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1873 April - July Cooper Morris Incoming Letters

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all the family - Mr & Mrs W. Morris & their
dear little girl - Mrs Morris too - I shall
always like them yall - but everything
of your own dear selves is so endeared
to us - I am much depending on reaching
home just few days of June as I have
set my heart on going to Aylesford on the
fifth - the anniversary of my dear ones
birth day - the winter was remarkably mild
with us & we have had a very weather of
such lovely spring flowers & his tomb in the
21st January - Alice made them all three
& co had plenty of out door ferns - they
lasted so well that one of our old servants
wrote me they remained fresh a long time
I was favored - for frost & snow set in on
22d - and since then we have had
much inclement weather - this is a
most lovely spot - the day your kind
letter came my sister in law took me for a
drive to St Lawrence - Hilton & Blackegang
& I had thought so much of you & wished
if you & Mr Morris had gone the Island
& visit in your former journey 30 years
ago - I dont know if you felt any interest in
Mr Wilkie Collins - he was in the Richardson Company
but - Alice was paying a call she entered me
a few days since & a lady came in with three
his family & informed her he was engaged to
be married to a widow 2 years older than himself
with one child! the lady pretty - but not wealthy
Mr Richardson has been all the winter at
Cannes with 2 of her children - Well dear friends
I must be winding up my long chat & it only remains
for me to assure you that great cause I have to
bless God for much comfort in my dear children
and assurance of his guiding and

[illegible]
I have so long delayed to assure you
glad to see & hear from you & of your
welfare - My silence has not been
caused by forgetfulness - you are constantly
present with me daily in that state
room of our dwelling - every morning
of that room to be forgotten time, your
every word - tone of voice & lineaments
are burned in so strongly - even
if the deepest gratitude did not
keep you ever in my mind -
an new way of recounting
all my friends that you & dear
Mr Morris to give me a friend
I often endeavored persuade myself
I knew you only for few short
months or rather weeks - but I
must explain if possible my silence
In the volume letter received from you on
of November you said " I shall make
for you a small volume - and shall
enclose in it photos of Mr Morris &
myself " - My anxiously Alice & I
have looked for the arrival (alas
it has never come) & I kept thinking
I w[illegible] wait & not write till I could
acknowledge receipt of it - there came
Xmas - & all my family assembled