

York, England.

July 29th '83

My dear Dr. Mass:

I this
morning heard of the
terrible fire, for the first
time.

The news came like a
stroke of lightning home.
I am very, very sorry;
but, thank God, no human
life was lost, and the
resources of Indiana
are sufficient to repair
the loss, ~~and~~ ^{and} great

part.

I am glad - your books
were saved.

What should I do? Should
I come home as soon
as possible, or may I
as well stay the Sum-
mer, as I intended when
I came? I do not
know what I could
do to aid you or the
Institution, especially,
if I were in Bloomsbury,
or if I should return
sooner than I intended.

If you think it best for me
to be in Bloomsbury before
the 6th of September please
telegraph, at my expense,
to Chester, England, in
care of the Post Master.

But you may hear
from me again, in
a day or two, that I am
about starting for home.

I have had a good
Summer & hope you &
your family have, also.

• Your very truly -

H. Martineau.