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20, St. Albans Street
30th June 1852.

My Dear Sister,

Your Letter, & Note to
Mr. Penny, arrived safe this Morning.
The former I put in my pocket, and
threw the latter into the fire place
after having carefully torn it. I had
two excellent reasons for doing so.
In the first place, to save my Manus
Shoe Leather, and in the second place,
I had presented my Wife with Han-
nah More's Book, many many Months
ago. Of all this, I proposed to inform
You when I got home. But, your
Puppy of a Bookseller has been
too alert, for on my return to
my Lodgings this Evening, I found
a packet on the Table directed for
me. On opening it, Hannah More,
Mrs Chapone, with Mrs. Ditcherson's
Compliments stared me in the
face. This is really very provoking
that I am to be molested carrying
female Manuscripts up & down
the Country. As, however, the Books
are well bound, perhaps, they

may be civilly received by my Female,
& therefore, if my Man John will
condescend to trouble himself with
taking charge of them, I will not
throw them out of the Chaise Win-
dow. Love to your Husband and
Daughter. Assure yourself of my
constant abhorrence, for I hate
all Givers of Presents, out of envy
perhaps, that I cannot afford to
follow the example. Adieu My
Dear Sister.

Ever Your sincere
& Affectionate Friend
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London, First July 1800

Mrs Dickenson

Leighton House

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