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My dearest

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I have no news yet from Rudinow, but there was a very slight frost last night and it is now very cold but gloomy - nevertheless more frost is probable. Mr Burke proved a very intelligent man and his patent for marking Pupils looks good, but more enquiry must be made, if

before anything is done.

The great point to settle is whether at any future time of life anything which is seen to add to his necessities ought under any circumstances to be entertained.

After he had retired last night I kept I had this matter over and partly concluded it ought not - but if he insists upon it what are we to do! However it is not likely he will do anything unless with our hearty cooperation

but if we do not give it we must give a reason, and the real one is unwillingness to work for the family after he is gone. if pressed I will frankly say so. but as I am not going to night and the thing may go off on other points such as insufficiency of profits &c I shall have time to consider, & talk with thee -

The Mans terms are £200 for superintending

the erection of the Furnaces
&c. and teaching the men
then the shelling for Coal and
all produced - and
only to grant an other
licence in Lancashire.

The Cost of the Apparatus
we return £ 1000

I am going to
spend an hour
with J. W. and then
on to Leeds - I have
seen Mr. Heald who
is suffering from
a very severe cold

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I forgot to mention that
on my return from
Rochdale yesterday I
called at Fort Denton &
found there Captain
Elliott his wife and
two children - They stayed
dinner - It is considerably
more than twenty years
since I saw him - He
is a gentlemanly fellow &
his only fault I believe
is idleness - Mrs E. appears
very amiable and quiet -
I do not intend to bring

any provisions with
me on Saturday excepting
of course Butter and
Vegetables - it is not
likely anybody will
come with me this
time - hoping to find
Lydia better and with
dear love to all I
am they ever affectionate
husband

A. L. Bates