

for two or three days at least. I said  
it was not convenient for me to stay at  
this time. Mrs Mercer, present, said  
nothing, never said stay, went to an  
own made bed for two nights; my  
girl just running hither & thither at  
Mr M's orders, early in the morning  
Tom being a little better, I left for  
the Seaside, with the decided resolu-  
tion of not visiting Arncliffe in a  
hurry - being again in town for a  
few hours along with Mrs Fleghorn  
shopping - I told her of my reception  
& that I was not going again, however  
was persuaded just to call & see your  
Mother for a few minutes, she  
was different altogether, but no  
entreaties could induce me to return  
to make out the promised visit -  
the excuse I now have for her is  
that she was not well in health,  
pelted for the want of being

Angry at Father letting her away  
Mrs Walter & her whole household  
had lived in the house during your Mother's  
absence & had been glad to get quit of  
Jeany I suppose — I did not say anything  
of it to Mr Hall — or he would never  
have forgiven anyone for not being  
kind to his little boy & me — I felt it  
exceedingly, but it is all forgotten  
now & all your Mother's kindness only  
remembered — the little Lees are  
all well, baby is a pretty child —  
Mother & Agnes send their kindest  
love to you, & dear Maggie no mention  
has been made of your Husband & boy  
in all this scribble, but when you  
write, just speak of them to me  
for all that are dear to you I am  
interested in — I praying that God will  
bless you in all things. I am your  
affectionate Isabel Ball

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Aunt & Maggie Murray are well  
I think any one that you know  
much about