

Tilla Atta
(over)
March. 25.
[1868]

Dearest Catherine

I wonder how you have
lived through life since
I received that / your
kind letter in the beginning
of January? I hear that
the winter in England has
been unusually mild.
I am glad for you all -
it has been the contrary
here - Dec. and January
were quite severe - and
these houses, being built
to keep out snow & frost after
Jan. are bitterly cold
in winter. We made our
winter plans according
to state of things in the N.
Academy - where all was
to be dissolved - in state of

Miss Catherine Hinkworth

31. Cornwallis Crescent.

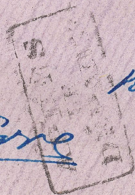
Clifton

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England.

near

Angleterre



which the Acceding goes
on so usual until July
next and so we - after
4. or 500 pounds sterling
loss / the journey - and the
house of funerals / and a
churning separation - for
nothing - back to upset all
our plans - poor Mr. ^{W. J. D. D. D.} ~~W. J. D. D.~~
done it some instead of co-
ming here to us. - now I go
home about the 13. of April
and hope to be at Roberts
on the 18th - I have been
pretty well - but would
have been just - so well
in my mother's house at
home, & think ' however.

it is no mistake that
this is a beautiful place
and a beautiful climate
where I would like to have
a little piece - 'terre' for my
old days'. Walter is doing
well at Rugby. Lucy is just
pressing in everything - and

This friend & great comfort to
me. Lucy is surprised of her
and I certainly find in her a most
changing change - she is not any
thing like so harsh and severe
as she was - and is come back
just like a friend and a mem-
ber of the family. - Poor Henry
Sydney was not at all well
here - so they had to go away.
I long to see my friend in Eu-
land - but she - I have no
feeling of joy in going back
thither - things look unplea-
sant enough - and she I say
does not improve them.
I suppose that so I am a
born artist, and perhaps so
exquisitely McKinstrelish
it always is something that
unlike goes into my nature
but I believe the substance of
I am is what oppresses me
most. well I know though
that the good ones in Europe
are to be found now here with
their treachery of mind and
heart. This I will add that you
may not think me blind for what
is well, to be treasured!

I wonder what summer plans
you have? we have none at
present. we have none
before the end of July - and
then summer is gone at least.
I hope Mr. Whitham has
gone this mild winter
comfortably. Davis goes
Mr. Thayer and Miss Shaw
has she got sold her share
nest box? - I have no news
of importance, except of course
so forgive my dull letter.

This such interest to me to
 develop Gungo's singing qualities,
 I wonder how she will sing
 one day! I begin to believe
 that we shall perhaps some
 time hale sea - we are so isolated
 there - such a waste to go to
 town - so expensive - so cold
 that we do better here, and
 take a cheap house. 3 children
 to educate - takes a good deal
 out of ones purse, and the
last wind cuts me to pieces in
 minutes! now we are!

Good bye, dearest Catherine
don't forget me I value your
friendships more than words can
say - and have taken you into