By dear Martin,

From the letters that you will have received from some time you must have Roseaneen how uncertain our dear Mama's life was, about the middle of March, on the 12th she was not so well, she then rallied, but the next week her nights were very bad, & on the morning of the 23rd she breathed her last, altho' she felt her life so uncertain I do not think she thought she would go quite so soon, & we hoped she would rally again as she had so often - on the Sunday the 22nd an intense pain came in her stomach, Mr. Holbrook saw her about 20'clock & he sent her a medicative or spasmodic mixture which she took twice, but towards the evening wandering came on which continued till 9 in the morning, when she went to sleep till a little after seven she then was very restless, & if conscious, she was unable to show it, she became quite calm a little before her death, and went off very quickly about 10, it was very sad her being unconscious for so long, but that she was quite prepared for her great change I have no doubt, her whole trust was in her Saviour - her emphatic words to me were "Christ is all" - I know she had anxiously looked forward to seeing you & your wife & children, but she gave it all up with the greatest resignation - she had suffered much during the last year, 4 or 5 months, & undoubtedly her loss as her gain - on Sunday the first Mall leaves since the sad event - I am very glad to be able to tell you that Papa's cough has been much better the last few days, & he feels better in himself, previously to that he was very poorly - & had felt very weak for a long time.

Your letter to Papa of Febry 5. 6th & 9 dates by the "Sagley" arrived this morning for which he is much obliged - we note by it you will not have left Australia before the 25th of March, so we shall be looking out for you all about the end of June - We wrote a separate letter to Fred as most probably you will have left Macquarie when this letter reaches Australia your letter by the "Royal Charter" has not yet arrived - What people old Mr. & Mrs. Waterman must be - Papa is going to send Mr. Harris the letter you sentenced for him, & a copy of Mr. Waterman's affidavit of his marriage - I shall write to Greenwich & tell Uncle Wyldes all about it - Poor dear Mamma was so anxious to know the result - Mamma was buried at Stonehouse Church on the 29th. Harry came from Sussex to attend the funeral, & of course Jacob Albert & Mr. Harris also came besides Mr. Mills & Mr. Holbrooks Uncles, Albert & Mr. Norton could not come, Jacob & Sadie returned to Wooton yesterday week, & Albert went back to Liverpool on Tuesday - we were very glad he did not leave till then - I suppose now we must not expect to see Fred until next spring, Mr. John Browne was very hard upon him but if he had sold his Stations at the time you speak of, he would not have been in time to see poor Mamma - I hope you have succeeded in getting the appointment as Emigration Agent in England, Papa will tell Mr. Harris to let him have his account, Papa & Kibble & Tizzie join me in best love to you, Mary & the children, & I remain my dear Martin

your very affec. Sister
Mary Anna Hayward

Mr. Mills desired to be kindly remembered to you & would be very happy to welcome you to England.