

Holmes Vale August 12th 1845

Dear Husband

My first attempt to write you but
language fails to describe the loneliness and distress
of my heart since we parted. if the tears Dear Hus-
band that now blind my eyes could but fall on you I
should be a happy Wife, for I am now far from it
I know that you must feel very anxious about my health
which is gaining slowly the excessive heat hinders me from
gaining my strength and nursing the babe she is so well
and hearty I long Peter for you to see the darling creature
when she was four weeks old she weighed 11^{lbs} now she
is five to day I think she has gained another pound
Mr Coffin carried me over to your Fathers last week
Dr cam and brought me home to day much fatigued

Thursday morn August 18th

Dear Brother.

As Susan commenced nursing you this
letter last night, I will now try and finish it for her, as
she took some cold in her breast, and was quite unwell through
the night, but is much better this morning. I think she has gained
quite fast since you left. but the weather still continues very hot
and of course she cannot get much strength. I came over here
and staid a week with her, after you left. but my company
did not make up the loss of you. she was very much vexed
to think you left your Family Physician, and sent it over