

Silk Boudoir -

May 26th

1868

Halstead

nr Sevenoaks.

I cannot refrain my highly
respected and valued friend
from taking up my pen to address
you in consequence of seeing
your place of Residence men-
tioned in "The Standard" in
reference to your late Uncle's
affairs, whose premature removal
I very sensibly felt, having known
him when quite a young man
How shocked you must all have
been at receiving such melancholy
intelligence, and how to feel

that his demise should be the
channel for my obtruding on your
time, you, whom I have not seen
since 1862 - when I was introduced
to Mrs. William Fane whose kind
condescension I may gratefully
felt - I cannot close my letter
without adding The Sixth Handkerchief
you wore round your throat
on your first arrival at Unlich
Marked with red. Pl. F. 14
which belonged to your Uncle
Sir Henry is Now in my charge
and should we ever meet
again, I shall have pleasure
in giving to Mrs. William,

who will doubtless prize and
value it as much as I have
of course at my advanced age
80 next month, I cannot expect
to see many more years -
and who would value it
when I am no longer of this
world? ever yours Respectfully
and with many apologies
ever yours Sincerely
Eleanor Mason