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Letter to John Lane and his wife Susanna Whipple in Billeraky from E. Whipple

Loving Son and Daughter this is onely to informe
 that we are in health with the rest of our friends
 here through gods goodness to us, you saw your
 father since I did my mother with my self and
 the rest of our friends remember our Dear love
 to you and desire to hear from you by this
 bearer if I can perswade him to bring if I will
 send a pound of combed wooll by him I am
 so sorry you are like to be so long without your
 household goods fear you will suffer for want
 of them I long to hear how you do now you are
 alone but if you have the presence of god with
 you as I trust you have it is more then all
 the company of the world consider how many of
 his dear and precious ones are shut up in prison
 at this day and for what, but we have not
 onely liberty to worship him ^{in all} the encounters
 that may be if we have but hearts to prize and
 improve our opportunities we know not the worth
 of them nor how little a time we have to enjoy
 them I desire to speak it to my own dull and
 sluggish hearts as well as to you my Dear
 children though I did not bear you yet seeing
 the providence of god hath brought me into such
 a relation I doe desire to bear every one
 of you upon my heart I shall write
 of him who desire to be
 your Loving mother
 E. Whipple
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 I have not telling us lately how we hear
 the little birds cheerfully sing the praise of of their
 Creator makes use take more notice of it and assured
 that I serve him not more cheerfully I mention it
 because you have to opportunity of that excitement

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