

My dear Sir,

By the enclosed (whenever you receive it) you will see that my will was good to have you receive a letter from me by the 1st of January Steamship. It was just 12 o'clock, when I reached Harnden's office with the letter, and their Mail Bag was closed. It was then too late to get it into the Post Office. I was much chagrined at this - the more that I was not ~~not~~ behind the regular hour at Harnden's. It was just 12 when I reached the office. Sometimes the letter bag there keeps open till 1 o'clock,

But as there's no use in lamenting what is past & cannot be recalled, I will only say, I will try to avoid the like in future; and will forward this by 5th January packet-ship, as no Mail Steamship will go again till February 1st.

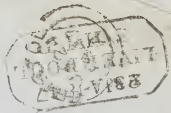
Respectfully & Sincerely Yours

Samuel May.

January 1. 5th 1847.

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