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My dear Sir



Having lately had
the vanity, as well as many
have to sit for my photograph
I am tempted to send one
of the first impressions to you
and wish I could enclose
myself for the pleasure of
another visit to your kind
and agreeable family. I con-
stantly take pleasure to my-

self for my neglect of Mrs
Torrey's request respecting the
groves of Jamaica, but my
head was so full of antici-
pations of tropical scenery that
I forgot every thing and
only thought of the new scenes
I was going to visit.

How was it that Miss Jane
who seemed such a favorite
with Mr John Casey allowed
him to come to London for a
second wife? I saw him
a few weeks ago with a very
nice little baby, quite the

patern-familias. He is so do-
tingly fond of the lady and
his child and domestic com-
forts that he will not come out
of an evening at all. He had
been ~~many months~~ a considerable time
married before even his old friend Dr
Booth heard of it, and I only
knew of his being in London
by a letter of Dr Short from
Kentucky a few weeks ago.

I would not intrude
upon your valuable time but
should be delighted to hear
how you all are, and Major
Secombe and his family. If it

will not too great a pressure.
I am in no old bachelor to
ask such a favour, perhaps
one of the young ladies would
some day do me the kindness
to write me a line.

I see Mr Dr Hooker frequently
by Mr Dr Hooker and Mr
Bentham; Dr Booth I saw
2 days ago. They are all well,
Mr Bentham just recovered from
a severe attack of short duration
of fever.

If among my collections from
the south of Europe, the Cape and
Jamaica I am likely to have
any thing that you desire, I shall
always be delighted to look ^{it out} such
specimens as I still possess. Believe me
most sincerely yours R C Alexander