

Mr. Clough's
wife can't accompany
him because she is near
her confinement.

Starsted.
near
Ensworth.

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My dear Friend

I am anxious to write
you a line though I know
it needs little to secure you
good offices for one so nearly
connected & so highly valued
by our dear Florence - as
Mr. Clough - he is I fear
in a very anxious state of
health from over work
he has so much shyness

acubridae

Shyness & want of confidence
in himself that it is very
difficult to find out how
good & how clear he is,
but you & Mr. Hill don't
require that, to make you
feel an interest in him
& you will see how much
he needs your fostering
care — he has had
God's greatest help in all

an arduous work for the
war office & I honestly
believe he would die for
her if he could serve her.

I send you two little
photographs - very sad to
think upon - one as she
was in early life - the other
as she is now Alas! -
you will I know prize
them. Mr. Cory's departure
is so sudden that I have
no time to send for a

letter from me - but just send
you the one I had for
myself -

I have been a great
invalid all winter, & ^{very}
ill able to bear the harrowing
misery we saw around us
however the worst is over &
the poor weavers are partly
employed again. — & we are
come away from home to
enjoy my dear old friends'
company a little & feel all
the better for the change
with kind love to Mary
& Mrs Hill believe me always
^{your very affectionate} Dolly 13