

Fincham January 6th 1823

Sir,

I most humbly entreat your pardon
in addressing you; but hope you will forgive the
feelings of a wretched mother, who is plading for her
suffering child; Mr J H Arthy who has been the destruction
of my family is again returned to his home after a
twelve months absence; you are I believe acquainted
with the sad history of my daughter; who a short time
since address'd a letter to you; without a signature,
being the first time our name ever as disgraced;
she has erred it is true but is the author of all her sorrows
to go unpunished; as he has totally abandon'd her and
his family have and still do cruelly persecute her,
our family have been brought up with credit and
respectability; and till this unfortunate affair the name
never had a stain cast upon it; we have resided in the
same house 42 years; the unhappy subject of this letter
in the youngest of 5 children and look'd upon by her
lamented father and myself as the last prop to our decli
ning years; her father end idolized her and the dis
grace she so angerdedly heap[e]d upon herself was too
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much for him he died of grief. The family
of Arthy three years since purchased an estate next
door to us; and being entire stragers in the Neighbour
hood; what information they needed my dear Husband
readily gave them; they express'd themselves much
oblidged and proress'd to be agreeable neighbours, during
this time my unhappy child without the knowledge
of her father or myself; form'd an attachment with

in France and Wales; for the recovery of his health
but whether he really has or not is unknown to me
Will you Sir have the goodness to advise me how to act
I know no one so near to refer you to, as to our character