

Gold in ham -

My dear father,

I quite long to receive a letter from you, to assure me of the receipt of mine - Mr Willett told me you was quite hurt at not hearing from me by him - I did intend writing but when I came to ask to for a pen there was not one in the house, and I had to wait till the next day, to borrow one of P Willett - This is my excuse and it is a true one, as nothing could have authorized my neglecting you but necessity - I quite long to hear from you, do write to me for your letters are my only consolation here -

~~"No tedious weeks have slowly passed away,~~
~~Since ever the snows took sleep I came to stay.~~

I am going to write to Eliza so my dear father will excuse the brevity of this letter,
But rest assured of the affection of your
Child -
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Heavenly Father