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Lincoln's Inn 14th August
1747

Dear B. Hoode

I have just heard of a Ship
going to Lubeck, and as you know I
never miss any opportunity of writing, I
avail myself of the present to inform you
that the doors of Lincoln's Inn Hall are closed
& the long vacation consequently begun. This
is the most interesting piece of intelligence
I have to communicate, & the only one for
the truth of which I can venture to answer.
About the negotiation nobody knows anything,
& few seem to care much. People have made
up their minds to accept of any peace the
French choose to give us, & yet with all
that Christian disposition on our part I doubt
whether we shall have one. "I shall not live

to behold the unravelling of this intricate
plot" said poor Burke. Shall any of us?
Tho' so many acts are over, & so many
of the actors have made their exit, it is as
difficult as ever to guess at the catastrophe.
So I'll go into Wales to-morrow, & think
no more of the matter. By the bye, do you
know Ekyll's definition of Free warren in
Wales? It is the right of roasting your
cheese at another man's fire. I hope
our annual epistle has reached you.
We had a most glorious day this year
at Greenwich. And a propos of Wales
again, are you not glad to hear of
Tom Sutton's elevation to the bench? The
Union Club is the high road to promotion

I had a long letter from a long man,
Arthur Davidson by name, complaining
of many grievances in professional
appointments, & soliciting a recommen-
-dation to you. He was a good honest
creature in my time, & not wholly
untinctured with law. Smile upon him
if you have an opportunity. I suppose
you have heard from the Chief Justice
of India. The pension ^{bill} as altered, has
banished him for seven years. It was
originally only five. Why should not
American judges have been included?
You would have been almost ripe by
this time. I know of no marvellous
event in the life of any of your friends,
so for want of matter I must end
my epistle. Yours ever
Wm. W. W.

W. Grant - Aust 1797

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