

Lanside July 24 1840

My dear

It is with feelings of great regret, I write
to inform you of the death of your son Craig - his
departure this life about 2 o'clock on the morning of the
23rd we have delayed writing to inform this late
hour (just before the mail leaves) in hopes you
would have reached home - his body was kept
as long as possible, and was late yesterday morning
consigned to its home and I hope his spirit has
gone before to a better world - it may and
no doubt will be a consolation to you and the
family to know that any attention that could
be given him by his friends, and the best Medical
Men in our city were rendered him, - but of no
avail, the disease was bilious fever very violent
and rapid - I have written to Aunt Maria Pitts
- as it is probable if you have not started
for this place before you receive this, you will think
best to do so. I will defer any further particu-
lars - as time is short, and when you answer
how you will leave all - I write this with
the expectation that if you are absent any
of this family will open it, and will make
an endorsement to that effect - with great
respect My dear and sympathy

I am dear
W. B. Smith

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Write to P. M. at Birmingham and this immediately

See a Circular they do



Young and Co

Mark

McNamee

Any of the family of Dr. W.
to open this