The 12th of January, Dear Grey's Birthday! God
bless him sweet Love & may he live to enjoy
many many happy returns of it & grant all a com-
fort & blessing to his blind Parent who dearest
may bless this mountain wood an offered — & may
my dear dear Sarah what Nothing must I have
recourse to for words adequate to express the gratitude
of my fond little heart which literally is overflowing
with regard & may I say & affection too for the very
dear letter I have this day received from you — at
first I was frightened at the sight of an R. & within
three words of the beginning, but what followed made
perfect amends for the formality of the beginning, &
I have felt more comfortable, & indeed how miserable
must I be if I did not feel it the Dearest of my hopes
how happy I am in having two such friends as you
dear alone; perhaps you may think my expressions
too warm, but such is my nature, I & you for my
best friend that I cannot say what I do not feel;
you will then my kind Sarah do justice I hope to my
not being ungrateful, & believe me when I tell you that
the friendship you show me & the advice & protection you
promise me in that dear letter have together with those

I have received from our beloved Prince George second one
from an Apostrophy that is easier felt than described
&, think that there really exists not only one being
then in this world who care for me, I had almost
said who love me, & wish to render me more
comfortable & at ease with my wretched self. little
what can I say? & their kindness was increased
after learning from whom the truly melancholy
event which I have been guilty of: that such is the be-
-nevolence of your kind heart, & I may with truth say
that there is a [illegible] I bear for thee which I never felt for
any other Being on earth; for though I know I have un-
-deserved myself, for a length of time, & beyond it I have
you, that with all the kindness you shew me & which
is a very very gratifying, yet I often longed to tell you
how far from perfect I was & when I have turned my
dear Rev. B. Pity me I have said to myself " And do I
deserve Pity? – I know what I have done but the rule
& though I have no one to thank for all I have lost in
the world but my own imprudent conduct, yet the Remorse
of Conscience is the severe Punishment I am smitten with –
– I believe I may now say that I am a true Penitent, & my
only consolation is the thought & reliance I put in the Mercy
of the Almighty who [illegible] I fervently believe looks on me with
pity as a repentant sinner – I wish most earnestly that some-
-thing could be done under the existing circumstances, at least
if not possible to bury in oblivion the thing that this sad thing is
not oblivion to shining; when I see dear Rev. B. I can then talk him

many things which will show you how difficult my
situation is, for I am sure to displease if I say or write that
I had the idea my own heart, the whole, God knows if I
would not at once publish my name — God bless you for
your promise of writing to me that regards me; mine own
I doubt that I shall think you a thousand & thousand
times for the kind kind manner in which you have
now proved anxious to assist me — Yes! my dear
Sarah I should be unworthy your kindness if I did not
trust you, & however wrong I may be you shall know
all, for I am sure you will take my trouble without
forcing to offend, & you are at liberty to blame, but
the first to do so without making allowance — Pray
you will see my letter with further confession, & what
will you say? do shall be explained to a kind Judge
on Sunday; this has so I fear I may not have time
to write more than this that we shall be in Town by
Tuesday, & that my mind after that do will find
me — Now God bless you — I am feeling cold, but not
quite that yet — The letter with the name I believe
is given in to the C — but is not to be laid before
the P. till D. G. comes on the 14th & Victoria is
not to know the fate, Mrs. has carried that point
& the V. of Beaufort is in her place as Mrs. Hamilton
D.H. to jump on board; then has crowd the Angel let
her return — I have not seen him to day —

God bless you both dear dear Sarah says
your affect & faithfully devoted