

drawing on me for the amt. These ~~Orders~~ ^{Orders} I have paid
with more alacrity than I ever rec^d. money from the
same good man to discharge a steward, & Bill at
Harvard College after being dun^d. a Quarter for
it.

Is not it peculiarly hard that the old gentleman
shou^d. be poor? ~~but~~ Yet true it is that
had not an accidental ~~in~~ from me prevented, he
must have sold his house at P.

Sally in
her letter ~~for~~ most seriously regrets that her dear
m^r. Halliwell's cloaths past the house every Sunday
on the back of a nasty great Cooper, & poor m^r. Savage's
(she says) were preserved? & are worn by Tommy Spooner.

At the auction Sally, & friends attended, & ~~for~~
bought some few things of yours among which is a miniature
~~picture of your sister (she supposed)~~ it is kept among
her precious relics, and will be carefully preserved.

My pin cushion too, from thing — merely because it
was found in bad company, was condemn^d. to be
sold ^{supper hangs next to the new dy^e. blue petticoat} & now serves some indelicate fisherman's wife
of some indelicate fat fisherman's wife. — How the
Devil my pin cushion cou^d. come among your things I
cannot possibly imagine. In some future day
you shall give me satisfaction on this subject.

Had I any news I dare not communicate,
~~see~~ letters in these precarious times are subject to such
variety of accidents that one ~~for~~ ^{trembles} at every line
lest it may fall into the hands of the malicious, &
misconstrued. — There is nothing in my power
to command that I wou^d. not give for one hour, & con-
versation with my most lov^d. friends of the next day.

club. — Not even a Peter shou^d. interrupt me, nor
shou^d. the orders of a Coffin silence me for a moment.

Many things wou^d. I tell you so completely ridicu-
lous as to make you laugh — but many more ~~let~~
so solemnly tragical as to draw tears from the
shroud of you.

What effect the late manning
of administration will produce, cannot be conjectured.
but I venture to sport an opinion — that if
the minister had held his tongue, & parliament
their declaration of act ~~was~~ for a few months
~~longer~~. I believe, & am happy in the idea —
that the Americans will not accept the terms.

They have treated D^r. M^r. & speak of the acts in
the with their usual ~~language~~ ^{language}. —
They, we been publicly burnt in the press —
you. — Shou^d. these insolent vagabonds in com^m.
eration of their present distresses be induc^d. to
listen to the proposal made by government I
really think the ^{American} friends of government are in a
situation most peculiarly awkward. For my
own part I feel no anxiety. I am in an office
the execution of which my ^{as} my duty ~~is~~ ^{is} —
I have ^{discharge} perform^d. my duty faithfully. and will
continue to do it altho' Hell^r in my front &
perdition in my rear. I therefore bear no con-
sures — & ask no favors. but when I cast an eye
on some venerable figures here & consider their
services