

Halifax July 1/49
(Lie. 1850?)

Dear Margaret

It has just now
written a few lines to you, though I suppose it
likely that I may have a parcel and
letter when the stage comes, in in the
evening. If however I may add something
I have been out to day & look
at lodgings at the south end of the town,
at a house where Mrs Shannon had applied
There is a good Bedroom much better
than that I have here, which I can
have for 6 pence week, and then
Mrs Shannon wishes me to stay
with her during the day, her house
being near; & I have thought it best
to try how I can do in that way, as
especially as in event of your coming here,
I think the place will suit you. There is
a very neat parlour, opening into the

Bedroom which has also a small
closet offit; and there is an empty
kitchen below. So if you can come
down I shall get when you come
the front room also, and then we
can be quite snug. The woman of the
house can cook for us if required. In
the mean time, I only take the
Bedroom, in which I can have a fire
if I wish it.

I enclose an order from Mr Mr Kenley
which please give to Father, also a letter
which was left at Mr Kenley's for Mr Adams.
Your last came through Mr Fulton
a member of Assembly, to whom my
Father had enclosed it. He complained
about it, and said that if any more came
so he should have to post them. So please
tell Father not to send a sum in that way.
The privilege of the M^{rs} in printing is I believe
somewhat curtailed this year.

* I have enclosed it to Father

I shall have to trouble you to put up and send
from your own specimens, especially birds, which
I find I cannot procure here as fresh. They are—

- 1 The duck on Mother's mantel piece
- 2 The white gull in my case. 3 The yellow-leg a tall wading
bird in do. 4 The Head, foot & tail of a large woodpecker do.
- 5 The sparrow hawk, the smallest hawk in do. 6 The woodpecker
with round spots on its breast do. 7 Wings of Penguin do
- 8 Humming bird, either of them. 9 Creeper a little brownish
bird on side of case. 10 One of the swallows. 11 The yellow
bird and two or three of the other warbblers & flycatcher
such as you can get out easiest, or look best. 12 The
King bird. 13 One of the
grey birds or two of them. 14 The squirrel. 15 The mole—
- 16 The field mouse. 17 The large beetle. 18 The mushroom

like Coral, on Mother's table. The birds will easily
lift off their sticks. They should be packed in a box,
the large birds first, with paper shavings or cotton
under them, the small birds can then be rolled
in cotton wool & put in the spaces between
the large ones then more paper shavings & cotton,
& another tier. As they will not be heavy they
can be sent by stages and you need not
send them till two weeks after receipt of this.
As I have the Botanical and greater part
of the Zoological departments & get things, before I send them

I have just received My Fathers letter by mail.
He mentions the subject of taking you & boy down, and
thinks the latter very dangerous. I have no doubt
it would at present, but perhaps it might be done
in March. However we have time to think of the
matter & correspond about it. In the mean time
I wish you all health and happiness and freedom
from all fears & anxieties of molesting - I wish I could
send you and little boy a good kiss each - May God
bless you in all things - your affectionate husband
William

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good letter
rec'd birds
Mr J W Brown

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