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My Dear Mr Birnie

I Recd your welcome Letter of the 2d of November I need not tell you the Happiness it gave me altho I was at the time not able to Read it. My Long Illness prevented me from writing to you sooner as I Could not stoop My Head for any Length of time I wrote to Hessy by the packet as soon as I was able which I hope she has Recd Long ere this — in it I Mentioned the particulars of My Illness But thanks to god I am getting well. yesterday was the first time I was able to be in My Mothers or through My own house for Nearly Eight Months. Nothing My Dear Friend but My not being able would have prevented Me from writing to you ~~this~~ Last Month I was able to write but Mr Napier & I has been so vexed & Disappointed about the people that was to go to you Changing there Minds about gowing that I Really did not know what to say to you about them — The first Carpenter he Engaged to go there & also did the second — he has ~~one~~ or two now on hands but he says he Can not be sure of one of them gowing they are so Changeable for the seem at first pleased to go but before the time they ~~were~~ to go some friend or some Circumstance prevents them & so on — he is very unhappy at not getting them sent before this but he Cannot help it — I think Jack Junkins Drawing back in gowing has been a grate means to Discourage the Others, I suppose before this you have heard of his not being Determined about gowing. Indeed I am quite provoked at the Manner in which he has Acted ~~for we~~ all Made our selves Happy during the winter with the thoughts of his gowing to you in the Spring I sent for him some time ago & said a grate Deal to him I told him I was gowing to write to you & wished him to tell me what he Intended he said he was Decided about