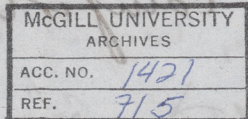


Mrs Percival's cruel
attitude to Margaret



11 Arminston Place
Edinburgh 9th February 1849

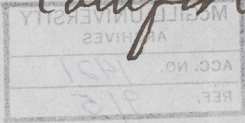
Margaret

I received your letter of the 11th January,
and I take an early opportunity to inform you
that so far as I am concerned I forgive you.
I am glad to observe that your own mind
seems to be relieved from a sense of guilt by being
forgiven from above which is the chief thing
to study.

My distress and affliction have been very
great, and not the least part of my suffering
arose from the feeling that I was not able to
bear with due submission what Providence
seemed meet to lay upon me, but I trust
I shall be more enabled to submit to the
trial.

I continue to receive from my family
every attention that is in their power, and
even beyond their power, and this has

proved a great comfort to me and
still does so.



I enclose a tract the sentiments ex-
pressed in which I highly approve and
trust that it may be of service to you.

Janet Mercer

P. P.

11 Belvidere Place

9 February 1849

dearest Peter

You will at once perceive that I have acted as amanuensis to our Dear Mother, albeit she is not yet come the length of addressing you in the terms of kindness which you and we would desire, but it is something that the good effect of your last letter to Mother is apparent in the more quiescent state of her own mind regarding you, and we trust that some additional time and also your occasionally writing to her, as you feel yourself able will further soften down her mind and lead her to regard you in a different light, although you must not expect too much.

Jane received your miniature safely and is very much delighted with it, as we all are and think it remarkably like - all the children knew it at once. Jane would readily send her own in return but that, in the present state of matters would not be prudent. We think you might have also sent ~~some~~ Cosmo's as you have the engravings beside yourself. Mr Crowe has not called again which disappoints us, as we have a spoon as a present to Cosmo from Uncle which we intended to send by him. Jane has taken care to have the spoon made like nobody's else which you will admit when you see it. Uncle sends his kind regards, and receive the same good wishes from all the

family here. Uncle is enjoying very good
health, excepting that his Cough troubles him consider-
ably. Jane and all the children are very well
at present. Jane is calling across the table to tell
Margaret to be sure to persevere in writing to Mother

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Pictou
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Mother is really improved in health at present
and we trust she will be long restored to us. She is a
valuable friend notwithstanding some weakness which
one in regard to you. Yours very affectionately
Peter Belle