

Livington Oct 17. 1848

My dear Sir,

It would have given me
sincere pleasure to accept
your kind invitation to
Little Green but that I
am expecting my home
to be full with my sis-
ter & her family who have
not been with me
for many years. I must

Therefore, judge the
pleasure it would have
given me, and I fear
that in doing so, it
must be with the hope
of coming to you, if
please God, we will
have well in the
brighter days of Spring.
I am beginning to feel
the climate, & to keep

close under my own eyes.

At the moment I am oblig-
ed to go to Brighton to fulfil
a promise made several
§ when the Sun was
shining, before the black
North wind looked in upon
us. I hope & plan then
to go into winter quarters
for a time here at home.
& then somewhere in England.
With my kindest regards
to Mrs Estlin & all

your family, & my sincere
hope that you may pass
well through the winter
and all entering, believe me,
My dear Sir, Always
Most sincerely yours

H. E. Manning.

The Right Honble.

Thomas Erskine.