for I assure you tho' I expect nothing my-self — I feel great anxiety for you all at Melfield — how do Hen^ry & Lloyd make out — it must be a great disappointment to them —

I am truly sorry to learn that Lizzie is so disabled — but trust the disease is removed ere this — tis something new for her — is it not? You speak of coming over — I wish it were possible for her to come to — I would give a great deal for a few hours talk with her —

~~with~~ The Corn you kindly mention did not come — give me some directions about it — or is it merely planted & tended as other Corn — all these matters are my province — I am trying to get a garden — or on shares & have to day partly agreed with one — but it is terrible hard scuffling — the Dairy suffered from the long severe cold & the pasture being so backward cuts me to great

Friday night
10th April
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The subject of yr favour by Dawson ~~treats~~ me of such vital importance to me — my Dear Mr L — that set aside the pleasure I ~~[illegible]~~ have in communicating with you all at Melfield, I feel ~~it~~ very anxious to converse with you explicitly on that point —

The kindness & accomodation extended to ~~yr~~ us for a long time in the use of Lloyd Moore — has I assure you been fully appreciated but at ~~[illegible]~~ in the last ten years has it been of the same importance as at this time — ~~but~~ from reasons which are too painful to explain, I can only say that to keep a shelter over my children's heads — I am compelled to appropriate every months hire to my Landlord — & should it be necessary from any cause to remove him from