

Monday Evening

my dear Sally

your two Billets of today & Saturday are just brought me why have you not mentioned Abby's Indisposition before - but I am rejoiced she is better do send for Dr Johnston to her he is called very skilfull and send for any of the Neighbors you are Acquainted with to be with you - I dont wonder you think I mean to take up my abode here I have staid much longer then I intended, a combination of Circumstances has detained me, first the Accomplishment of Mr Beck's Deeds - after that Nancey's return of Oppression at her Chest which was very Allarming, as Mr Baylie did not give her any medicine - I tryed the Haulm Oyl last Friday it has Remov'd the complaint in a great measure - after this you will allow the Weather was too severe for me to attempt coming - and lastly to morrow my poor house will be sold at Vendue and I must stay to have the Deeds Executed so it is Impossible for me to fix a day for my return this you may be assur'd of I will Return as soon as I can for I long to be at home Nancey will not be well enough to Accompany me, this will excuse me not a little you may depend for she also wishes to come - Luke is sick and distressed for Money she hopes you will make her a payment, if you wish it I will Advance any sum you please to pay her, let me know by Obearland send Nancey's riding habit & her Cloths she sent up - send me 2 doubled Night Caps and 3 fine handkerchiefs a Demothie petticoat & 2 pair Aprons a Clean long gown - dont be surpris'd at my sending for more Cloaths I must finish my business and you must consider the severity of the Weather and also that I have got a great Cold already when I am sure you wont want your old Murr to risk freezing her self & be a Cripple all Winter for you to Nurse & Cold at yours Affectionately

Margaret Smith

Mr Smith has sent you the Lascenger bell Mrs Smith & Nancey all Joy in love to you - you dont acknowledge my letters I wish to know if you receive them did you get the one I sent last Saturday at a week