

Naples April ^{the} 3 1848

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previous to his death, his health for the last two years
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very kind to me and I have found many friends
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poor I want you to write me a good long letter
soon - and tell your nephews to write ~~me~~
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Mr Stones death in it and I thought that
she put it in I can write no more at present

I remain your

Affectionate Sister

Mary Stone

(There was a minister tended Mr Stones funeral)

Naples
Apr 5

Mr Nathan Stone esq

Dennis

Mass:

[1848-04-03 Nathaniel Stone 2; folded letter, single sheet, addressed "Mr Nathan Stone esqr, Dennis, Mass"; 5¢ postage:]

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