

Edgworth Town

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My dear friends I make use of my dear Fannys
Hand to make my letter more pleasurable
to your eyes and less painful to my own.
In the first place let me know as soon as
possible whether you are alive or dead? and
whether any of your friends or relations have
suffered more than by being put in bodily
fear by these riots of mob & military at
Manchester — What your near view of the
subject may be I cannot guess- but from
our distant view (which perhaps on these
occasion may chance to be the truest
because the most impartial). It appears
scarcely possible to decide which of the
two parties have been most to blamed—Hunts
evil designs are apparent but not legally
[embodied?]—the yeomanry's good intentions
I hope are equally apparent to you; their
imprudent conduct they have made notorious
to all the world—What an opportunity of show
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ing that just rigor necessary to restore order
they have lost by rashness- why did they
not let Hunt and his followers proceed to some
overt act before they began cutting and
slashing? — I hope Government will forbid
yeomanry to act again in any such cases
--from their local feelings & from their want
of discipline they are of all others the most

improper to be employed.

Knutsford is much too near Manchester at
present for our peace—pray write and tell
us that we have no reason to be alarmed.