

Askrigg 27th Dec 1852.

My Dear Miss Mann / As I am
sending a note to our kind
friend Mrs Beck you will
excuse me for enclosing a
line to you. I have of
course to wish you the com-
pliments of the season, and
how can I do so except I write?
How fast time flies even
another Christmas has com-
-menced its approach!

You doubtless enjoy yourselves
at York much better than we do
in the country. Of late the weather
has been very unpleasant, this very
day we have had any quantity
of wind and rain. Almost all
the low land is covered with

February 27th Dec 1852

My Dear Wife Mary
I have just received a letter from
you and I am glad to hear
from you and I hope you are
well and happy. I have not
time to write you more than
a few lines at present. I will
write you again when I have
time. I am your affectionate
husband
John

water: I have just been to look
at it. The River overflows its banks
in several places.

Of late I have been sketching
a little mostly from copies.

Do you remember the two small
leaves you gave me at the Abby?

I copied them with your
initials on one! I am a very poor
hand, but find it pleasant
employment now that I
have not much to do.

I have taken a portion
ofountains Abby and shall
ask your opinion of it when
we meet at Mrs Beckes, I
mean as to whether it will give
even a faint idea of what it is
intended for.

Yours in trust
M. Drusdale

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Miss Mason