My dear Martin,

I believe I must commence my letter with congratulating you and Mary on the birth of your Daughter, in yours of the 23rd Sept. you said she was very quiet and good and thought she might take after you, I think you may truly say it, for that used to be remarked of you, I hope and trust that she may grow up and be a good Daughter, and a blessing to you and Mary, and that she may be trained up in the fear of the Lord is the ardent wish of your attached Mother, I hope the time is not far distant when I shall behold all my children in England, but we will put our whole confidence in him Who rules all things for our good. I am glad you got the parcel safe by the Epaminondas, we are looking forward to another opportunity of sending again to you all. You did not say how the Brewery was going on, I hope better than when you wrote in Janv 1352. I can fancy how proud you, and Mary are of your little Daughter. I hope Fred & Charlie are well, you did not say whether Charlie went to your House in August. No doubt you have heard that there is a subscription being raised to new build our Church, they have already collected upwards of £700. It will require 1200£. Mr & Mrs Davies Senr. Mrs. Stanton, and Miss Dimock oppose it, but everybody else is for it. This place is very bare of news.—Your father called on Mr. Wilton the other day when in Gloucester, he asked when we were going to write to you as he would send a letter for us to enclose, but none has yet arrived, he said he had never written to thank you for what you sent him by Mr. Trimmer, and that it was wrong he had not done so.—We told you Charles Wylde was married, and in California, his wife had a Daughter about two months since. Mrs. Hayward went to look at a house at King Stanley on Saturday, as they still think of leaving the Court at Lady Day, but I think it rather doubtful. Joe Bick will leave them, and attend to a farm of Mr. Bengoughs. Henry has a Pupil a Mr. Macadam, but he is more than thirty, Jacob & Albert were very well when we last heard from them. Your Father, and all join me in best love to you, and Mary and I remain my dear Martin your very affectionate Mother A.M.C. Hayward. P.S. A Kiss to Baby.
On the back of the letter is the following—

Enclosed is a list of the subscribers to the Church thinking you might like to see it, let Fred & Charlie have it, we expect a good deal more from the Bishop, the Members &c. &c. do not you think some of the folks were very liberal.

H.P. Howard Esqre

As no address is put on any stamp the letter was apparently enclosed in a parcel.