

our friends and relations we shall make a happy exchange, for if they dont go from us we must go from them, because we must part as sure as we are born. The Lord make up thy loss with his love and peace in thy soul.

John Bellers then consults Sir Hans regarding some disorder from which he was suffering, concluding with

I will pay thee a fee when [I] see thee. Please to direct for me at Colone Allins by the Northleach Bay in Gloucester. I expect this will be with thee next 4th day Wensday, and if thee please to favour me with on[e] the next post, it will be with me next 7th day Saturday Morning. Wishing thee health, with kind respects,

I rest thy sincere and obleiged friend,

JOHN BELLERS.

My man and chambermaid were married here this morning.

Persuant to my treating the poor prisoners with baked beef I yesterday treated 58 of my poorer neighbours with the same fare, much [to] their satisfaction and but about 3^d head cost.

CHARLES R. SIMPSON.

To be continued.

Deputation to Queen Victoria on Her Accession¹

My Dear Girls,²

I suppose you rec^d the newspaper I sent, I thought by the rec^t of that you would find I had arrived safe in town, which I did after a pleasant sail, with the exception of some showers, & in sending it I thought also you would like to see the account of the Queens proroguing parliament, & also the Petition of Frds in Ireland.

I may now inform you that on my arrival I went to W^m Manley's & found the address was to be presented on 6th day (this day) but that Lord John Russell objected

¹ Description given by William Doubleday in a letter to his daughters. Original in the possession of his grandson, Edward Doubleday of Coggeshall, whose sister, Edith M. Doubleday, has kindly supplied the notes.

For further particulars *re* Deputation, see *Souvenir of The Address to King Edward VII.*, 1901, by J. J. Green, p. 59.

² William Doubleday had three daughters: Mary, 1806-1824, Elizabeth, b. 1812, Anna, b. 1818. Thus the letter was addressed to Elizabeth and Anna.

to more than 12 frds, but frds not being satisfyd, W. Allen, Josiah Foster & G. Stracy [Stacey] were appointed to insist on our priviledge, which on explanation was acceded too, & frds met at Westminster Meeting this morning at $\frac{1}{2}$ ps 12 & arranged for proceeding to James's Palace, where we arrived about 2 O'clock the time being fixed for $\frac{1}{4}$ past. We were usher'd thro' several apartments, in the avenues were station'd a kind of Military dressd in ancient style of Henrys days, very richly embroidered. We then had our hats taken off, & we pass'd into Queen Anne's room, which was a very handsom room. Here we waited for some time, some of the superior officers being very familiar in conversation with frds. During the time we were there, a deputation of about 12 of the Scotch Church, in their Canonicals came & it was their turn first. So we waited their return, & then went thro' King George the 3rds room, into the room where the Young Queen was seatd on the Throne; on each side of the room there were 12 Officers with their halberts, at the back of the Throne stood two little boys (pages) in Uniform, on her right, 2 females, I think the Duches of Sunderland, and Marchines & below Lord J. Russell & others.—on her right (we thought) the Duke of Sussex, & several others of the Ministers of State.

We were about 50 in number & W^m Allen read the address to which she appeared very attentive. When he had done, he handed it to L. J. Russell, who handed it to the Queen, with the answer, which she open'd & read very audibly, & it was I think a very satisfactory reply. We then retired, walking backwards for many yards, it being a long room. The Queen was dress'd in Black, with a broad blue ribband with the order across her, her hair neatly parted with a neat Blk row of (I suppose) diamonds or beads, as diamonds are not black I think, & a plume of Black feathers on her head, as had a^[11] the other females. I caught the Queens eye once or twice, but she appeared to sit with much dignity, yet a deal of simplicity. It was a truly gratifying sight.

Well, my dear Girls, almost a week has past, & I begin to be anxious to hear how you get on, shall quite expect to have one on 1st day morning. I hope to get home tomorrow to dinner. I had a letter this morning

from home, all well. I went down to Epping, they rec^d 2 letters from Edward³ whilst I was there, one dated 12 of 6th Mo, the other the 23rd. He quite enjoyed himself at Trenton Falls. I think we cannot at present fix any thing about your return. So excuse more as I wish to send this. All bustle here, the Elections commence tomorrow.

No more to night than my dear Love from thy affectionate father
W. D.⁴

6th day Evng near post time—I was at Gracechurch st meeting on 4th day. John Barclay address'd us in a sweet manner.

I was inform'd to day that a few days since, the Queen was in conference with Lord Melbourn when the Duke of Sussex enter'd the room, the conversation was suspended & she spoke to her uncle, but soon after told him he would find her mother in the next room ; he took the hint ; this shews her judgment that her conferences with her Ministers are not to be interrupted.

[addressed]

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³ Edward Doubleday, son of Benjamin Doubleday, of Epping, was nephew to the writer of the letter. He was a naturalist and curator at the British Museum, and was sent out to South America by the authorities to look for orchids. He was the first to take up that special line of research. By a curious coincidence there was at the same time another Curator at the Museum named *Edward Doubleday*. He mended the Portland Vase which was broken by a madman. The two were not related. Henry, another son of Benjamin Doubleday, specialized on British moths and butterflies. His collections of Lepidoptera have, "in accordance with his wish, been deposited on loan in the Bethnal Green Branch of the South Kensington Museum, by his Executors, Messrs. J. H. Tuke, G. S. Gibson and J. G. Barclay." (See *Catalogue of the Collection*, copy in D.)

⁴ William Doubleday (d. 1854, aet. 76), of Coggeshall, Essex, son of Joseph Doubleday of Epping, grocer, married Hannah Corder in 1804, by whom he had eight children.