

Mrs Bell

Jares

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My dear Margaret

I sit down on the
afternoon of the post day not with
the intention of writing a letter
but simply to acknowledge your
last dated 13th March. We received the
money all right without either
trouble or expense.

We have
had a letter from Glasgow and find
that Captain Jc sailed for Sidney
on the 20th of March. The first vessel
we could be ready for sails on the
15th, Harlequin Capt Torrance so that
you will not receive your boy be-
fore the middle of May, which I
hope will be in good time, It
might have been sent a week
sooner as every thing is ready but.

the bonnets and that difficult of
all things shawl I am waiting for
the latest fashion in these articles
Mr Hewal Mr Gill &c are expected
back from Paris to-day or tomorrow
so that I hope to see their shawls
next week and then pack up
before your letter arrived I had
bought some low priced collars
for Anna also some trimming
for her drawers and some job pocket
handkerchiefs. I have taken the liberty to
send one of your muslin dresses
flourished, they have so much more
appearance, Jessie's being fr. I could
not think of sending yours both plain
they are not much trouble to give

I was greatly at a loss about your
comb a plain one being about a
third of the price of a cut one at last
I paid 25/ for a cut one it does seem a
long price, I think there will be no
money over but I hope it will

not be much short, I have not
got your things calculated yet
but I think the simplest and best
way will be to mark the price
upon all small things as the bills
are invariably mixed up with
things for my own family it was
impossible in a shop to decide what
I would keep and what I would
send you. I have spent a good
deal of money upon the younger
branches they all requiring a change
of dress this summer, I have got no-
thing for self yet, you know my
favourite place is the fireside &
I have been trying to persuade
papa that I do least mischief in
the money way there but it will
not do he says go on I will take
my chance of you, the girls
Christina and I have had lately
put me very much in mind
of what you and I had

please say to Mr Dawson that
Mr Bell forwarded the equine,
the only kind
I could get in the least
like your description was
in large oval pieces
capable of covering a due
quantity of a chumy, if they do
not have the effect of making
it still more chumy, they
were only so that they will be
a great loss of no right, what
letters it is really very carelessly
written but I had no time to
think.

Jessie had a daughter
the day after I wrote you last, the
smallest child without exception
I ever saw she is registered Charlotte
Alice, Jessie is going through the
house quite well again, but if she
manages to make a woman of
herself she will deserve credit
no chloroform required

remember to Mr Dawson
I should very much like to see
the original of the letter
you mention in your letter
of the 10th inst. I have
not seen it yet.