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Tebel - Vos,

Semen,

Cornwall.

13. 12. 32.

Dear Madam,

As my daughter Camilla may have told you, my second husband, I have now a proper & permanent home for her, & it is quite time that we took up our responsibilities, & that our lives were joined up again.

Her grandmother & I were in agreement that until we were permanently settled in a place which could be her real home, I had better keep in the background, & not let her be troubled with grown-up people's difficulties. But now she is old enough to need us, & I want to begin with these holidays. (I have, of course, legal custody, but will arrange to meet her father's wishes for a part of the time during the summer)

So will you let me know what her journey money will be & I will send it.

Our station is Paigauel. There is, I think, a through train from Bournemouth Central. At most

a change at Exeter. But I expect she is old
enough to manage that: also that you have
other girls travelling West.

You can be sure that we will take the
greatest care of her. I was at Sandecotes from
eight years old till I was fifteen & have
always thought it a great misfortune that I
left. It was to Miss Hill that I owe
so much - who first taught me Greek.

You may be quite sure that Camilla
is properly furnished with a Mother going
& at least - an Uncle.

Yours sincerely,

Mary Atkes (Mary Butts)

Forgive me for addressing this to 'The Head-
mistress' I think it is Miss Harding, but am
quite sure. —

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This letter was sent to Miss Harding
without a word or hint to me that
she was thinking of any change.

Mary A. after Mary's adoption
for this. —

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