

Bristol
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I am perfectly dis-
mayed at hearing that
Deacon Bailescolorness has not
written about that mouse
and could cry with regret
and annoyance at my
own stupidity & their care-
lessness. It was cruel &
dead ful of us all & so
unnecessary & let you
worry & wonder, & what
thought would be a
pleasant surprise has
thus only been a cause of

anxiously - it is dreadful &
I am so sorry - I don't
think I can forgive him
for it - but I am to blame
some myself -

When your letter first came
to Deacon Bartholomew he
met me in the Post Office
the day and suggested
that I should see a few
of your friends and so
raise the necessary amount
for transporting the furniture.
I was only too glad to do
it and easily raised the
\$70. which was all that
was necessary. Yours truly

helped me a little on High St. We got
it all from four special friends who
were glad of an opportunity of each doing
a little while they might hesitate to send
a small amount directly to you - I hoped
that would be sufficient to pay for carting
at Clifton - but it took it all. Mr B. paid
freight \$24, after a little argument & the
freight was \$45.60 - When I handed Mr Lewis
the money I said "Who will write to them
that the bills are paid" - & he replied, "Oh
let Mr Basset洛ndes - he is the one to do it -
he will write at once" - I had wanted to
write you the first thing that it was being
done - but they both objected as I supposed -
& it seems so dreadful to me now - they
didn't I write? I had no idea he could
do such a thing as never to write to you
& you as sick & nervous & anxious to know
it just about breaks my heart - I went
up to Norfolk just after the goods started
& supposed it had all been attended to - I
never dreamt but that Mr Basset洛ndes
would do his part in the matter, for he

was at Sachems Head nearly
all the time & really did
nothing at all but talk
Dea-Lewis was not at any
expense personally - but his
kindness & personal affection
caused the expense of casting
So he will at once return
your check - I cannot imagine
his not answering your two
letters on the subject - It
was inevitable & I trust
I shall be given grace on
Sunday not to rebuke
the Deacons as they deserve -
I take my full share of the
blame also, only I was
acting under orders -

You bitter dear friend was
as beautiful in word and
thought and I can so easily
understand your feeling in
this great trial that our
Father has laid upon you
and feel my own limitation
as keenly as they fall as
far short of my longing
dear & n of service to you
& yours. Let us lay aside
these feelings - we truly
know the others heart in
the matter and speak
freely & without reserve
I do so long to be of some
practical service - is there
not someone to whom I

could write about your circumstances - it
is as much easier to write for another man
for one self. I have seriously considered writing
to the Quaker Bells in Phil^{at}, knowing how hard
it is to address ones relatives - but I feared it
would be an unnecessary interference, but
I should be very glad to write any where for
I know the writer is to be such a hard one
for everybody.

Then I think of the dreadful heat heating
laborious time dear Mrs Belden had while
packing that furniture & of the many annoy-
ances that came to her while she was doing it,
I just feel faint & sick to think you should
have such a complication in getting it again
& instead of saying such nice things as you
always do about Bristol people - I should
think you would want to call us all dolts
& block heads - I cannot find words to express
my annoyance -

Grandma is so disturbed about it that she
wants me to telegraph in the morning but
Mama fears it will startle you - She is always
so pleased with a message from you - I think it
is Mrs Julius Nott whom you refer to -
My only penitential love to Mrs Belden. This has taught