The Fallen Woman

Transcripts of Petitions
DOCUMENTS ON DISPLAY IN THE LOWER GROUND FLOOR EXHIBITION GALLERY

On the wall near the painting ‘Breakfasting Out’

Accepted petition for Susannah Jane Keys

Petitioner’s statement

When first acquainted with the father I was living with my parents [22 Charlotte Terrace – added by later hand] at Morice Town, Devonport. I assisted in the house and am I milliner. My F. [father] is a Printer and keeps a shop. I was introduced to the F. by a friend Mrs Pincher of No [gap] Morice Place, Morice Town, at her home in Nov last – he lodged at Mrs Pincher’s – he followed me to my home – a week after I saw him again – and he wished me to walk with Him – there was no initial promise of marriage – my F. knew of our acquaintance and did not forbid it – Crim Con took place in Feb’ at my Father’s – he used to speak of Marriage – He used violence – I resisted and cried out but there was no one in the house – I did not complain to any one – it was never repeated and this I would swear – I did not tell my parents of my pregnancy but the doctor uncovered it as I was very ill – The F. left his lodgings in March but did not say where he was going to – I told him of my state which he would not believe – In August I was sent to my Brothers at my present residence where I was confined attended by Mr. Pryce of ?Lorimore Street, Walworth. If relieved my F. will take me back.

Letter from Elias Keys, Susannah’s father

22 Charlotte Terrace
Moric Town
Devonport
Tuesday, Nov 17/57

Sir,

In answer to your letter of the 16th instant, respecting my poor unfortunate Daughter, Susannah Jane Nicholson Keys, I can truly say that ever since I first knew the state that she was in, that it has been to me and my wife one continual Cup of Bitterness. When she first complained of illness I recommended a Surgeon, and after a lapse of time, not improving in health, I desired that Physician Kingston should be called in, and after some consultation with my Daughter, he pronounced her to be in a state of Pregnancy, and when my Wife informed me of the circumstance, I could not reconcile myself to the truth of it, for a more loving, kind, and affectionate child, no parent could be possessed of, and one who has
bore the best of Characters, all through her Life, in very respectable society, and there are none but the Doctors, and her Mother and Myself, who know the unhappy circumstances. With respect to the Father of the Children in question, I know nothing of him whatsoever, where he is, or what he is doing, or how my daughter first became acquainted with him, as I placed that confidence in my child, that I never asked her anything respecting him, nor ever had the least suspicion of her, and under these circumstances. I trust that you will take her affliction into your serious consideration, and I shall for ever be in duty bound to pray

I am,
Sir,
Your most obedient [obedient] and humble Servt [servant],

Elias Keys
To Mr. James Twiddy

Rejected petition for Damaris Philips

Petitioner’s statement

When first acquainted with the F. [father] was living with my aunt, Mrs Beer at Milk Street, Exeter, having a holiday. This was 4 years ago. I was in service with Mr Brown of Dunscombe, near ?Crelton [inserted in pencil: ‘Devonshire’]. I was servant of all work. The [inserted in pencil: ‘at this time’] F. was an acquaintance of my aunt & other relations. He p’d me attention & visited me at Mr Brown’s [inserted in pencil: ‘but Mr B. knew nothing of this’] – My aunt knows of this but is ignorant of my misfortune – he promised me marriage – & 3 months after this having typhus [typhoid] fever and went home for a month. I left Mr Brown for Farmer Taunton at Black Torrington. The F visited me here – but nothing wrong occurred here – I remained Farmer Taunton’s nearly 3 years & then I left to come to London to be married to [inserted pencil: the F. at] my sister Elizabeth Phillips. Now opposite the post office, Hornsey Road. The father was at this time working at Windsor. He visited me in London at my sister who then kept a milliners shop at No. 19 Kennington Street, [inserted pencil: Brunswick Square]. She had a bedroom at this shop. He came one day when my sister was out and crin con [criminal conversation] took place by force. It was never repeated. I went afterwards as he stated he must sleep 3 nights in Windsor before I’d take ? to Windsor to arrange about our marriage [inserted in pencil: ‘no one knows me at Windsor’] but the next day he deserted me taking with him a watch and other things belonging to me. I followed him to Chepstow in search of my box which he had taken with him which I secured but heard no tidings of the father...

I am now living as wet nurse...
Petition (not on display)

To the Governors and Guardians of the Hospital for the Maintenance and Education of Exposed and Deserted Young children.

THE PETITION OF (1) Damiris Philips of (2) 11 City Road, Finsbury HUMBLY SHOWETH

That your Petitioner is unmarried, (3), 24 Years of Age, and was on the (4) 2nd Day of (5) November 1857 delivered of a (6) male Child, which is wholly dependent on your Petitioner for its support, being deserted by the Father.

That (7) Benjamin Mold is the Father of the said Child and was, when your Petitioner became acquainted with him, a (8) mason at (9) Exeter and your Petitioner last saw him on the (10) 8th Day of (11) May 1857 at Windsor and believes he is now (12) where he deserted her and she does not know (?) where he is. Your Petitioner therefore humbly prays that you will be pleased to receive the said Child into the aforesaid Hospital.

Damiris X Phillips, her mark

FW

[In pencil at bottom – ‘about 22, very tall, fair, no whiskers’]
In the first document case

List of questions to ask petitioners

— Where were you born?
— What was the occupation of your Parents?
— At what age did you leave your Parents for Service?
— How long did you remain in any one Service?
— Is this your first Child?
— When did you first see the father of the Child?
— Where did you then reside, and with whom?
— Where did the father of your Child then reside?
— In what manner did your acquaintance with him commence?
— How soon after your acquaintance did he pay you particular attention?
— Where did you reside when you were seduced and what led to your seduction?
— Was the criminal intercourse repeated?
— When did you first find yourself pregnant?
— Did you inform Father of your pregnancy and what was his answer?
— Where were you delivered and by whom?
— How have you supported yourself since?
— What enquiries have you made after the father and the result?
— Should you be relieved of your Child what do you intend to do to gain a livelihood?
— Who will give you a Character?
— When did you first hear of this Hospital?
— Is your Child healthy is it a Child of Colour – or has it any particular marks?
In the second document case

Accepted petition for Harriet Fuller

Supporting letter from W Lincoln

37 Gloucester Crescent
Regents Park
Nov 13th 1868

Gentleman

I beg leave to address you on behalf of Harriet Fuller and her infant. Harriet Fuller has lived with us as servant between six and seven years, during all which time her conduct has been correct and good, excepting her having been drawn into the commission of sin and disgrace by a man who took an advantage of her credulity.

I have every reason to fully believe that with the exception of Mr Panton her conduct and demeanour has been chaste and discreet in all respect, and if in your bounty you would permit her misfortunate babe to ....

Rejected petition for Jane McNamara

Petition (outside only)

1831 – Petition of Jane McNamara having lived as a Mistress to the father of the Child for 8 months.

Resolved that it be rejected.

[Signature]

5 Jany 1831

Sec’ys Office 25th November 1831

Porter’s Lodge Dec 3rd
Rejected petition of Anne Gidding

Petition

To the Governors and Guardians of the Hospital for the Maintenance and Education of Exposed and Deserted Young children.

THE PETITION OF (1) Anne Gidding of (2) 39 Paradise Row, Near the Cottge Chelsea HUMBLY SHOWETH that I am in wholey ueneable to support my self and Child and hopes that you will take this to your (?filing) consideration.

That your Petitioner is (3) unmarried, (4) 29 Years of Age, and was on the (5) 21 Day of October (6) 1830 delivered of a (7) Girl Child, which is wholly dependent on your Petitioner for its support, being deserted by the Father.

That (8) Harewood, John is the Father of the said Child, and was, when your Petitioner became acquainted with him, a (9) Servant-Footman at 1828 (March) Miss Murray 16 Wilton Crescent and your Petitioner last saw him on the (11) August Day of (12) 1830 and believes he is now (13) and that your Petitioner is unacquainted where he is now or ever since that time.

Your Petitioner therefore humbly prays that you will be pleased to receive the said Child into the aforesaid Hospital.

Anne Gidding

Enquirer’s report (not on display)

When she was first acquainted with Father she was living as House Maid with Miss Murray No 16 Wilton Crescent. He was footman there that is he came to Service about a Month after her, soon after he proposed Marriage – she refused – she thought it was too early. After repeated refusals she at last consented and then he seduced her – this in January 1830. He went to her Bed Room after family retired. She was aware of his coming but she asked under the most solemn of pledges of their being married and which pledges continued until he deserted. When she discovered pregnancy she told him he then shewed Coolness. None of her fellow servants, and there were 8, nor the family know of her misfortune – they lived together 18 months. Connection was only repeated twice – she left Miss Murray in June and then went to lodge at Mrs Bleaden where she now lodges. She met father whilst (?) twice by appointment in Grosvenor Square and made another appointment which he did not keep. He never gave her a sixpence. She knows nothing to the contrary but that he may be in Mrs Murray’s service but where Mrs Murray lives now she does not know. She has with other persons used every diligence to find Mrs Murray and father. Mrs Bleaden knew that she expected to be married – her Parents are dead, they lived at Bromley. She is an only child – Miss Murray is about 40 years of age. She laid in at Bleadens, a Mrs Lane cared her. She refers to Mrs Bleaden who has known Mary.
Displayed on the walls

Accepted petition for Emily Bridges

Petition

[inserted in pencil: child born & registered at Paddington workhouse. These 3 weeks 4 months old]

To the Governors and Guardians of the Hospital for the Maintenance and Education of Exposed and Deserted Young children.

THE PETITION OF (1) Emma Bridges of (2) 36 Tavisstock Crescent, Westbourne Park HUMBLY SHOWETH

That your Petitioner is unmarried, (3), 19 Years of Age, and was on the (4) [blank] Day of (5) [blank] 1868 delivered of a (6) male Child, which is wholly dependent on your Petitioner for its support, being deserted by the Father.

That (7) Unknown is the Father of the said Child and was, when your Petitioner became acquainted with him, a (8) Builder at (9) [blank] and your Petitioner last saw him on the (10) [blank] Day of (11) [blank] and believes he is now (12) in America. Your Petitioner therefore humbly prays that you will be pleased to receive the said Child into the aforesaid Hospital.

Emily Bridges

Her X mark

Reference letter from Paddington workhouse

Paddington Parish
Offices of the Board of Guardians
Workhouse Harrow Road W
Day of Weekly Meeting, WEDNESDAY at 10 o’clock AM
Henry Aveling Clerk

30th October 1868

Dear Sir

Emily Bridges was admitted here on the 26th of May and was delivered of a male child on the 28th of May. And left with the child on the 15th June –
The nurse states that it was the first Child – that Emily Bridges was a widow – had not any family by her husband, but had fallen in the family way by the young man as soon as the intimacy commenced.

I am Dear Sir

Your Obt Sert [Obedient Servant]

D Cormack

Reports on petitioners, 1839-40

Report for Jane Lloyd (accepted)

Petitioner: Jane Lloyd, 1 Drury Lane, Spinster, age 23. 7 June 1841, sex – m

Father’s Name: John Williams, Clerk to an attorney of No 16 Charles Street, Knightsbrige; when last seen by mother – 13 March – left the country

She was living with Thomas Williams at No 16 Charles Street, Knightsbrige as servant of all work. She went there 3 years ago and found Father boarding there. Father soon after she went paid her attention. He said he was an Attorney’s Clerk, he proposed marriage. She told her Master that Father had promised her marriage. Williams the master has since removed to No 1 Northumberland Street in the Strand. The courtship continued two years and then connection took place and not with her consent. He used violence. He had frequently solicited her before. She told her Master of the violence. Connection was two or three times repeated. He continued 6 months in his Lodgings after Connection – Found herself pregnant in 6 months. She told Father who would not believe it. She then told her Mistress and a month after he quitted – this is in March last. She removed to No 1 Drury Lane next Broad Street (Mr Forty a butcher) and lodged with Mr Harris. She heard of the Lodging thro’ Mr Fletcher a tailor who was intimate with Mr Williams her Master. She is a Welsh girl and came from Wales with the consent of her parents and her first place was Mrs Williams. The Milk People opposite No 1 Northumberland Street recommended her to Mrs Williams – she laid in in her present lodgings and Mrs Fletcher’s wife recommended the midwife. She nurses the child. If child is admitted she will go into service upon Mrs Williams character. Mr Williams and family know of her situation. She has seen father at her lodgings in Drury Lane. Fletcher told him where she lodged. He said he would call again but did not. She has bound all expenses out of savings of her wages.

Report

Mrs Fletcher of No 5 Windsor Court, Strand whose husband is employed in the Warehouse of Messrs Gilpin and Co, Army Clothiers where Mr Williams the late Master of the Petitioner is a Clerk states that she and her husband have known the petitioner since
she entered the service of Mr Williams and that she was a well conducted person until the circumstance occurred which led to her present application – they think her a deserving young woman and she (Mrs Fletcher) is satisfied that the child in question is her first.

Mrs Harris of No 1 Drury Lane (whose Husband is a Coach-harness Maker) states that the Petitioner came to lodge with her 4 months ago recommended by Mrs Fletcher – that about a week after Williams the father of the petitioner’s child called upon her when she (Mrs Harris) told him she ought to do something for her, upon which he replied that he could no and that he should go abroad. This is the only time he called and the only time she (Mrs Harris) ever saw him – he is 19 or 20 years old – since that, the petitioner has had no visitors whatever. She is quiet and well conducted living upon her former savings which are almost exhausted. She (Mrs Harris) is sure she has been deluded and that the present is her first child. She was confirmed at her lodgings.

Mr Williams is out of town and will not return ‘till Wednesday Evening.

J Brownlow, 27 July 1841

This is to certify that Jane Lloyd has been a Lodger with me for the last four months and I have always found her honest, sober and industrious and as such I recommend her to your worthy notice as a deserving character to receive the benefits arising from your valuable institution.

J Harris

No 1 Drury Lane, July 20th ‘41

Ordered to be admitted – 28/7/41
Accepted petition for Harriet Hooper

Petitioner's statement

When first acquainted with the F [father] I was living with my Mother at No 46 Winchester Street, Pentonville where I have been between 3 or 4 years earning my living as a Flower maker (in the employ of Mr Pettet, 23 Red Lion St.) My mother is a widow in bad health incapable of doing anything for herself. (I have 2 brothers 12 and 14 who go to work as errand boys.) I (?) and my two brothers, younger than myself (who are at a pianoforte manufacturers) assist in supporting her. I became acquainted with the F at the singing class of Dr Stevens, organist of Christ Church, New North Road. This was in Feby 1864. He immediately paid me some attention by seeing me home. He told me he lived in Arlington Street and was a Clerk in the City. He did not propose marriage. I regarded him simply as a friend.

In April he took me to a house in the New North Road stating that he would introduce me to a friend who had a piano forte [which] would have been of use to me in singing – I found however there was no pianoforte but a bed – I wished to leave but he prevented me and kept me for some time. He had made an appoint[ment] with me that evening for the purpose of going to this House .... Intercourse took place against my consent.....he gave me brandy and water on leaving. I never saw him afterwards tho' I have watched for him in vain outside of the singing class – This was after I found out my troubles. I avoided the singing class previously to that as I did not wish him to repeat his misconduct.

I was confined at Clerkenwell Workhouse – going in the day before. Dr Bealey of Tavistock Square knows my case and my mother.

If relieved of the child I purpose going on w:. work.

The F may probably be known as Dr Stevens.
Accepted petition of Maria Colby

Petitioner’s statement

I was born at Harleston, Norfolk; where my father followed the business of a hairdresser. My parents still live there. I first came to London in June, three yrs ago, and went to service with my married sister, Mrs Baker, of 21 Devonshire Street, St Peters, Islington. She is still there. I remained with her ‘til January last, working at my business of a dressmaker, for Mr Shannon of 7 Norfolk Terrace, New South Road, Islington where I lived from January last ‘til I was confined. I first became acquainted with the Father of my Child (Walter Cross) when I was living at my sisters; he was a single man lodger in her house, and was there when I first went there. I had been more than a year and a half there before he took any notice of me. This was in March ’67 – he was a boarder and occupied the front parlour and the sleeping room above. The back parlour was the living room of the family. It was a part of my business while at home to attend to the Father’s rooms. One evening in August, my sister being absent, the father returned home unexpectedly. I was then putting his room (front parlour) in order. I did not hear him enter, as I am hard of hearing, he said to me, “I want my tea”. I replied, “I will get it for you directly.” While I was about to leave the room he caught hold of me and forced me upon the sofa. I struggled with him until I lost all power and he then effected his purpose. I was at the time in a very delicate state of health. I completely lost my senses. When I recovered he had left the house. My sister soon returned but I did not then tell her what had happened. I felt ashamed to tell her. When I saw him again a few days afterwards – I upbraided him for his misconduct towards me in my delicate state of health. He said he was very sorry for it, and that it should not happen again. // About a fortnight afterwards I was attending to his room in the morning when I thought he had left the house but he had not done so – upon this occasion intercourse was repeated partly with my consent in his bed-room – he never promised marriage and never gave me money. About two months afterwards, my sister discovered my pregnancy and questioned me about it. I then told her all. The father had then gone away and left no means of tracing him. I was confined at 7 Norfolk Terrace (Mrs Shannons) attended by Dr B...er of Essex Road, Islington after my confinement. I went live at 20 New Street Kennington (Mrs Brown) there a few weeks and then to St Bartholomews Hosp: for consumption. There to Seaford Sanatorium. I returned to London a week ago and am with Mrs Brown, who is my sister. My two sisters pay for the maintenance of my child 8- a week. They are too poo to continue this Charge. If relieved of my child my sister will help till I can get employment.

Maria Colby

(Note below in different hand)

Mrs Brown’s husband a porter at the ..... 3 children
Accepted petition for Caroline Jennings

Letter from petitioner, 12 November 1865

The Chase
Hadleigh
Suffolk
Nov 12th 1861

Dear Sir

I trust you will pardon the liberty I am taking in addressing you.

When I last went to the Foundling Hospital, you expressed a doubt as to the name of Giacomo Negri.

In looking over my papers lately, I found one of his cards and thinking it may be of service whenever I may claim my child, I enclose it.

My friend, Mrs Smith has informed me that she was under the impression at the time of writing to you that the name she gave was the right one but that Italian name not being familiar she was easily liable to error.

I should like so much for to know how my sweet child is but I fear I must not affect to hear early by coming which may not be for two or three weeks.

I hope you will not consider this too great a liberty. I beg to remain Sir, your humble servant, Caroline Jennings

J Twiddy, Esq

Rejected petition for Charlotte Parker

Petition (outside only)

21/1851

Petition of Charlotte Parker

Ordered for Enquiry
1/2/51 CP

Rejected
8/2/51 CP
Enquirer’s report

Your Inquirer had an interview with petitioner immediately after her examination before your Committee. Her answers to the questions then put to her did not sufficiently corroborate the original statements so as to impress him with the belief of the truth of her account.

She stated the seduction took place at the Collosseum Coffee-house where she slept with the father three times – they passed for Man and Wife. Subsequently at Quilter’s Coffee-house they slept and breakfasted three times – she knew nothing whatsoever of the Father beyond his name and occupation, as stated by him. He is about 32 years old, short in stature, slender in size – of very dark complexion with moustache and close curly hair like a Black’s (her expression).

She could give no account of who and what Mr Smith is whereby that person’s identity might be proved – She states that Mr Morris who recommended her to apply to the Institution was till the last three weeks a perfect stranger to her. She first saw him standing at the door of a Coffee-shop, and she supposing him to be the proprietor asked him to recommend her a lodging as she was about to leave present one – he then invited her to enter the shop and partake of some refreshment at his expense. After some hesitation, she did so. When in the Room she, being of a very communicative disposition (her expression) related to Mr Morris in the presence of 4 or 5 other persons, quite strangers, the whole history of her case and it was then that she was recommended to apply to this Institution for relief. Mr Morris had accompanied her at each of her visits to the Hospital, remaining ‘till after her examination.

Your Inquirer is informed by Mrs Fuller of Greek Street that petitioner came to lodge with her about the middle of November ’49. She discovered petitioner’s pregnancy immediately. She knew her to be unmarried woman – she became acquainted with her thro washing for petitioner while staying at Oliver’s Hotel – the father had visited petitioner repeatedly at her house. In August he visited her there for the last time – petitioner has never slept out of the house since she first entered it as a Lodger. The father never slept there – he promised marriage in her hearing.

The father is (as informant described) old enough to be petitioner’s father – he is of robust constitution and has not dark, nor curly hair. Petitioner has received remittances of money, regularly, from her mother (sending?) at Bangor – during the time she has lived with her. She knows nothing whatsoever of Mr Morris – nor of Mr Smith. Note – The above information was elicited from Mrs Fuller, apart from petitioner. When the two women were brought together and an explanation required of the discrepancies which appeared in the two statements such an incoherent colloquy took place between them, that your Inquirer was unable to gain any information likely to direct your committee to a positively correct conduction on the merits of this case. Your Inquirer is of the opinion that the truth has not been stated by either party – From petitioner’s dejected state and
from the (?) grief which she exhibited when a doubt of the success of her application was hinted at – your inquirer is inclined to believe that the petitioner has fallen, in some degree, a victim to a corrupt and artful person, who has entirely deserted her. Whether petitioner’s conduct is to be attributed to an innate disposition to licentiousness, or whether to a want of mental acuteness (the latter is apparent) your Enquirer cannot presume to determine. If to the first, it is much to be feared as she possess some personal attractions that she may be compelled to become a street wanderer by the dread of meeting her mother with the evidence of her shame accompanying her. If to the latter it is to be hoped that were she to be placed again under the care of her parent with an intimation of the necessary of being less vigilant over her – she might be reclaimed. A letter was produced by petitioner which had that morning arrived from Bangor and said to be from her mother – wherein the writer upbraids petitioner for not informing her, after she repeated requests to do so – when she may be expected to return to Bangor – much stress is laid on the uneasiness of mind which the writer endures at the protracted absence of petitioner. Petitioner declared in the most emphatic manner that she does not return home with her child.

Petitioner can give no clear account as to how she passed the time from the month of May ’49 when she left Bouloque to the time she went to Mrs Fullers in the middle of Nov – it appears she visited her mother in May and stayed about 3 weeks and again for three weeks immediately preceding going to Mrs Fuller.

Upon the question being asked whether she cohabitated with the Father during this time after some hesitation she confessed that it was so or nearly so.

Mrs Fuller states that she attended petitioner in her confinement assisted by a neighbour who has since left and whose residence is not now known. The child is stated to be petitioner’s first. It has not been registered.

Your inquirer has written to Bangor by petitioner’s consent, with the view of (drawing an answer) from the person stated to be petitioner’s mother. An answer has (been) arrived and will be found accompanying this report.

James Twiddy
Accepted petition for Sarah Farquhar

Letter to the Secretary of the Foundling Hospital

...through London on my way home I was arrested by a gentleman quite a stranger to me with whom I entered with conversation. I was asked to take some refreshment which I did and for some time after I was unconscious. I felt sure something very strong must have been mixed with the wine I drank. The next day we parted. I never saw him again. I was miserable! But the consequences never entered my mind. I still continued my occupation for some months after. This happened the latter end of July 1853 and it was not until December that I knew what was the matter. When I fully realised the whole my first thought was self destruction & this I attempted twice but was miraculously prevented and afterwards when better thoughts prevailed love for my child prompted me to make some effort still to leave home and thus conceal the whole. ...

[Signature]
Accepted petition for Annie Culver

Petition (not on display)

To the Governors and Guardians of the Hospital for the Maintenance and Education of Exposed and Deserted Young children.

THE PETITION OF (1) Annie Culver wet nurse to the child of Mrs R B Yourse at 13 Albert .... HUMBLY SHOWETH

That your Petitioner is unmarried, (3), 22 Years of Age, and was on the (4) 6th Day of (5) June 1864 delivered of a (6) male Child, which is wholly dependent on your Petitioner for its support, being deserted by the Father.

That (7) Samuel Goodall is the Father of the said Child and was, when your Petitioner became acquainted with him, a (8) private in the 2d Life Guards at (9) at 93 York Gate, Regents Park Albany Street Barracks and your Petitioner last saw him on the (10) 12th Day of (11) December 1863 and believes he is now (12) in the same Regiment. Your Petitioner therefore humbly prays that you will be pleased to receive the said Child into the aforesaid Hospital.

Annie Culver

Petitioner’s statement

When first acquainted with the F [father] I was living with Miss Henderson of No 3 York Gate, Regent’s Park as House maid. This was at Xmas Day 1862. He was acquainted with her cook & she introduced him to me on the Sunday. Following I saw him again in conversation wh [with] ... the cook at in Albany Street and we met afterwards in the same way in the public ?St but the cook was not always with me. After 7 or 8 months he seduced me. He promised marriage when he should leave the Regiment crim com took place in September following in the Park – it was repeated 2 or 3 times in the same manner. When pregnant I told him and he slighted me and told me to drown myself and that he would help me to do so. He did not deny the paternity. I left my place in Jan’y 1864 in consequence of my situation which Miss Henderson had in consequence ordered and she sent for my Brother who saw the F....