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12 Portugal St.
Leicester Inn
20 Sep^r 1862.

Dearest Barbara

You will like
to know that Mr
-man Hunt - & Sir
R. Hill have both
been here this morning
- I shall take H H's
girl. she has been
here & will do, -
Sir R. will not listen

to what I propose
about 1st ocean post
- but does think of
lowering the private
ship postage from 10
to 4 - He stayed a
long time & promised
to give me some
letters of introduction
- My Manchester girls
very much admired -
& all has gone off
very well but it

retails much physical
labour - We go down
touston Square again
to day for 12 weeks
- they go in the
Mermaid - & then
I shall finish until
I go myself - I shall
try & see you down to
you - one day next week
for 2 days - I want
to see you very much -
- I have written to

Bessie to ask if she
knows any one likely
to buy this business - I
hope it will fall into
good hands, the girls
I have now are really
fair rate, - I enclose an
letter I have just found
from one of them with
10.⁵ ~~in~~ ~~to~~ it had been
poked into one of my
drawers - is it with me? -
- I took one ~~the~~ of them
with M^r to Gravesend
the other day, as she had
done a good deal of

2 needlework for the
 sorts. — Her love for me
 is so intense that when
 a flea bit my wrist,
 she most gratefully
 exclaimed — "Why didn't
 it bite me!!" Fancy
 how we laughed,
 — Yours with much
 love ever
 Maria. P. P.