I expect
engaged as they are with matters of so
much importance, however they must
take it for what it is worth, - and the
enclosed will make up for the want
lessness of this, we can only speak of

for surroundings I forgot to give James
the money for the ceiling paper & you think
well to send it me, I will give James the
amount when he returns. don't forget to send
some spirits of some sort. This is nearly out
Joseph says don't be surprised if the next
account you receive from him is from
the deacons. There is much need of some
thing of the sort poor fellows I think I can
think of little else but the state of our
affairs and the poor reward we are likely
to be able to offer to our poor hard working
sons, from early life some of them
well. I have written a stumbling letter
I wish it was better, but my head is not
very right to night - my love to Joseph and
I am obliged to him for his remembrance
of me - also to James and Edward wishing
them a pleasant time during their stay
in town and a safe return home the
same also to Myself and hoping ~~that~~ my
health will continue to improve.
Rachel desires for
love My affectionate love
Annandama Cotton

Received of Mrs. Cotton
the sum of \$10.00
for the ceiling paper
of the church
the 10th of Nov 1840