

London the 26th of February 1858.

My Dear Son.

I received your letter the 8th of February. Now I was glad to hear from you but I was not Pleased to hear that you have got a wife if it were I cannot take it as yet that it is so if so why you would say her maiden name and who her Father and Mother is and what Country people they are and likewise told me of your Courtship so that I could have written to her Father and heard what he had to say in the future prospect of his Daughter and my son and then I should know better what to say to you about the future time to come perhaps but hear you do not say what year how she was nor where she came from.

if it is so that you are Married I cannot think
that my son ~~should~~ do the like with out
acquainting me of his intention before hand
Dear Tom. I have been scraping every pound
that I could get thinking that you would
Come to London this summer and I fully
expect to see you once more and I have got
fifty pounds put away for you so you should
not go Back empty handed but I dont know
what to say to you under the present circum-
stances but I tell you that I should
like to see you this summer and in London
if you think of coming rite say ing weath^{er}
you do mean to come or not this summer
but if you do not intend coming I will
send you Fifty pounds if you rite and

tell me with way I am to send it
Tom it came to me it is a old saying and a true
one that a single man want a wife and when
he gets a wife he is in want of every thing else
and it appears to me if you have got a wife
she appears to suit you at the present time
and I sincerely wish that you may live and
die with the same love and respect as you
seem to have ~~at the same time~~ for her and
she for you untill no more but tom
I sincerely hope she is not a ~~stupid~~ and
and respecting the eight pounds as I lent
Jessey Kevel why it appears to me that
he has not got it in his power to pay you
at the present and by so it is useless for you
to trouble yourself about it as you say that
he has not got a penny to help himself
with at the present time and I am
sorry to hear that Uncle treats Aunt so bad
Tom respecting the hard times in England
with the poor people it is truly heart
rending to see and to hear the distress and
hardship as they have to endure for
the want of employment and food for half
that is in work is half starved and it is

it is true that there is hundreds and thousands
in England in a starving state Tom Sam told
that there is 12 Hundred young men and
Lads lists every month for soldiers for I often
see my self scores of young men and Lads go
through London streets from different towns
in the North of England and Ireland as
recruits ~~Tom~~ I am not sorry that you
are were you are and in the same
position of you getting a home for your
self for I am confident sure that if you
had remained in England you would not
have got a home of your own it is very like
ly they would have had you for a soldier
if you had remained here and tell
Mrs Jessy to make her self pappy were
she is for she would not be so well off here as were
she is at present time for there is hundreds that
would come were they are if they had the chan
while Bread & Brewery In main your Affectionate Father
Chiswell St London England / E Keevil