

Bilston

18. March 1849

My dear wife

I received your letter & was ^{very} much
pleased to think you was so accomodated as
only to spoil 2 sheets of paper - enclosed under
the seal is 10/- making it go as far as you
can you can see how far I have made
it go. When I arrived in London found
my clothes in good health Mary very
disagreeable I told them the necessity of
getting me some clothes & succeeded in
obtaining some from Brooks Street. Mary was
so disagreeable on Saturday night last & I being
half dead over-pitched into her and gave her
a whopping one she will not forget for
some time to come - I have ^{had} no ^{more} ^{trouble} ^{finding}
with me yet and sincerely hope I may suit
him he suits me very well. Bilston is very
nice place & I think you will like it very

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well I have not yet ascertained what I have
to pay for Board & Lodging, let me know
when you want more cash & I will remit
it to you. ^{I am only of opinion} try if you have to sell the bear
to get up to your Mother or at all events
fetch up Betsy & Miss or Bess if
you write to your Mother Jack Porter will
be at the Station to meet them - your Mother
can keep them very well, and is quite willing
to do so. I am afraid what I stated is too
true I hope it is not - give my directions
to the Guards or any one else that asks for it
there is no prospect of my leaving you down
here for a month to come. therefore make
what arrangements you can for going up to
London if you wait till you all all
go together you will never be able to do
so therefore my dear do get up there - no
mind will then be at ease & I shall not
worry you - you will laugh
when you come down here to see the
miners sitting in the streets in a circle traps
40 or 50 together at a time in a most ludicrous
position just like so many monkeys so

and in that pos
together it is the
& they become so
valuable for their
no chains in their
men & women -

how is cacker & idy. my dear Betsey Price
& my little Bill - and your self and
& give my love & a big to all & accept our
I remain

My dear Wey
Your loving
W. Stiles

W. Stiles

Mrs. Hill

2 Westgate Buildings

Bath

Somerset

5 pence

