



to divide the little Articles sent, as you think proper  
I thought the old Books might be of use to the  
Children, but the Annals are very pretty, and there  
is one, for each of the Elder ones, My Dear Sister, I  
thank God is very well, and as usual in good spirits  
but so enfeebled, & weak, you would scarcely know  
her, she walks about the House with a stick, and  
with difficulty gets up stairs, & she is shrunk down  
to a very little old woman, now in her 82 years. I very  
much fear, that poor Jerry has not a very pleasant  
situation, but it cannot be helped, her husband has  
a situation, as a Meneging Shopman, & she is a  
kind of House keeper, in the same concern, she has  
a handsome drawing room, & three, or four maid servants,  
at her command, but she is to purchase & provide  
for a family of twenty persons, so that all her time  
is engaged, in ordering, and so forth, it cannot be very  
agreeable to her Dear Woman, who has had a handsome  
House of her own, & every comfort and a les! too  
much elegance for her situation in life, had they  
been more prudent, and I may say humble, they  
need not been in their present humble situation,  
I have one great favour to ask, that is, in future  
to have acknowledged, by letter, what ever may have  
been received; for at different times, things have

been sent to Dear James, from my Sister, and  
myself, but never any notice taken of it; so for  
what we know, it might be lost. you mentioned  
some things I sent by Mrs Perry, which are the  
first, that I have heard, that come to hand, now  
let me beg, that the Box, that is now going to be  
sent, which I shall have ensured, may be acknowledged  
my chief reason, for being desirous of being  
informed of the safe arrival, is to know, that  
you have got it. John says, it is the same a  
bout Money matters, he is never informed  
by his Mother, and did he not discover it, by  
other means, he might suppose, it never had  
been received; again I must intreat a more  
punctual acknowledgement. I am sorry  
to say the accounts we have from Germany are  
rather distressing, poor Fred<sup>r</sup> that went through  
so much, in Africa, having his House over his  
head for six months, not sleeping, <sup>in bed for that</sup> ~~at bed for that~~  
time, engaged in subduing the Caffers, bore it up  
exceeding well, in good health, but now returned  
home, he seems to feel it, & it is very much  
feared that he will go into a decline without  
the greatest care, as he spits blood, Dear Mrs J  
has for the last twelvemonths been exceeding unwell

and suffers much pain, and the worst of it is, the  
medical men, cannot discover what her  
complaint is, I greatly dread the consequences,  
and what a loss she woud be, to her family, such  
a wife, and Mother, few are her equals, she has  
twelve Children living five sons in the Army

Mrs James Timmons  
Roberts Town  
Van Diemens Land

From any of your party write to her  
at 20, St. Dunstons Church, London  
with out a post paid for to do so, so we can find

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Robert a fine young man, is in India, & has been  
there three years, & is now engaged in the war  
there. Charles has two sweet Dear Children, he begs  
his kind love to you, and his Dear Brother James.  
I have sent half a Dozen of our Tea Spoons, & beg  
your acceptance of them. My best affections attend  
you, and all your Dear family, & believe me sincerely  
your kind and real friend J. Timmons