

My dear and kind mother,  
I have very much to thank you for  
the money you have sent me  
and I am very glad to hear  
that you are all well and  
hope you will continue to be  
so for some time yet. I  
am well at present and  
hope to be so for some  
time yet. I have not much  
to write at present but  
will write again soon.  
I am, my dear mother,  
your affectionate son,  
John Smith

mercies of the Union and  
to bless your hands a thousand  
times my dearest mother and in  
doe my good Dr and her little  
sorrow with my best love to  
M<sup>r</sup> Baldwin and Elizabeth  
Believe me  
your affectionate Son

Paris 14 March 1850.

most best

my dear Father.

I am most happy to hear you  
 are going on well if I have suffer-  
 ing for myself do not love it  
 for others and feel <sup>in that I have</sup> it <sup>in them</sup> more  
 highly than <sup>it is</sup> in my own person  
 I do not want you to wish for  
 me that a time may come when  
 I'll be able to say now I am well  
 the only wish I have is to gain  
 some feeling in my limbs that  
 I may be more useful to others  
 and this is the only thing I look  
 to when I wish for an improvement  
 in my health.

I kiss your hands very hard  
 Father and rejoice at the thought  
 of seeing you soon with little  
 sorrow's most affectionate kissing

Believe me dear Father  
 your very affectionate  
 George

Mr D<sup>r</sup> is very grateful for your  
remembrance of his name and  
you in return his congratulations  
for your success