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Portsmouth.

Tuesday

Eight.

Dear Sophia,

Having left out at land ^{with} the
and been out the whole morning till near five I
could not answer you to save part: I now take up my
pen tho' really exhausted to answer both your letters.
I suppose of the Inventory taken in doors and can
not mean objection to General Hawker taking
an exact account with Bowden and Mauser each
in their respective departments out of the house
and also with Allen: I cannot yet give a final
answer relative to the provisions because that

must depend on circumstances as well as the out of
dow concern what arrangements are eventually
made:

I never wish either to say or write an angry word to
you: but I cannot approve of your now wishing
to live with me: I must be the best judge and am
your best friend: you will of course live with me
as must all my daughters as they attain the age
of sixteen: the boys must live with me and will
occasionally visit their mother: till every thing
is settled between me and your mother there is not
any hurry about her taking a house unless a very
cheap and convenient one offers: I may remain
till next April travelling with his mother

if she wishes to keep him after which the dear
boy must go to Mr. Jewell's: Mr. Jewell
is on the fourteenth of December to go to Mr.
Jewell's and bring home Henry, Frederick and
Adolphus.

I have not a message from Boston to your mother
and cannot at present determine concerning Mr.
Cockle: I shall ever be anxious to prove my
love and affection for you: but I must look to
my money concerns: tell Henry I shall write
shortly and ever believe me,

Dearst Sophia,

Your most affectionate Father
J. P. P.

