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Dear Bysoode

I shall be at your Shop at the appointed hour on Friday with a voracious appetite, I think this that the viands may not be literally according to Numbers

Ever sincerely

Alex.r Johnson

Temple
26 July

Sir A. Johnson Governor of Ceylon
great friend of the Wesleyan Missionaries

William Bogoode Esq
Albany House
Piccadilly

Dear Sir,

Mr. Perceval fancies the spell on the Vauxhall Party may be on this House & therefore wishes us all to meet in Downing St. She is gone into Hertfordshire for a few days & has commissioned us to request that you will give her the pleasure of your Company on Wed.y next. tho' Mr. Perceval will be engaged with the Cabinet – Be so good as

to send yours answer here
& Believe me with best
Compts from this House
Yrs much obliged Wm H
Charlotte Luttrell
Junr

Saturday July 30th

W. Ogoode Esq.

Albany Place

Piccadilly

H.

Dear Osgoode.

Clerke has not stated what Money he wants — the Stocks being now so very high, it would be a good time to let him have a 1000£ — With regard to Mons Trust, I apprehend it stands thus, if Miss Clerke had been a Male instead of a female, the whole Money would have belonged to them at 21, but as females are by the Settlement not to take until failure of Males (as I presume it does not absolutely belong to them until the death of the Mother — Nevertheless it is just the same considering circumstances, for there is no possibility of Mrs Clerke having a Son; and therefore if the Father & Mother and Miss Clerke give us a Bond, either for the

Money, or by way of Indemnity, there can, I conceive, be no doubt about it.

Mr Lowe, our Solicitor, is out of Town, as I found, when I called to shew him Clarke's Letter to you & &c, and does not return for a few days. I supposing Clarke decides to have the Money he had better have it immediately, lest the Stocks should fall again — he has not written to me about it — I suppose he waits to receive your answer before he writes to me. —

I am Dear Osgoode
Very sincerely Yours
W. Manley

Bedford Row. 9 Mar. 1817.

Wm Osgoode Esqr. —

Serg.t Manley

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Dear Osgoode.

I have a Leg of Pork, the Birth, Parentage, & Education, of which, is, unquestionable, may, come & partake of it, at Six o'Clock, on Wednesday.

Yrs always

Edwd. Maxwell

Vigo Lane

Monday Morning

Wm Agoode Esq

Albany.

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I have changed my mind; and as (by applying
to M Grint) I find I must keep twelve Terms I mean to
enter & keep this next ensuing, as it will be more convenient
that I should command the Time, than that Time should
command me. If you find Opportunity let me know where
you shall keep (House the Cambridge Phrase) either in Cham-
bers or at Mr Hamilton's, and I will make you sensible
to me; If you were a Bijot I would desire you not to
read the Proverbs of Solomon, otherwise you might be
as selfish as Wisdom would have you, If the Opinion
be not improper I hold that Part to be the most repre-
hensible in the Bible, as it seems not to be written on
an universally Benevolent Plan, it considers man as an
Individual rather than a Member of Society — It says
he that is Surety shall smart for it, & he that hateth
Suretyship is sure. — something to that Purpose

how much better Churchill

"I would not be that thing that Pondent Man"

After this long Preachment you may understand that I mean you should be my Sitting for Commons if You arrive time enough as I believe you are in mate of the Dress. therefore send me to know when You come.

Your employing the word insolent is not unclassical & of course not improper, tho the word impertinent is more frequently used I believe in a classical manner. Language is doubtless more intellijible and explicit when words are employed in a Primitive Sense, & not metaphorically; as we abound so much in Authors, & as during the last Age words have become distorted & indeterminate; I think every well wisher to the Language should employ the most original & simple Terms; and in my Opinion they constitute Elegance. Thanks to our Lexicographers our Language is now sufficiently copious; and as we should not introduce a foreign Word when we have a more expressive belonging to us, so we should not substitute a fashionable Metaphorical Word (tho' it be truly sterling) in lieu of a more expressive Term which may have been reprobated by Custom —

I have called twice at Dr Chambers non Domi, when will he come to Town: If you approve of analytical Studies, then hath doubtless been a Sympathy between us as I will explain when I see You

I wanted to see Garrick Saturday last since when a sale and Sorry Rheum hath offended me, which added to force five before which I am now sitting hath made me so Stupid that I can only say I am Yrs Sincerely

D. G.

Tuesday

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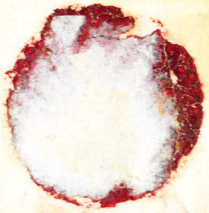
N. Schomberg Esqr

Univ: College

~~Oxford~~



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My dear Sone

I have two motives for writing to you, either of which would be sufficient; the first is such that I must either accuse myself of immodorate Stupidity, or you of extreme Sensibility; for I know not to what you refer, when you speak of my insolent Question "What" and as I am not conscious of any indelicacy even in Phrase, much more in Design I am not so careful about the matter — for you are not implacable — My dear Pastor I will shew you my Learning, which if I am culpable, will excuse me

Μηδ' εξαιρε φιλου σου αμαρτανω ειενεκα μικης I dont know whether 'tis properly written —

The next Motive is, I wish you to give me to understand when you leave Oxon; for I return there Tuesday or Wednesday next, I should not wish to loose the Satisfaction of seeing my Epitome of Goodness, if You should leave it about that Time I will wait in London, if you tarry till the ensuing Week I shall see You in Oxon therefore Write by return, if not by Friday Post tell me concerning J.D. commend me to Nares — I have so Things to say but the Post waits — Dieu vous Benisse

W B —

Wednesday Night

Mr: Schomberg Esqr
Univ: Coll
Oxon

Jan. 1773

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—— He never told his Pain
But let Concealment like a Maggot in a nut
Feed on his white-brown cheek — he pined in thought
And with a green and Yellow Melancholy
He sat like a Patience on a costive Stool
Grinning at Grief ——

Is that your Case my poor Scom?

I hold it requisite that a plentiful Potion of Nonsense be administred without reserve; then youll make the Properest Physician Mas Nim I know no Man who hath a Shop better stored with Drugs of that kind than Yourself — Granted Mas Scom but its very difficult to compose good Nonsense, and the Ars est celare is no other more required than a Man endeavours to write it, it generally proves to be affected Dulness tho many an honest man easily arrives at that Faculty when he does not professedly aim at Entertainment. Take it for granted that you have some liking; and if your poor pottry Entity is again afflicted it has more Disorders than ought to fall to its share, if they were proportioned to Size. if I were near you, the Spirit of Gratitude would nudge (that last word is nudge. I cant read it my self) me frequently to repay those really charitable lounges which I am indebted to you, to bear with your wayward Humors (if you have any) to pun without fear or wit, — now I talk of puns I cannot recollect a superlatively vile one you let when In Company with Nasos, when I kept my Room & abused you both. If I could remember it I would enquire whether it presented to you the same ludicrous Ideas as formerly & bid you laugh at it now — Show a Pretty Species of Revenge

Surely that copious Subject of Humor Sr Peter's Nose still ~~[illegible]~~ shines with unrivalled Lustre? I think he burns near You & visits you sometimes, do give vent upon that mirth-making Wight both for thee & for me, for I claim to myself an unlimited right of Common on the ~~Pigg~~ House Estate & plead custom immemorial & will make a Deed of Gift in Your Favour of any part you desire —

Whom mean You by Burgess? is it that Abstract from Mortality of Yr College. surely the Fellow did not mean to wax Facete & pun upon his own misfortunes by representing himself as one made lighter by Patience

I hope your Malady hath not been such as to hinder your partaking of the Diversions Plays &c — I may thank my Stars in some Measure for vacation, when to quote myself "I ~~shd~~ am of those Blockheads "who study in their own Defence" I have read Horace & Aristotles Poetics carefully, with Hurd's Notes on ye one & Dacier on ye other. Vida's Boileaus. with a Translation of Longinus which happened to be bound with his Satires, wch by the Bye are most excellent, more nerve & point than I imagined the French Language was able to express. read them. You may remember my Reason for choosing this Course of Reading. to make Materials for my great Work. to which I have nothing added — It's my Opinion I shall begin to study this Winter, which certainly must be done, unless I do consent to remain so horridly superficial as I am at present; and its my firm belief that if either I, you, or I beg'm the other two will follow by Sympathy — we have been idle a tedious time, when shall we be diligent? is not the Laudis immensa Cupido totally allayed or did we ever possess it? How natural I present. I am grown serious of Necessity and find I have not lost all regard for my self or for You —

But "love me, love my Dog" ah poor Pug if your little Master is sick
are you so likewise, have you made me a pretty pugling or an ug-
ly pugling, and does your Master take care of yourself & family?
I wish I had either you, or y^r Friend honest Mick for Company

Let me hear my Good Scour of your Recovery, for you are
a good kind of Lad. I wont output a long Epistle, two Lines only
and then I'll send you a Nest Dose -

J. P. Nor. Doc:

Meyer Schomberg Esqr

Bath

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What's to be expected of a rather poor an Englishman, on a cloudy Afternoon after he hath eaten a Dinner of Solids? Why solid Stupidity if you will allow the Catachresis. But the worthy Writer pays the Writer a curious Compliment when he promises to vent his Stupidity on one who hath never deserved ill at his Hands; can he not chuse a better time when he may attempt something Entertaining? No quoth Jack Bull who is ever in extremes he employs his time in Study which is more profitable. This is the Case. I am willing to write to you, the Morning I dedicate to Reading, and pole my self as much convicted if I employ it in any other manner, as a good Catholic who eats Flesh in Lent or a What? I leave you to judge. In ye Afternoon I am a perfect Epicurean and conceive Happiness to consist in amusing; & tho' I break this my Plan in order to write to you, I wish I could always spend my Time in this manner — You know my Reason for not choosing many Correspondents at present; When I shall arrive at Oxford I promise my self the Pleasure of transcribing an Ode of Horace for the perusal of Mr Herbert (rest I am an Ode in his Debt. by the bye I think it possible to be intimate with the Classics to our Prejudice (their Didactic Works excepted) it contracts our Ideas, (I dont know whether you understand me;) but I mean that those who are too enamoured with them when they compose, they imitate a Copy of Nature instead of Nature herself and therefore write as if a Painter should draw sacred Subjects & take Hints from the Engravings which are made of ye Cartoons

Now to bring an Example of the Doctrine I advance, ~~from~~ You find Warton observes of Boileau that he never read Vida; I think that Circumstance by no means to his disadvantage, for he might have adopted his Plan whereas his own is far preferable, Vidas first Book is a Treatise on Education & his last for the most Part an imperfect System of Rhetoric Whereas Boileau conceives his Pupil with Education proper & deals more ~~of~~ in the Soul than the Body of Poetry more of the Manner & Matter than the Language —

I observe your Friend Crawford hath published his Remarks on Plato's Phaedon wherein he promises an Abstract Account of the Nature of the Soul with his Remarks, & the Opinions of Metaphysicians thereon! a great Undertaking for one of his Age however I wish him half as much Success as he hath Confidence Be careful my dear Scott for resist not misa reverti how easily the world forms an Opinion from the first Attempt! how difficult it is to disabuse them if their notion is unfavourable tho we have abundant merit. let us oblige them to think well of us

But the Lord hath given & the Lord hath taken away blessed be the Name of the Lord, Le Petit Sieur Nim ala tête Jaune se nacquit et est mourru, Fei d'honnete Homme Je le trons pour fils veritable du célèbre Nim car étoit un coquin a la tête Jaune, aux Yeux bleus, et laide en diable il m'a coûté 12 Louis, et Graces au bon Dieu il est Parti

How is Jack. I have not written to him altho' I had his address when does he come to Town? I hope to have Chambers next Spring, & promise myself both Satisfaction & revolt from a Colonia which we might form

Commend me cordially to Sr Peter (for his Worship hath a good Heart)
make my Excuses to him for not writing, as I hope we shall see
each other soon note to note; If you quit Bath before the 25th
write to me. I am not determined whether I shall enter at Lincolns
Inn this ensuing term or wait till I am major can you inform
me whether the Entring keeps a Term as it doth at Oxford &
whether they pay the Compliment to Graduates. or where the
Registrar or Steward dwells that I may Enquire

Do not insult me with Hebrew for
I cant read it, lest in my Wrath I bore you perpetually w th Greek
from Moschus Epitaph Elegy or what dye called on Bion perhaps
it hath too much Imagery for Modern Criticism, as it hath
noise for my good Mother, who hath been sufficiently
bored with it, & who hath lost a Seal Ring which
hath caused her to grieve tho' it be not worth forty
Mark tho' it was worth more than honest Jack
Falstaffs tho' it came from his Grandfather,
as it partook of that necessary Ingredient called Entity but Mas
Jack thought he had himself a proper Quantity of that Ingredient
& therefore did not trouble his Head whether his Possessions had any
or not, for they were mostly abstract Notions

God bless you my good Lad

Yours

Wednesday

I dont believe I write upon Paper
but the abstract Notion of it for you may fairly read on y back of it

Rec.d 1773

Mr Schmidberg Esq.r
Univ: Coll:
Oxford

I have lost your uncomfortable Epistle but not before I had read it, as there is nothing very particular in it I do not lament, for the greedily curious Stomach of the Person who may find it will not be satisfied as it Contained neither Scandal or Invective

Your Request shall be observed but Naves told me he would not act till he should hear from you, however I shall spur him to deeds of Pith, indeed if he wd prosecute your Commission with the same Zeal that he reads old Commonts on Aristotle he wd speedily acquit himself. He hath applied to yr Vice-Can for leave to Study in the Bodleian, & it must be proposed in Convocation, wch you may observe is the most ready road to make his Name popular. I have too much Charity than to conceive him merely prompted by Vanity but must confess that were I in his Situation I shd be afraid of the damnable Censure of this rascally World lest they shd impute such Conduct to Ostentation

Is it not requisite that a Man should despise those kind of apprehensions? doubtless, but I am a most abject Slave to them and frequently sacrifice my proper Inclinations to these very foolish Bugbears; Randolph seems to be totally a Stranger to that kind of Feeling, it will be of Service to him

I have done Nothing this Week but have drunk more than a Sufficiency, To morrow an attempt is to be made, as it is the beginning of the Week if I succeed it may continue, Illness and Dissolution, Curse you both! I shall shall try to read Locke on the Understanding which if I shd succeed Joe Poans shall be sung. as it partook of the Complexion of that which must be read perhaps Disgust may not so readily take place, moreover as it requires that the Attention should be bridled it may serve to bridle the unruly Fancy

You have my best Wishes & Vows that Happiness may attend you in your Room, Sedulity in yr Study, and Vigorous Health in yr Inner Chamber; Hospitality hath ever Sun yr Portal and plenty Your Steward — I was about to say Cleanliness Your Bed maker, but the fat filthy Female of Univ: Coll: presents herself to mine Imagination and bids immediate Halt to my Rhetoric —

Shelse desired me to inform Croft that Peter Spiros is no more, I will write to him speedily without an Address to Randolph meet him, When You write tell me how You have furnished Your Room

But you talk of quitting town incontinently, for mean to take Oxford in yr way. I shall be here till next Term if that be any inducement. Commend me to Croft & tell him not to publish so hastily. Nevertheless I am in haste therefore continue to esteem me yr sincere W. J.

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M. Schomberg Esqr
No 25
Nicholas-Lane

Aug.
Oct. 1773

My dear little Loon I have shewn Yr Epistle to Johyll, who apprehends that the aged Pyx will never mention Your supposed Debt to him, even if your Supposition shd be just, that the poor Defunct had not settled his Acct. with you: but if it should be spoken of Johyll promises to to explain the matter that Yr integrity shall remain unsuspected

I understood lately that Story was married and applied to the Steward for his Chambers but they were engaged - but he mentions a set at No 4 one pr of Stairs to wch to vacant at Midsummer the Rent 10 more than Yours - do you know them? shall I engage them or stand my Chance for others, for I wd wish to be settled soon

I can give you no Account of my self save that my Conscience hath been so scared by the Liquid Fire that I have both neglected my Friends, and my self - You promise to speak about Chambers I pray do. and I wish rapidly - Vale —

W. D.

No. 44

Dublin
March 17th 1774

My Lord
If I may
beat your
Grace

OXFORD

Mr. Schomberg
2 Mar. Impress

Tuesday Morn 10 o Clock just returned from the Coffee House
what shall I do? I ought to write to Schomberg but I have
no Paper except this Blackguard half Sheet – what's that
to the purpose he's not regard it and presently some Lounger
comes in and then taketh all Attention to my Friend

You would have had my earlier Congratulations, if I had
not been from Oxford when you sent me the happy Intelligence
it will take away the Reproach of Your Manhood –
if You have any Affections for it I wish it every possible
Qualification, especially that it may grow in Stature, and
like As Dad center in itself all the Beauty of the Family
How came You to reside all the Summer in London?
I was very agreeably situated at Oxford and as I had left
my Money at Burford, was in a fair way of reading
four Hours a Day (which is all I aspire to) for I finished
the first Volume of Blackstone and read the History of
the Progress of the Roman Law. when Jekyll desired
me to spend a few Days with him at a Village
near West Wycombe where his Father took a Cottage

for the Summer; where I stayed 5 Weeks - and came here with a View of Reading, and Skimming a few Sciences for my Degree; but with my Usual Perseverance I did not look in a Book till the Day preceding my Examination, and in that Day I studied Metaphysics, Physics, Optics, Astronomy, in short 9 Sciences together with the Hebrew Language, the Vice Chancellor & Proctors honoured us with their Presence the whole time, and Bobby Nares (who was examined for his Batchelors Degree) and I made a very Respectable Figure, and next Term I will set a after my Name.

Such is my History this Summer — I saw Davison who I hear is in London, I shall send Mr Crawford a letter which I have written these 9 Weeks by this Post - I will come among You Soon, Bacchus prevails too much, and those indefatigable Priests Phelps and Kit Talbot do not deny the Cups to me who am a Layman but but my Sincerity to the Test by frequent Offerings - I shall turn Heretic, and wish to offer at a more agreeable Shrine -

What cursed incoherent Stuff I write — my Head aches - So good Morning my little Patriant

W. O

M. Schomberg Esqr

Lincolns Inn

OXFORD

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Dear Jeany

Tho' I have not written to you, I have had more than once the Inclination to do it; when I mention Inclination your Wonder may be excited why I did not indulge it, but I was fearful it might be impertinent The Mind is frequently disposed so to indulge melancholy, that any Object however indifferent or harmless which tends to divert it is cursed as frivolous & impertinent I thought that probably I might interrupt that Gloom, and bring down the Pshaw of Peevishness on mine Epistle now I dont like that my Letters should be pshawed at But is there not a Cause? & in some Circumstances is not simple Peevishness a merit — But these Observations tho Complimentary are impertinent, & I wish not recall to you Mind any Reflexions that may be ungrateful — If You are happy in thoughtlessness, may that happiness continue but for a certain Time for his a negative Felicity

I do not rightly Comprehend to what you allude when you say that You have for one succeeded by acting contrary to my Advice — when I see You I shall be better informed

Walrond still continues in the Isle of Wight his Lucharis compells him to stay there, Crawford & Mayne are returned; I have partaken of his Beef Steak & his Spic Poem, and as the one gives rise to the Peristaltic so the other causes the Convulsive Motion —

Croft has been in Essex these 3 Weeks past, I saw him Yesterday he complains of a Strain in the Testicle — I have been much alone have had time to form serious Resolutions, and occasion to find that I have not the virtue to keep them — The Struggle will soon be over but while my better Genius refrains from the horrid Word Craven, in the studious Conflict; & my Oeconomic Genius keeps me from Craven-Street or in fact Norfolk Street in the Taylors Conflict all may be well —

Love me, Love my Dog is an auncient Proverb but I hope I Davison will not conceive an Idea of my Hospitality to my Friends from the ignominious Treatment with which his unfortunate Dog

I am met at my House, his Servant came in my Absence
with the Brute in Question desiring my Protection, when I came
home the Creature was disagreeably melodious, and being
uninformed of the Connexion which shd have subsisted between
us I most inhospitably footed him

——— as I would a stranger Cur
Over my threshold ———

And I did not think of it, till two
Days after I was informed it was my Friends Dog, a Dog whom
I had stolen with mine own Hand who had eaten of my B
& Drunk of my Cup. When the severe Compunctions of Cons
Cruelly [illegible] my Conduct, especially as after he was
by so, in an Excitement he did not chuse to revisit the Premises
when he should have had a fair Title by undisturbed Occupancy

Tell Mr Davison I shall be glad to see him
& Mr Schomberg knows I shall be ever proud of his Compa

And so Sir Your Servt

W. C.

Lincolns Inn
Jan. 7 1815

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Mr Roger Sherman
Boston

Orleans April 14. 75

Dear Sam.

I confess that if I were situated in the same Relation to another in which You are to me I should expect a great Fund of Entertainment from the Letters of my Friend, I now find that the Sources of Correspondence from a foreign Country are neither so many nor so extraordinary as I expected, and to write a Stupid Account of Circumstances that happened to myself, ~~and~~ or a tedious Journal of the Provinces & Cities we have traversed must I think be very uninteresting, & as for the Acute Observations which are made by Young Men on Customs & Characters they are always superficial & frequently ill Grounded & I will not hazard the imputation of Folly from the Fear of incurring that of Indolence The Inference You must draw from this Essay is that as I will neither write my Adventures nor my Sentiments you are likely to receive an Epistle which informs you that I will write on no Subject whatever & that ~~I~~ might as well Excuse You the Expence of Postage - but if I must begin I shall begin formally -

Dear Sir

We left London on Monday Week arrived at Brighthelmstone in the Evening - were to embark for France on the Tuesday Eve but were detained by a Storm however on Wednesday

Evening we left ~~Dieppe~~ England and at 9 in the Morn arrived at Dieppe were both cursedly Sick but made Shift to Eat a good Breakfast and set out for Rouen in a Chaise of which I presume You have an Idea from having read a better Description of those Machines than I can possibly give You for this Convenience we paid a Louis & arrived at Rouen thro' a most cultivated & delightful Country at 9 in the Eve here we remained two Days saw the Cathedral & Bridge of Boats which is most remarkable as it rises and falls with the Tide, we engaged two places in the Berlin to Paris which is a most easy Conveyance & carries 4 Persons at a Guinea each. To men who are masters of their Time this is in my Opinion the most agreeable mode of travelling we walked when we thought proper & got into the Carriage without the Ceremony of Stopping it. Our Companions were a variety of wayfaring Vulgar some of whom our Coachy made to get up and drive while he took a comfortable Nap with us in the Heat of the Day

At Paris we lodged at the Hotel du Parc Royal Rue Colombier our Apartments were neat & Convenient for which we paid two Guineas a Week, we then delivered our Letters & saw Sights the most extensive of which was from the Top of Notre Dame. London has it hollow my dear Friend, the Comparison will not bear I will not entertain You with a Description of Paris when You can get a better for Six Pence I will only observe that one Quarter of Paris is astonishingly Magnificent beyond any thing in London but upon the Whole will not bear the Scrutiny of Regularity Light & Convenience

We passed one Week in Paris Dined with Col. St. Paul the charge d'Affaires, & likewise with another Family to which Jekyll had Commendations. The Diversions were few as it is Lent neither Play nor Opera - But a Species of Buffoonery for the Entertainment of the Bourgeois in the Fair of St Germain There was likewise a Room called Wax-Hall d'Hiver, where You pay Half a Crown for admittance & have a Chance in a Lottery for Nic Nacs at 4 Prizes in an Hundred - cursed Cheats The Entertainment is to see Whores and Dancing Masters & Children Figure in Allemandes & Cotillions we were there twice & on Sunday last at a Concert Spirituel in the Thuilleries where we saw Mun Andrews in Company with Sahaghan & another Gentleman from the dear Nation - Dommage

We are Here very agreably situated, & had good Reasons for fixing on this City for our Residence of which we hope we shall not repent - Supper is ready for Mons. Mons. Osgood chez Mon. Rijso Place de Martroy Orleans, who Generally lives where there is a good Supper but unfortunately where there are no English Papers, News will therefore be agreable

Be healthy & happy -

W. O -

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M. Schomberg Esqr

Lincoln's Inn London

Angleterre

Lyons 14 1773

Orleans. May 29. 75

When I gave my good Friend Sown the Preference, I did not imagine that he would be the only one of my Correspondents who should neglect me — but upon second thoughts this shall not be a Letter of upbraidings, it shall only serve to convince you that it is a more difficult matter to forget me than You may conceive —

I am sorry as well on my own Account as on Yours that my Situation in this good Town hath not furnished me with Occasion to make those remarks or gain that information which every Young traveller who wishes to improve himself ought to make a point of acquiring. What observations I have made, as they are rather the result of reflexion than the immediate impressions of external Appearance will not be very entertaining; for they are supported rather by general Conclusions than by particular instance or Anecdote but I think I may venture to assert that this will be the first Kingdom that will pattern after our Example of making a small Deduction from the Revenues of the Church who already possess one third of the ~~Kingdom~~ Landed Property — I lately met with a poor Rustic on my Evenings Walk

who complained bitterly of their Rapacity accounted very sensibly for their Riches and answered every Question that I asked of him without desiring to drink my Health when we parted. Notwithstanding their daily improvements in every branch of Science they are most abject Slaves to Spiritual Tyranny, their natural levity frequently induces them to abuse the Church, but they tremble at its Authority. But the Circumstance when every Man of Sense or Sensibility must loose his Moderation is when he reflects on the infamous Cruelty of their criminal Process. A Circumstance which happend within these 6 Years will illustrate both. A Master Monk at Abbeville was discovered in a critical Situation with an Abbess by her Nephew an Officer of about 20 the Ecclesiastic fearful of being exposed immediately set himself to plan the Young Mans Destruction, Upon Enquiry he found that the Officer had sung a Song in a Jolly Company which reflected on the Virgin Mary, and that he passed by a Procession without taking of his Hat. A Crucifix had been thrown Down which stood on the Bridge which it was hinted might have been perpetrated by the Young Man Articles were Exhibited against him he was convicted of the 2 first but not a single Witness to prove the last, whereupon he was condemned to Death he appealed to the Parliament of Paris & out of twenty five Fifteen confirmed the Sentence, he had the Question ordinaire & extraordinaire his Legs & Arms are put in a press and 5 Wedges of Iron are hammered between the they compress the Joints into a Jelly, for the ordinaire 5 & 9 for the Question extraordinaire, & to what purpose all this! to make him give up his Accomplices! Merciful God! the Cruelty to punish a Youthful Excess & the omission of a Ceremony in so severe a manner, & the additional Villainy to torment an unfortunate Youth where there is a physical Impossibility that he should have Accomplices – His tongue was plucked from his Throat, his right Hand cut off, his Legs Thighs Arms & Reins broken

& then exposed on a Wheel till he died - they frequently survive this Operation twelve Hours - God of his infinite mercy shower down treble distilled Damnation on the Scoundrel Monk & the rascally Judges -

Apropos I have read Beccaria with an Answer by one of these upright Judges who modestly stiles his performance a Refutation of the Principles &c This Performance does not contain one single Syllogism I do not mean a formal one but the Comparing of two Ideas with a third, his Arguments are Positive Assertions. His Answer to the Chapter of Torture is so comprehensive & so conclusive that I must quote it "La Fausseté & l'illusion de cette prétendue maxime sont-si Frappantes quelles se font encore mieux sentir quelles reprouvent s'affirmer"

But my Rancour will carry me beyond the limits of my Paper if I indulge it -

Pray tell Davison that he has not patterned by my Dispatch I shall write to Croft next Post, he mentions the Scavoir Vivre but in such an manner that I know not whether he be in jest or Earnest - Write to me soon tell me the Politics of Your Club whether Jolicœur is elected - Then will You act as Jekyll does - finding it was impossible to learn French among his Countrymen he is gone to Blois & has sacrificed conscience to Advantage - I am still chez Mons Rifse place du Marteroy where Your Letters will be agreeable. Commend me to Walsord & his Household

Yours sincerely

Wm. Short.

Upon a reperusal there appears to be a Contradiction at the beginning of this Letter reputing the Clergy - but it is thus solved they will allow them spiritual Authority, but must of necessity divest them of their Temporalities. The Question at present is whether they must pluck the Clergy or abolish the Farmers General

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Jusqua Paris

Meyer Schomberg Esqr

Lincolns Inn. London

Angleterre.

Lionel Lawren

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May 29, 1775

That friendly Intercourse which I wish to have been better supported during our mutual Absence I now mean to renew, taking it for granted that this will meet you at Lincoln's Inn.

I have lately written to Croft and to Davison who will inform You of my proceedings since I left Orleans, likewise of the Reasons which induced Joseph to go to Blois where he still remains much to his Satisfaction. Indeed it is not an unpleasant Reflexion to consider that he & Sir David Carnegie for both of whom I have a great regard, as well as myself have contrived to establish ourselves in the most profitable manner possible during our residence in France. tho I believe Sr David owes his Situation rather to good Recommendations than to Fortune; Joseph only sacrificed a Month to the English System my Indolence led me to sacrifice three, however he has made such Connexions at Blois and I have been so well received at Auxerre, that our plan ought to be decisive on the Question of the properest mode to Travel — Go to a provincial Town of the second or third Rate where there are some good Families & no English. There is generally a Small Society among the Noblesse whereby a Stranger will never be at a loss how to dispose of an Evening.

I have now quitted Auxerre merely because I wants gratify my Curiosity in seeing Lyons as I may not speedily have another Opportunity, and for a fortnight I shall

severely felt the Difference of my Situation. Owing to a particular good Fortune I have passed a week very agreably, & tho an Englishman lodged in the next Chamber I visited him not; the Cause of my Happiness is removed, and I am now a perfect Stranger. This Neighbour is likewise gone or we should certainly have been acquainted as I have now no other Resource My only Acquaintance in the City of Lyons is an Abbé whom I met in the Diligence, he has shewn me the Hotel de Ville the Library, and we have been together to the Comedy, I have not the least Prospect of making another Connexion, and if I did not feed upon certain Hopes for the last Week I would not complete the Month but beat a march to Auxerre

If you are disposed to bear Me with Description the Entrance of the City the Banks of the Soane &c afford sufficient matter The Quai along the Rhone more than two miles in length from which You have a perfect View of the Alps tho at thirty leagues Distance &c &c are mighty fine and to talk comprehensively are better conceived than described & better to be seen than either

The ~~Comedy~~ Theatre is far superior to either at Paris it is built on an oval plan and very richly decorated. The French have lately much given in to a species of Representation which at first misleads you to a sentimental Comedy, however it is much better as it is not classed under that Species, they call it a Drame it is the Representation of some unfortunate Action which has not sufficient Dignity to be tragic & which likewise concludes happily, one may attend it with some Satisfaction for when vice represented it purges

I am just come from Supper and have defended the Cause of Britain against the Americans three Frenchmen were my Opponents You may conceive the Babble I had to encounter I endeavoured to talk and argue as precisely as possible and was frequently obliged to warm them against Depressions the Dispute ended as Disputes do in general

The Grand Subject of Conversation in France is the Appointment of Mons de Saint Germain to the place of ministre de la Guerre he had long served with much Reputation but receiving cause of Disgust he ~~wrote~~ quitted the Service of Denmark which he quitted on the present King of Denmarks arrival to the throne and retired to his terre where he subsisted on a small pension and was found

like another Cincinnatus cultivating his Field. Thousand Stories are made on his Account respecting his Journey to Fountainbleau that an Innkeeper took him for an Invalid & made him chum with a old Soldier in a Garret that a barber refused to comb his Wig declaring that he never touched such a pigs burnt Carcass &c &c Perhaps You know not that the late Dauphin was supposed to be acquainted with the Affair of Damiens, he was a great Friend of the Jesuits and was impatient to reign; the universal Opinion is that he & his Wife were put to death by slow Poison the King not chusing to amuse them openly, this is not a senseless tale but the real Opinion of all the Wits who speak on the Subject It is pretended that the present arrangement of Ministry was found in the Dauphins own Writing

May I ask of You how You have disposed of Yourself this last Summer, what is become of Walpole Charles Crawford &c I shall have many letters due to me at Auxerre chez Mr Pallais where I beg of you likewise to direct. By these means I hope to see a full and particular Account of Politics Mr Sayers Imprisonment &c the Scene will soon become interesting and honest men will have a fair Scope for their Abilities but I imagine the Contest still to be very unequal, nevertheless it is a glorious Season for Wilkes & his Party. The Majority I perceive to be very strong, how the people disposed I mean those who are not under the immediate Tuition of Mr Wilkes. What became of our Cox's Tickets Croft will not give me any information of them — Is it impertinent to enquire after your Quondam inmates and the rising Generation. If I were satisfied on that Subject I would not mention Coke upon Littleton or Harpour upon Lett — However I move to England in January for the Gratification of such Study lending myself this present writing wonderfully ignorant

Yours sincerely

Lyons Nov.r 16. 75

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Nov. 16, 1775

Capt. Ja. Dawson
Hillsville, Hill's Lands
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Mr. Mayer Schomberg Esq.
Swiss Ave. London

Mr. Hyslop

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Dear Sir
Barrackin out 1-12-4.
Blue Storm.

Capt. in Hillsville
Va. Hill's Lands

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Auxerre Jan.y 2 1776

a happy new Year to you Mister Schanwag

By some mistake in the French Post-Office your last was marked d'Hollande, on the first inspection I doubted whether you had committed an Act of Bankruptcy, or whether in your Wrath you had slain a Man, happily the date of Lincolns Inn cleard up all my Doubts.

Likewise say alas poor Stephen! that pug nosed Death should mow thee down before the time of Harvest is most cruel and with his foulest instrument! when I heard of thy Fate pity took place of Resentment, may thy good Deeds be rewarded & may it be forgotten that thou livest much for thyselfs - but to be insulted and conquerd by the minor Fox, how could thy gentle Frame sustain the insult? may that be thy severest Punishment - After this painting Tribute my Pillow became softer I laid me down to rest with the pleasing Sensation that there existed not a man against whom I had ought, that I was in Friendship with the whole world - may it continue

I have passed five Weeks at Lyons where the Comedy was a great Resource yet I was astonished at the Dulness & Insipidity of their Pieces in General. Their Forte consists in the Equivoques of their Petites Pieces – but I must acquaint I have been interrupted more than a dozen times since the beginning of this Letter & have had as many rough Beards scrubbed against my Rough Visage, 'tis New Year's Day when all the world visit each other & you embrace both Men and Women neither Cheek which is the usual Salutation as well among males as females –

After having trudged the whole Town I return to my good Friend Tom who hath penned a Sentence on which I could speak during some time "Beware our hearts are apt to sympathize with our Fortunes" 'tis certainly the dulness of the Day that hath made me fix on that melancholy Sentence. I will only add his true Sir, too true, which is certainly to throw a new light on the Subject.

I am happy to find the thread sent to You & Mr Davison hath had a proper Effect, by Your Letters I find that he is turned Grazier and You are turned Moralist I know not which is the better trade, but you are both equally calculated for Your Profession when You reform Ch. Crawford, he will drive his Hogs to a good Market; but you will not undertake the former, and any Farmer will tell our theoretic Friend the same story that Hannibal told the Pedant who would give him a lecture on tactics –

Vanity & Discontent are primary Virtues, the first belongs to the French, the latter is the Englishman's Portion, the Young People especially in this part of the World have

the former of these good Qualities and to give themselves a certain Consequence they lie without fear or Wit — Vanity is the mother of Lies & the impregnates herself by the East West North & South Winds & all their Variations, — but like Jesus Portentious — I was agreably surprized t'other day by a letter from Joseph who is still at Blois desiring me to wait two or three Days & he would join me at Paris, (this plan was to remain in France till Summer) and proceed to England. I proposed the 15 of this Month for our meeting at Paris — I shall take Lisle in the Way in order to meet a Gentleman to whom I have particular Commendations, and hope to find a Teacher in Lincoln's Inn hall next term — I am glad to hear of Croft is become our Neighbour. but NB Idleness is the root of all Evil & it is a root as agreable to my Disposition as but root is to our taste Cut the knuckle of a Shoulder of Mutton let it be well boiled, throw it after on the Condition make a Sauce of Shalots butter & Vinegar & you will find the exquisite Eating now you talk of Idleness —

Be merry & happy. the only regret I have at present is to know how I shall dispose of myself on my return when the Clock strikes 4 — I am not very courteous of Disposition to lead up a party very Gay is irksome — I was near to have Misanthrope last Winter — I have now changed System while the Sight of the Bishop's beef Steak exists — but no more at present from Your humble Servant William Osgood the slave who drapes me is cursedly tedious thus You have all my Griefs we must unburden ourselves You know I am to be heard of at Lisle poste restante — pray enquire the Fate of the lottery No 50,020, in the present Lottery & transmit accordingly

Dr Schomberg's Bath

Jan 2 1776

Mayor Schomberg Esq.

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Paris Sunday Jan:y 29. 1776

This said french Climate of which we hear so much talk is most intemperate, I am at present a Child of Nature and talk from the first impressions; you may imagine that I do not sit without a fire in my Room tho' wood be 7s 6d the Faggot, yet I do assure you that in 40 Minutes water freezes in a Bason at less than 5 Yards from the Chimney. This is a most circumstantial Lyar quoth a Stranger who knows not the respect I bear to veracity but to You who will believe me I give You my word tis a fact, I never felt so severe a Season in England tho by the Papers I see very melancholy Accounts of Sportsmen Beggars & Travellers who have been frozen to Death — I who am very Superstitious shall be of the latter Class after To morrow and as the same

Fate may attend me, shall be as circumspect in my Words as I have been mural in my Actions ever since the frost began – According to the maxim Quod non apparet non est You are like a Letter in my debt; but what doth not appear here I hope to find existing at Lisle – All I have to urge upon the present Occasion is curse the French Scates I paid 40 good Pence value P.ad English for the handsomest Pair I could get for money & the Wood broke on the first Tryal by which means I shall not master the outside Stroke this Season And as I failed in that attempt I am resolved to try Neither outside inside middle back or fore Stroke or any kind of Stroke while I remain at Paris – at London if I be not active I shall certainly be passive And receive on the Article of Strokes a very severe one from the Creditors of Mr Peter Heane of the City & University of Oxford Taylor who is become a Bankrupt & to whom I am indebted for near & tear in the sum of fifty Pounds of good & lawful money of Great Britain, for some Years he bore with my insolvency & it is my good Fortune that this terrible Event did not happen some time since when I shd have been equally willing but less able to pay him than at present

By my manner of writing You may observe Master Jack a
Slave this Morning in Sr David Carnegie's Loge and shall
again indulge in seeing the best Dancers in Europe — The
People say that the Church is the Spouse of the Almighty but
like many other wives the Catholic Spouse Disobeys the
Commands of her Husband in the fourth Instance — The Protestant
Rib is a more dutiful Dowdy more attentive & more affectionate
and will not keep her Rout on a Sunday, This is the Day
throughout all the Catholic Country whereon every Honest Man
shews his trick to the greatest Advantage The Holy Mother
Dispenses with two of the Marriage Articles in the coolest Manner
possible, having been copied by different Conveyancers & technical
Terms varying other words have been adopted by which means
those who have not the Power of Collation are cheated by these
vile Pettifoggers & know not on what terms they inherit

but I took up my Pen with a view of desiring You to order
my old Woman that She have my Chambers ready by the
latter End of Sept Week when I hope to embrace You Commend
me to our friends — the Pallais or Westminster Hall of Paris
is burnt with many ancient Records — God bless You

J. J.

Paris Oct.

Mr. Schomberg. Esqr
Lincoln's Inn. London
Angleterre

Jan 29, 1778

My dear Nim

The same friendship which made you sorry for my Despondency will doubtless pardon me for troubling you with my Anxieties. The mouse will cry when his leg is in ye. trap. I am as simple as ye Mouse. 'Tis too late to call for help when one is lost past Resource — & surely 'tis worse than ungenerous to perplex one's friends with disquietudes which they cannot remove. Let me therefore be silent if I can.

What do I not owe to you & Davison for your Attention to my Interest? My seperation from — I consider as a Duty which is due to me, to my friends & even to herself. But the misfortune is that she is far from thinking so. Whenever I have ventured to hint ye. expediency of it however distantly I can plainly perceive that she does not discern my real Motives. She sees nothing but unkindness in ye. desire of seperation — & seems to prophecy neglect from Absence. In vain do I attempt to convince her of her Injustice. She reasons & concludes only from her Fears. How shall I dissipate these Apprehensions? I have no other Means than Argument & this produces no effect. One thing I observe (though without remarking it to her) & that is, she dreads the reproaches of her Mother, Mr. Graven & a few others who long ago wanted her to break off her connection with me. This is a circumstance which I have discovered but lately. Now it occurs to me that perhaps she would have less objection to live from me on this side of ye.

Water than on the other. She does not to be sure speak French with strict propriety; but she makes herself understood & comprehends all that passes in Conversation. She would actually be a treasure to an English Lady who may be coming to reside for a time in this Country. I speak without prejudice when I say that no girl has better Dispositions for every thing. — What think you? can this be done?

Your Citation of Walrond for an Example is I fear premature. One of his Countrymen told me a few days ago that Mimi was still with him & that he seemed to be very strongly attached to her. Do not however think that I triumph in the discovery. Your advice is not yt. less excellent.

But what yt. Devil are you good for all three of you? Why there is not one of you can raise the wind though it be to fill yr. Sails of your friend's Vessel. Else would I make this request — But first let me tell you my Circumstances. You must know that between my Uncle & my Father I can draw for £24 ⅌ Quarter. A sum which I can live upon even here at Lille; but which I could manage to better advantage in some other part of France. But alas! I am tied by yt. leg on account of that cursed Business of which I have already given you notice. For what with Advances &c which I have been obliged to pay for that Woman my own Affairs still remain unsettled. I now owe above £25. Considering that I am a stranger I must own yr people have had very extraordinary patience; but yt. stoutest patience will wear out, & when tis gone where yt. Devil shall I be? For Gods sake then try to do this for me. Collect amongst you £25 or if you can £30 & remit them to me as soon as possible. I promise you upon my Honour to repay the sum at £5 a quarter at least. Excepting perhaps yt. next quarter upon which I have been obliged to anticipate £8.1.0 in order to pay yr Bill which I was taken in to endorse. My dear

Nim, I say nothing more to urge you than this. The receipt of this money is of yr. last consequence to me. If I have it I shall be happy – if not miserable.

John Davison tells me that Raves has been very ill at Bristol. I like your news of him much better. ~~Does~~ He still yr. commentator of Aristotle. Let him beware of consumption. He's too good a fellow to lose without regret. I should be very glad to recommence a correspondence with him – you may tell him I say so, & if he please, he may send one a Challenge. I shall not fail to accept yr. defiance.

It would have been a great consolation to me to have seen you this Summer. As you cannot come you must gratify me by writing frequently.

Farewell my dear Nim –

I am Most sincerely Yrs

Lille 8th Octr. 1777

Mr Good Esq.
Lincoln's Inn
~~Chancery~~
~~Gray's Inn~~
Westminster London

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Judge Osgood

To Arch.d Ferguson & Co.

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1797				
28 Octb.r	To a Vest white Coating	"	10	"
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	Letting out 2 Scarlet Vests	"	1	6
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	a pair Corderoy Breeches for Servant	1	"	"
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	a Vest ... d.o ... Superfine Cloth	1	3	4
	Letting out a Surtoat in the Body & Sleeves	"	2	6
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23 Janry	a pair fine Flannel Drawers	"	6	"
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	a pair black Silk Breeches	2	6	8
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	a Short Coat grey Cloth for ditto	1	10	"
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	a Coat Green Cloth for Servant	2	12	6
	a pair Breeches and a Vest Scarlet Cloth	2	"	"
6 October	a Surtoat Coat best S. fine blue Cloth	5	"	"
	a Coat Superfine black Cloth	3	15	"
	2 Vests ... d.o ... d.o ... d.o ... 23/4	2	6	8
	a pair fine Flannel Drawers	"	6	"
	a Grey Vest for Servant	"	17	6
15	a pair black Silk Breeches	2	6	8
	Currency. £	46	7	8

Rec.d payment in full 18th Octbr 1798

A. Ferguson & Co

Judge Osgood

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DÉPARTEMENT
de la Seine Inférieure

SOUS-PRÉFECTURE
du Havre

COMMUNE ville
du Havre

Valable pour un an.

PASSE-PORT.

Registre 1re Série
N.° 237

SIGNALEMENT.

Agé de 60 ans
taille d'un mètre
70 centimètres,
cheveux châtains
front grand
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barbe blonde
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SIGNES PARTICULIERS.

Signature du Porteur.

Wm Goode

POLICE GENERALE DE FRANCE

DE PAR LE ROI.

Nous Maire de la ville du Havre, Chevalier de la Légion d'honneur,

Invitons les Autorités Civiles et Militaires à laisser passer et librement circuler de la ville du Havre département
de la Seine Inférieure à Paris département
de la Seine
Le Sieur Goode (Guillm) Gentilhomme anglais de bonne
espèce demeurant d'Angleterre
profession de
natif de Londres département de
demeurant à
et à lui donner aide et protection en cas de besoin.

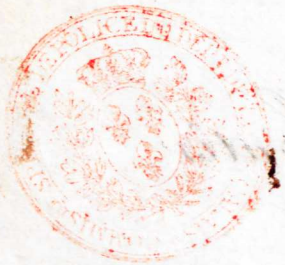
Délivré sans autres formalités

Fait à l'Hotel de ville du Havre le 30 Septembre mil huit cents quatorze 1814

Le maire de la ville du Havre

Prix du Passe-port, DEUX FRANCS.

Vu au Commissariat
spécial de Police
pour le Royaume des
Pays bas près Lille
Calais 24 Aoûr 1816.



Vu pour l'angleterre
Boulogne le 8. 8bre 1816.
Le Comte de Jolin
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Gratis

AU NOM DU ROI.

Nous, Marquis d'Osmond, Pair de France, Lieutenant-Général des Armées du Roi, et son Ambassadeur à la Cour de Londres,

Prions les Autorités Civiles et Militaires, chargées de la Police Intérieure du Royaume, et de tous les Pays amis ou alliés de la France, de laisser librement passer Monsieur William Ogoode Gentilhomme anglais

allant de Londres à Calais

seul avec un Domestique nommé Robert Joffrès

et de lui donner aide et protection en cas de besoin.

Le présent Passeport, délivré à Londres, le 21 Août 1816.

Remarques

A charge du visa des autorités compétentes

L'Ambassadeur de France.

Osmond

Par Son Excellence.

Le Secrétaire d'Ambassade;

Du de Lapaue

Signature du Porteur.

Wm Ogoode

No. 6504.

Le Soussigné SECRETAIRE DE L'AMBASSADEUR de SA MAJESTE le ROI des PAYS-BAS dans le Royaume Uni de la Grande-Bretagne—

CERTIFIE par ces présentes que le Porteur

Monsieur William Osgoode,
Gentilhomme anglois
avec son Domestique, Robert Jeffries

a la permission de SON EXCELLENCE de se rendre dans le Royaume des Pays-Bas:

Et tous ceux qui ces présentes verront sont priés et requis de lui laisser sûrement et librement passer, sans lui donner ni permettre qu'il lui soit donné aucun empêchement.

Londres, le 22. Aout 1816.

Signature du Porteur.

Wm Osgoode

Vu au Bureau de police de la Ville de Tournay, le 27 août 1816.

POLICE DE TOURNAY

J. Comte de Spaendonck

Vu au Gouvernement de la Belgique Méridionale

Bon pour le rendre à Liége

Bruxelles 4 7b 1816

Par autorisation du Gouvernement

P. H. Uitemans

Vu à Liége le 6 7bre 1816 pour Spa

le délégué à l'ad. de police

Vu a Mons

Le 27 Septembre

POLICE DE MONS

PROVINCE DE LIÉGE

INSPECTEUR DE POLICE.

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Arlington Street
22nd May.

My dear Osborne

I shall be B. Stanley
take our family dinner
on Sunday 28th at 6 — hope
you give us the pleasure
of your company.

Yours truly
Rosedale

Lord Rosedale

Pr 7 Pl 1736.

Vu au Bureau de police de la Ville de Tournay, le 27 août 1816.

POLICE DE LA VILLE DE TOURNAY

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Vu au Gouvernement du Brabant Méridional

Bon pour se rendre en Suisse

Bruxelles 4. 7br 1816

Par autorisation du Gouvernement

P. H. Uiteman

No 120 Vu à Liege le 6 7bre 1816

pour Spa

le Delegué à la Sûreté de police

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PROVINCE DE LIEGE INSPECTEUR DE POLICE

Vu a mons

Le 27 Septembre 1816

POLICE DE MONS

William Asgoode Esqr

Albany

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Wed. Mon

Dear Osgood

I fear I may be detained at the House, desire you not to wait for me

Yr truly
Redesdale

William Osgoode Esq
Albany

My Ever Ever Honoured and Blessed sir 124

I have sent you to pare of mufflatees for your
Precious Hands an I would be verry happy for to knitt
you some socks Kitter for to Come over your ancles
on for the foot all so a Comforter for your Blessed Neck if
you will a low me so to do — Ever ever Blessed and
Honoured sir — as I am a sinner to god I am in such
a state of trouble for the want of too pounds a
Eleven shillings a Gainst saturday next Godalmighty
only knows what I Can do but His Blessed will Be Done
without Ever Ever Honoured sir you would Be graciously
pleased for to Coster me with a trifel of money this
time in my great trouble and poverty as God is my Judge
I have not anything for to help my self at this time
I am in Duty Bound to Pray to my Heavenly Father
and you Ever Ever Honoured sir — and may the Lord
Grant you Good health and free from paine in your
Precious Limbs it is one of the greatest Blessings
the Lord Can give to His fellow Creatures I am thank
for His mercy to me that I am able for to do for my
self in this tese days past it is affliction that
makes me so poor one Poson living will not support
too — Pray for Godsake pardon and for give me
Ever Ever Honoured and Blessed sir from your
poor woman Mary Rowe

January th
14 1824

No 37 New trinity alms house
Deptford

Mr Ogilvie

Dear Osgood.

The night before I left Bath, Mrs Rye told me that she found only a few Law books at her son's Chambers in ye Temple, although she knew he had many volumes on various subjects: now I think I remember that ye last time poor Rye was at Oxford, he packed up his books, but did not send them to London. Mrs R. supposes that Jekyll is not at Christ Church as she has not received an answer to a letter which she lately wrote to him. I should therefore be much obliged to you if you would enquire into this affair, & give me your answer as soon as

possible. —

Notre ami Davison est tout a fait François, — Italien, — avocat &c. &c. et pour moi, je ne suis pas plus le garçon dissipé que j'étois — mais j'ai peur que je ne serai jamais habil avocat.

Why don't you come to Town this Term? Stares has left his Name at my Chambers; but how long since I know not. Is he returned to Oxford? The Revd Mr Hulse too has honoured me with a visit.

I am your affect. friend

Lincoln's Inn

No. 25.

20th Jany. 1773

Ah! pauvre Mons? Jekyll! –
Comment se porte il? & sa tête sans
cheveux?

Mr. Ogood Esq.
Christ Church
Oxford

20 Jan. 71.

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Indeed, Tim., I am a very very bad correspondent — explain yr. Expression how you will, you cannot be mistaken — but you who are a wholesale Grocer (for you deal in that sweet commodity, good nature) can afford to cast in handfull of your stock, to a poor fellow who wants it, gratis.

Ah! Tim — I am but a Child in yr. World — & yet Boy as I am, I have seen too many Knaves & Fools in it — There was a time when I thought yr. complaints of yr. severer moralists, were yr. acrid effervescence of disappointed Pride — but then I had had no interesting connection with mankind. The very fools are Knaves — as for yr. good & wise — where are they? they are not to be seen without Spectacles — fetch your Telescope, my good friend, — look at yr. for an object — search all yr. Day — & if you find one, note it down in your Book of Miracles. —

You are ignorant of the cause of these Reflections, &, as you must remain so, I ought to ask your Pardon for giving you the trouble

of reading them. Alas! my milk is turning sour. — I have one black spot in my Heart which I wish Mast.r Mahomet's Angel would wring from it — & that is — w.t Impatience of suffering Injury with.t Revenge. But why should I root it out? Perhaps God suffers it to grow there that I may be a ready sword of punishment in his Hand — then be it so — & let my Edge be keen. —

Oh Kim — forgive my Folly — or, if this be more than Folly, — pity me.

Farewell — Perhaps on wednesday Evening I shall see You —

Farebetter than Your affectionate Friend

J. M. S.

London

26.th July 1773

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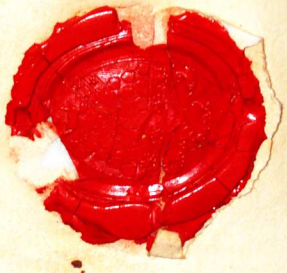
Mr Spooner
Carlisle Cheshire



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to say yr. Truth, Sir, I know not whe=
ther you stand on yr. Debtor or Creditor
side of my Books, either as to money
or Epistles; but this I know, that I am
very much indebted to you, Sir, & Mr.
Leighton for yr trouble I have given
you with my bad Goods at Oxford.

Rejoice all ye people — Harlot
Davison is returned to London with
every link of his back entire.
His brother & I went in search of
him two nights ago at a certain
house under ye Piazza — The bro=
thers staid there — but I had too
much regard for yr. safety of my
petite fille to venture to stop

y. filthy forfeit of any common calling
cause.

Ne'er, Monsieur, give dates your
a note amis Croft? Have not some
of his verses wot you call beaucoup
d'esprit? He says that Almon
promises to put them very soon to
yours — Ah me! tis a tremendous
thought! I have cautioned C. to
hold a soliloquy with himself —
To print or not to print —
Publication bars y. benefit of exper-
tance.

Sunday morn.

Almon tells Cr. that his satire is too lo-
cal — 'Tis but a bad reason for an Almon.
[Pish! tush! hut! fie!] Do you remember
a line nearly thus
"What tho' within thy Attic Cloisters dwell?"

The Bookseller's comment on it was curious. "Sir, said he to y. Author, this is an Error in Architecture — I have indeed heard of an Attic Story; but never never, Sir, of an Attic Cloister!" "Alter it therefore to Gothic" — Could Bentley have written a better Note?

It alarmed prepses me so much to go to Bath without touching at Oxford that I believe I shall not be with you till after Christmas.

Sunday Afternoon.

Miss Lilly wasing wanton I went this morning to fetch for her in Upper Seymour Street — where I left her to y. embraces of a very fine Pomeranian Gentleman. If his present amorous Encounter be more successfull than y. last, you shall have a Puzling.

JD: says that you use him very ill, & Croft complains of your Negligence. write to them both. I want to know how you employ yourself. I fear I do not comprehend y. Plan of your Art of Poetry: for when I told JD. this morn. that I proposed to write "Rules for dramatic composition" in which I meant to give ironical advice, he said, that my Design would clash with yours. Tell me whether he was right. Commend me to your

Aristotle. Address your answer to me at Bath.
Farewell — Ms.
Lincoln's Inn.
1773

Mr Cooper
Chief Justice
Capitol

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"As to Nim — Madam prohibis &c. Whatever it cost me, I will endeavour not to be behind hand in ye. oblitus meorum — at least in regard to such of them as remind me of ye. obliviscendus & illis." &c This passage I have copied verbatim from Croft's last letter to me. The language is so easy that you may construe it without a Lexicon. Remember that ye. Physic with which you lately cured me, may be given to him with ye same Success. — I am beyond measure pleased with your diligence. With your ordinary poets it is a very dangerous Disorder to have a collection of matter in ye head. But 'tis a different case with a Genius of your fire; whose caput, tho' ~~it be~~ being panis plenum (i.e. pure full) becomes thereby purified. — And now we talk of Critics, Mastr. Warton observes "It is remarkable Boileau declared he had never read Vida". — This alone is sufficient to make me consider well before I condemn any one for Plagiarism.

Since I have been here, I have done but little: or in other words I have extracted very little from my own brain. A ridiculous circumstance

indeed drew from abt. 100 as ridiculous lines. You are to know that Sr. Peter's Mother accused one of her maids (very justly I believe) with stealing a shirt or 2 belonging to ye good Man her husband. The maid to clear herself prevailed with ye Footman to write to a conjurer at ye Devizes (NB Devizes not a bad place for a conjurer to live at) — the wise man accordingly cast a figure & explained ye affair so much to ye satisfaction of the Mop squeezer that he without ye least hesitation applied ye Description of ye Thief to Sr. Peter's second brother. — on this subject I built a second letter from ye conjurer to ye Footman — ye only little fun (I dare not say wit) of it consisted in blending contradictions probably to vulgar understandings, tho' papably absurd to people of better Government. — But I am ashamed to perceive that I have egotised so copiously — & yet I must add that Sr. Peter & I walked last night by ye light of ye Moon which I will venture to say shed a clearer beam on you & all who were out of ye Influence of my Companion's everlasting lamp. Sr. P.'s Nose is like ye Sun — wherever it appears it dispels ye vapours.

Madame Lilly was brought to bed before her time — she recovered — but (fatal catastrophe) 2 of her puglings were born dead; & ye other 3 died in less than 3 days after their birth! —

The first part of this letter I wrote by ye gaudy light of the Sun — & now I am scribling by little less than broad daylight — for St Peter is shining full meridian before me; altho' it is now half 7 o'clock in ye Evening — but that's all one to St Peter — his nubecula is a luminary which never sets. — Ha nuge et seria ducunt — so to speak seriously — I have taken as wise Resolutions as you or JD — for before I had [illegible] communicated my thoughts to him I [illegible] pleasure to receive from him [illegible] assurances of repentance [illegible] no less solid promises of Amendment. Now I shall go to London not only to keep ye Term, but likewise to study ye Law.

The brilliant St Peter salutes you warmly — & entreats you to send him some Sparks of your wit, by way of fresh fuel — you must do this speedily, for in less than a Fortnight his fire will be translated to Oxford — & so will my frosty face.

Adieu, my good JD —

M Schomberg

Bath
6th Oct. 1773

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6 Oct. 73

Messrs Cole
Queen Street
Gloucester Square

Dear Sim,

Your last letter had so much good sense in it that 'tis no wonder I have kept it by me so long unanswered:— Twas food which required digestion. Tho' by of same token you may write yourself happy that I do not call you to account for your insolent Question — What? This is a part of your very potent argumentum ad hominem which always deserves, & sometimes obtains, yr. retort discourteous & bacchanalian.

Nares & I are become so intimate that we confer tête à tête; form new plans; build cloud-capt Towers, & airy palaces; & perform other decent Operations in Conjunction. My Attachment to him is not with a view to my own Advantage. I want to ~~acquiesce~~ encourage a Taste (which I feel rising in me) for Analytical Studies: & Nares seems to be a proper person to inspire me with a

passion for pure & solid Science. At present my Brook is very shallow; & if I do not increase it with some copious Spring, a Summer's Sun will dry it up.

Sr. Peter Ruby is an honest Lad, & calculated to shine in his own way; I mean in ye. practice of his Philanthropy. Somebody observes, that we are never ridiculous for being what we are, but for endeavouring to appear to be what we are not. This is ye. case with Sr. Peter.

He is ... would be thought —

Slow of Genius & Motion.	Quick in both.
Grave, Chaste, Temperate.	Gay, libidinous, voluptuous.
Formal, frugal, moral.	Easy, prodigal, profligate
Wtht. reading, fancy or invention.	Studious & poetical.

In short Oxford is likely to spoil one of ye. best Dispositions in ye. World. Sr. P. came here a ~~Lump~~ Piece of good Nature & will go away a Lump of Mad Art. He may yet be saved if he can but be taught to know himself; ye. Ignorance of whom is his only Distemper. Perhaps you & I may be able to introduce him to his own Virtues. The undertaking is delicate; but ye. less difficult because Sr. Peter's present

character is not inveterate. I scarcely think it is old enough to be dated from ye time when you last saw him.

As for ye Abstract Reasoner he is an incorrigible Coxcomb, whose goodness of Heart will not compensate, for ye vacancy of his Head, & ye plenitude of his Vanity. I am sincerely vexed with his absurd Conduct. He seems to be of ye same temper with ye Temple-burning Puppy of Antiquity; & I should not be surprized to hear that he had set fire to St Paul's.

I am ashamed to see so much Invective in one Sheet of Paper; & am apprehensive that you will scarcely believe me to be even your

Sincere Friend
Melchombery

Univ: Coll: Oxon.
Octr 1773

You cannot keep a Term at Lincoln's Inn without ye Ceremony of dining in ye Hall. A degree at either of our Universities will save ~~you~~ I think 3 years of ye usual time of service for ye Bar. The Steward's Office is on ye left hand as you enter ye old Gate way from Chancery lane.

Will. Osgood Esq.re 3

Queen's Street

Grosvenor Square

Mr Osgood

"The Morning I dedicate to Reading & feel myself as much convicted if I employ it in any other Manner as a good catholic who eats Flesh in Lent, or a— What? I leave you to guess"—

This, my dear Tim, is a correct Transcript of a passage in your letter to which my last was an Answer. The moment you see it, you will, I trust, recollect your own meaning. Nor will you be at a Loss to find ye Reason of my turning that same What? an insolent Question. By ye bye you do not know that I sometimes (perhaps affectedly) use ye word insolent in a good Sense. And I must own that I am astonished you should have been so insolently slow of comprehension as not to have perceived at first sight, that my wrath was ironical.

Prithee, my good him, art thou Petrified? —
'Tis ye genuine mark of a modest Wit to forget
his own good things; & this was ye cause of
your not remembering your above mentioned
brilliant Sentence! —

Throw Hedrick & Schrevelius to ye Dogs
I'll none of 'em —
Why, Tim, thou shalt write Greek for School
Boys. —

I shall not quit this Place till ye 6th
of next month. I beseech thee therefore to
travel hither.

I have honoured Jack with another
letter — altho' ye lazy Rascal has not ans.
my first.

I read Charles Crawford's Name in
every paper. He has not sent me Pharo.
I think I know why.

Farewell to Him says his
affectionate Schoolmate.

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29th Oct. 1773

C. C.'s last Epistle to Mr. Pinter is written in a Stile of Thunder. Bobadil's Language is like the report of a popp gun to it

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29 Oct. 73

Wm. Agnew Esq.re

Queen's Street

Grosvenor Square

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LONDON

If my Memory is not weaker than Sr. Peter's Arguments I may venture to assert that it was Judas, ye worst of ye 12, who grumbled at ye Expence of ye precious Ointment. 'Twas ye self same prudent Gentleman who for a Shilling or two betrayed his Master. — Dost thou see the Butt I drive my Shaft at? Or must I ask thee in Plainer terms whether thou didst ever hear me grumble at ye price of orange butter or marschall Pomatum? — No, Sim, — "By ye Blood that now boils in my veins, & flushes (I me an curdes) in my Chek" I scorn ye Imputation. What tho' ye Remembrance of Sin ought to make shudder at ye Name of a Bond-

What though yr. family of yr. Nimrods hath ever been more famous for horsemanship than honesty; yet will I once more leap over yr. bank of prudence into yr. stream of danger. — if I swim out, I shall not be drowned — if I sink to yr. bottom, why, I shall not be hang'd.

I should have been in town ere this, if I had not been money bound. I have been miserably disappointed. But I have been so inured to chicanery in these matters that I almost despair of making a Bargain with'out fighting against avarice & deceit. In two or 3 days however I hope to meet you. Mrs. Hamilton will give me a Bed for a week, or till I can put furniture in my chambers.

"Yr. D. says that he lately got a French Cali legant Wench in Hunting; which has brought on an inguinal Tumour". This act of him has given me much Uneasiness, & yr. more because he seems to think it not impossible that he shall stay

at Blakiston (his Brother's House) this Term.

Poor Sam. Isted is once more excluded from All Souls. Sr Chas. Watson, Eden, & Clarke are admitted into that very learned Society. Alas! poor Isted!

Nares wishes that you would advert your Thing towards Oxford. He is hard at work upon Aristotles Poetics. He is short but sharp sighted like your Honour's Worship, & sees this a thing with ye an Eye.

If you ~~dont know~~, I would tell you that I am your Devoted

M.S.

U.C.O.

9th Novr 1773

Prithee, Mrs Tim, whose brain spun out ye History of a Duel between Frewin & Swansmore?

Mr. Wood Esqr.
Queen's Street
Grosvenor Square

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Dear Sim.,

I prostrate myself at your feet, plead guilty, & sue for mercy. I have made you my Judge, & therefore must not dare to retort ye Accusation: else would I charge you with being ye cause of my Transgression. Had you been less good natured I had been more diligent. You, I knew, would readily pardon a fault in which my heart had no concern — 'somewhat too much of this' —

John Davison, you & I have resolved, as ye phrase is, to follow ye Law. I should not have said resolved, for to speak ye truth we all of us want Resolution; & 'till we acquire it, believe me, Sim, we shall never be ornaments of ye Bar. You have done me the Honour to consult me in a Matter of as less importance than your future welfare; & I will candidly communicate my Sentiments. It is universally known that a young Man cannot succeed at ye Bar without indefatigable application

to Business, or a very uncommon share of natural abilities. Powerful friends may indeed support him for a time, but not forever. The Pillars may be undermined & then the Superstructure must fall. I should not do ye. Office of a Friend if I flattered you to your Ruin. Know then that although your abilities are a great deal above ye. common level, yet they are not sufficient to keep you from sinking without a very strenuous Exertion — and your Industry is, or at least, has been almost as nothing. From these considerations you may imagine that I meant to turn you from your Pursuit. By no means. I only wish to shew you that you ought not to lean with all your force on ye. Law — 'tis a broken Reed at best but off a Spear'. — Let it be nominally your Profession. You may keep the high Road in view whilst you step aside to pluck certain Flowers called civil Employments. And [illegible] this, my good Friend, is an Advantage which Church m[illegible]n & Physicians want. They can gather none but hol[illegible] wreaths or medicinal Plants. — To be short, [illegible] Him, I mean to follow ye. Advice I give. — I am [illegible] as ignorant of the

proper method of studying the law as you can be. only this, I know, that 'tis certainly best to read such Books at first as may give one a general Idea of Law. But, in fact, the great affair is to begin. — I shall be with you ~~perhaps~~ a few days. We will form a thousand projects — & adopt — perhaps none. — Till I do see you — farewell.

M. Stromberg

Delahay Street West.
Saturday.

Jack D. is not perfectly well — but is in good spirits. He & I are often together & do, as I have just P., build castles & pull 'em down again. I wish we could raise one upon Rock. Ergo.

Send to Kno: coll to inform my Bed Maker I shall be in Oxford on Tuesday Night. M.S.

Wm. Osgood Esqre
Univ: Coll:
Oxford

Mar. 23

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You would have heard from me, my good Nim, more than a fortnight ago if I had not been harass'd with ye continual apprehension of an Event which hath at length proved ye justice of my fears. But I imagine it is needless to tell you ye Cause — the public papers have anticipated ye melancholy information of our Friend Rye's Death. We who loved his character must lament our loss of those humane virtues which gave us pleasure & excited us to imitation; but we ought to remember that our loss is his gain. For my part I do confess that I envy his fate more than I grieve for it. And I could wish you to regard this declaration not as arising from ye present anxious state of my Mind, but from cool & deliberate Reflection, ye only solid foundation of

sentiment. I feel myself inclined to continue this subject; tho' I dare not indulge ye propensity, least I should add too great a weight to ye load which must already oppress your Heart, if (as my vanity dictates) I may determine your feelings by my own.

Do me ye kindness to apologize for my negligence to Paris.

I had a plan or two to execute which remain untouched: for you know, when ye passions are turbulent, Reason is inactive.

Towards ye end of ye 1st week of Term I shall be in London — 'till then I shale remain here.

Most affectionately I am

Your Friend

Mlehomberg

Bath.

15th Jan.

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Mr. Wm. Wolfe
Chairbinder
Cincinnati

BATH

Dear Sir,

It rains heavily today, & yester=
day you know was Kirs benefit
to me, tho' twas dies Iolis to yr.
better part of yr World — you
have therefore two strong reasons
why I should scribble thisthà.

You may remember when you
was in Town I told you of my fear
least Rye's Mother should be de=
ceiv'd into an ill opinion of me by yr.
irregularity of her Son's accounts.
Now as I believe you are satisfied
that yr. Ballance at yr. last settle=
ment was in my favour, I must
request you, if it should be necessary,

to exculpate me. Your delicacy will readily suggest to you yr. best method of hinting this to Jekyll, who ~~bang~~ would probably hear yr. complaints, if any should be utterd. I must entreat you both to act cautiously in this matter, because I do not mean to demand payment; but merely to reserve my character from false imputation. —

I have fortunately recovered Scott's book — the search after it has introduced me into 2 or 3 scenes in low life, not unworthy yr notice of a speculative man — Cuff & his Wig are endeavouring to make a Blackguard of me.

I can write no more for I want to eat.

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I'll talk to you another day abt.
Chambers —

Most affectionately yours
M Schomberg

Lincoln's Inn
7th March 1774

Wm. Osgood Esqre
Christ Church
Oxford

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March 7. 74

Dear Tim

You have taken excellent care of my Reputation; & in Return I will endeavour to procure you a shelter for yr head before yr next Term commences. The Chambers at No. 4 are not worth yr Rent; nor do I at present know of any which are fit for you. I will contrive to fix you where blue devils cannot enter. I must however insist on your dwelling in Lincoln's Inn, or else I will not insure you from their Influence. A certain little yellow devil may perhaps expell yr azure.

Your best friends vent bitter complaints against you — and to say ye truth, the cause of yr neglect of them is worse than yr neglect itself I am infinitely concerned to think that you should blast yr understanding with

liquid lightening. I would preach to you on this subject if I did not know that you can bring stronger arguments agt. yourself than I can offer.

Croft appeared to bear ye loss of his Poem philosophically. —

Have you heard of Horneck & his Wife & all that? — if not, you will, & so I'll not spoil ye tale by anticipation. — And, moreover, what think you of L— & his wife & all that? Well of all bad things, I say defend me from a whore that is poor, & a wife that is poor. So & so, my dear Tim, I heartily pray for you & ye rest of ye few whom I love & esteem.

I am most affectionately
Your
M Thomlyn

Lincoln's Inn
21st March
1774

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21 March 74

Mr. Capper Esqr.
Christ Church
Oxford

Dear Sim,

I was yesterday made very happy by a proof of your Innocence, tho' it was at y^e expence of my own Understanding. The Letter which ~~[illegible]~~ was so very full of important Questions, was returned to me by y^r Post Master. I had negligently addressed it only to you at Christ Church, with^t ye necessary addition of Oxford — so that it travelled into Hampshire & Surry & at last found its way to Lincoln's Inn. — I sincerely ask y^r Pardon for ye unmerited Reproaches which I dealt to you so liberally or rather illiberally. — Not a Syllable have I received from Davison. Do you know where he is? I wrote to him more than a Week ago, & I believe did not mis direct y^e letter to him at Redland

House. Mr. Phillipps tells me that his (Ds) mother & Sisters are going this Summer to drink certain medical Waters. Ergo - (you understand ye Sorites) you will probably see master Jacky at Oxford. I wish to form ye Sciam=boy Ignoratio. — But as my Mama is my Father, & my Father's Husband, (She = He) must be consulted. My very good Begetters will be in London next Monday. God bless their Son say I.

I think I may venture to declare that I shall honour alma Mater with a visit very shortly. Write to me however if it be only to convince me that you can dedicate some part of your time to ye pleasure of yr. Friend &c

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4: Augt 1774

London.

Wm. Osgood Esqre
Christ Church
Oxford.

Aug 4th 1776

My good Master Nim.

Here I am pent up in a Box with Messrs. Isted & Davison —

Jack joins me in ye Cry of ipse veni. —

Tell Croft that I have dispatched one of his Letters & ye. other shall go to Loyd's on Monday.

Adieu —

good Nim

Yours

Turk's head

3/4 past 10

Saturday Night

The Masquerade will be excellent as witness my Hand T Davison —

J. N. Osgood Esq.

Christ Church

Boston

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Dear people

Your Melancholy News made me sick all Yesterday. Today I will laugh with you. For I shall dine upon Pork & Plumb Pudding.

As for my humble Serv.t Sam.l Shalbon, let him take his own Physic 'till I return. I wish him no worse. But touching Mr. Greenly, I request one of you to assure him from me that if I live he shall be paid with full Interest. He is one for whom I feel. The antique seal perhaps comes from my Brother. Let it rest till you can send it me by some one passing through this Place. By the same kind of Conveyance I could wish to receive my small Note Book of this Shape  , my Italian Grammar, & Synonymes François. Upon ye. strength of the underwritten Draft, I further desire you to buy me a leather, Paper-Case properly fitted with machines to hold Ink, pens, Sand &c.

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I think this note is drawn with sufficient rious-
ty considering that I have received nothing from y.
Drawer since I left Bath. It must be unquestion-
-ably answerable. Dear Nim, send it immediately
for in another Month I shall certainly be dry,
my pactolus is a shallow stream. — Here occurs
a considerable difficulty. How am I to get
y. Cash? In y. 1st Place there is no such thing
as a Banker here & in y. 2d. if there were
how ridiculous to trouble him with so small
a Sum! In London you may contrive this
where you have ~~large~~ extensive acquaintance
tho better than I can in this Hole where I
know nobody. Englishmen are continually
passing through Bethune to Lisle. Let me
entreat you however by no means to neg-
lect this for more than 2 weeks or a Month.
If you do, what I have hinted above will in a
disputably come to pass. Should it be
in your power to receive advance of money
before you have it from my father I need
not tell you it w. do me great service.

I have never read ye Idyllia of Gesner: but as they have a great Reputation, I feel myself inclined to translate them into English verse — which I think has not yet been executed. Give me your Opinion upon this point or any other by which you suppose I may turn a little penny. By ye Bye, not understanding a word of German, I must play ye Trick of many a Brother Dive-dale, by doing it from ye French.

Master Coff, keep a Shilling in your purse — for you shall pay for ye next letter.

Salute all my Brethren with Friendship & my Sisters with Love. If all ye talk turn upon America & y^e Duchess of K. give me some Acc^t. of both.

Affectionate

Bethune

Bethune
21st Ap. 1776

I d. not take mine Leave in mine Honour — nor save my Money — & so I came to lodge chez Mad^e Duchastelle, Rue du Pot de fain.

W. Osgood Esqre
Lincoln's Inn
London
Angleterre

ARTHUN

Oct 21 1776

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'tis an unjust thing to make you pay the postage
of a letter extraordinary; because you have
had yr. trouble to send me 4 Pr. of Shoes —
& 'tis still more unjust to abuse you because
you have sent me nothing else — but this
is a world in which every one must mind
his own interest, & hard friends to serve
him. — You rogue there was a long
list of baggage with which you might
have loaded Mr. Almack.

— My Italian Grammar.
— The 2dd of Tea
— The black leather letter-case, fitted up with
pens ink &c.
The Synonymes Gouzois something new perhaps.
Osgood's Cheselden — to which when a-
nother opportunity offers you may add a little
wreath books of mine — a Compendium of
of English Hist. in letters. Now I am
upon yr. subject of Business, pray what have
you done for yr. English Girl?
The good Catholics of this land want
to convert me. Do you think it easy?

moi je crois que non. I shall continue in this opinion whilst they give their God ye epithet of a petit maître. Jesus le debonaire! I saw it in a mass-book, by ye beard of Abraham.

What reasons are assigned for the dismission of Markham & Jackson? The people here talk of nothing but news, England & America, & are ignorant of all 3. Prithee make me wiser than they. What of Boston? What of Quebec? Who are killed? who are promoted? & (for another question) what was Johnson's comment on "Suave mari magno"? —

Davison, I suppose, has received a letter from me expressive of my approbation of your Plan. (N.B. for fear Joh. forget it, the Stove, tongs, poker, shovel, fender, & bellows in my late Chambers are my property — aye truly — paid for property.) And now pray tell me whether you will meet me at Calais or St Omers and when. Have not I learned ye art of chattering? —

I regard Osgoods (I mean Sim's) blessing too much to return it; but I'll pick him another fresh from my heart, which shall match his at least in fervency.

Do you hold constant to your Jewish in Bloomsbury Square? The old parties! You may laugh at my remnant of Vanity, but I must ask whether Davison tells you what language they speak of me at (Mr Coyney) the Club?

Yearbroft Yrs sincerely

Bathurst

18th June 1776

Fisher is at Spa: you may like to know where to find a good man by day light with a Lantern.

BETHUNE

Robert Croft Esqr
No 25 Lincoln's Inn
London
Inclosure

18 June 1776
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My dear Sim,

A very fine woman who once honoured you with her pity & attention during your passage from Calais to Dover, charges herself with ye Conveyance of this Letter. Whatever your Friendship or Politeness may owe, I insist, that my Answer must produce a more agreeable effect passing through such a medium, than after having been sold by ye filthy fingers of a penny-postman.

Your Apology is a very good one; although for a long time, it produced a very bad effect upon me. You ought to know that ye poste restante is almost always a very sufficient direction to an Englishman in a French Town.

That ye Scots are extremely intelligent, I must be a blockhead to doubt, nor would I dare to assert that they are illbred or inhospitable: but I must contend that their cordial Reception of you is no proof of

their Hospitality or good breeding. You carried with you ye Recommendation of a good Person in a double Sense — Sir David introduced you to some of his Countrymen, & ye colour of your Head & ye form of your features prejudiced the rest in your favour. But, may tell me — did they relish your Wit? or did you spin Metaphysics with them? To speak plainly (betray your habitual idleness) I think you might be ye best of any thing in any Country: for you possess certain excessive contrarieties which with a little pains you might turn to excellent Qualities. You can not only swim on ye Surface, but you can dive to ye Bottom; nay can pick up ~~a~~ ye very pebble you want. What a faculty to improve! My dear Sir, make ye most of it —

"Companions in distress!" — more soon for Exhortation. Take care of yourself. Hold up me (which you may easily do tho' my Pen is rather heavy) for your terrible Example. That you not mistake I'll tell you what I'm

Gratitude of a moment. Had some money – half of it I lent; & upon ye other half I subsisted in hopes of receiving ye part borrowed – I received myself & you know ye Consequences. I love you too much not to entreat you earnestly to beware of ye same Pit. Calculate your debts, & proportion your Expences to your Income. When you have plucked ye beam from your own Eye, help Jos to extract ye mote out of his. Croft has prudence – & wants no other Mentor.

Has my Father sent my Shirts to London?

Your ever affectionate

M G

Lille

22d Dec. 1776

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Mr. Agnew Esq.
Lincolnshire
Louth

Procrastination is the thief of time, according to the deposition of Dr. Young who thereby means to accuse him of a capital crime: whereas if this were all y poor fellow's fault I should not think him very guilty; for the law of retaliation may justify in some measure the stealing from him who steals from all. But I fear Procrastination is one of Time's thieves in a worse sense — He is one of St. John's gang, set on to rob us; & that too slily & artfully, by amusing us while he picks our Pockets. I have luckily caught the rascal with my pen in his Hand; & I promise you to keep it more carefully for the future. Perhaps you will hereafter have reason to curse my Vigilance — particularly should I indulge myself sometimes in composing sublime treatises upon nothing: for since this y. fashion to analize, who knows but I may exercise my Wit upon a caput mortuum? — the dog of Hell for Example (the true prototype of you three) is universally allowed to have barked from three heads. Investigation — Did he spout a leash of languages at once? or did he ringy changes as you do? — 3 heads but one dog — 3 corners but one triangle — 3 Men but one Friend. behold one of y Articles of my Creed!

One of y. 3 parts of the Trinity hath asked me how I employ myself. — my Journal — 8h. je me leve — je dejeune — 9h. j'etudie le Francois ou l'Italien. 10h. je danse. 11h. je lis, j'ecris, je m'occupe. 1h. je dine — je cause 4h. je m'habille. 5h. je vais dans quelque Assemblee Anglose ou Francoise (car j'ai l'honneur d'aller chez Mesdames Delaporte, Stapins, Desfontaines de la Barre &c) ou je m'amuse jusqu'a 9h. — I have very luckily wormed myself into French company. An Officer of Horse, le Comte d'Aguilar was of great Service to me in my laudable design upon

the people of Condition here. My friend is a young man of more than common Abilities — H a du Savoir; he has contrived to glean a considerable quantity of Knowledge in spite of an unaffected Vivacity peculiar to y. natives of y. Southern provinces. Physically speaking he is very near-sighted, but I can assure you, he wants no Spectacles to assist his Mind's Eye. With a quick Conception & a lively Imagination, you may suppose him to be a Wit & a Poet. In short suppose what you will in his favour; for I have a pleasure in making others think well of those whom I esteem.

With respect to translation, Master Croft, I do in part approve of your Hint. It would certainly be worth my while to undertake something of y. kind; but then it must be something very good, or very fashionable which has not been already decanted. Therefore I request the Cor to be upon y. watch for me. Being in England you are in y. way of knowing whatever is done into Lat. — What think you of a Tragedy upon y. Subject of our Charles 1st? It has been already cast in a bad mold by Havard y. Actor — At least I hear so, for I have never seen it. You may call this a conceited speech, but I do assure you I think very meanly of my own Abilities, & I'd think still worse of them if I did not see greater fools than myself every day.

Dear Jack, Here is a Cousin of yours one Charles Hoar who pretends to love & esteem you, & who says that he had often heard me damned by your Brothers & Sisters before he had y. misfortune to see my insignificant figure. He's a lively boy, but not such a mad-brain as you. He has the happiness to be distinguished by certain traits which I have observed

observed in you. He fingers & thumbs his Rose, his waistcoat flaps & his Cards after your manner. Moreover he is blessed with that length of visage that face de Careme which you inherit from your dear Mama. Judge now whether I feel a pleasure in his company.

Facetious Sim,

Were thou to put thy Humour into verse the merry poem of Hudibras would appear as a Sermon to it. Neither Sotland nor Misfortune can change thee. Your letter made me grin malgré moi till I came to the Story of the Writ — and then I put on a very serious Countenance & exclaimed — Ah! Crawford, I blame thy conduct more than I pity thy Situation! — & then I made a foul Comparison — for which God forgive — it proceeded from an inhuman pride.

For Charles Talbot, I always had a good opinion of him; but since I hear he has given a good account of me I esteem him more than ever. Say what you will, I am determined to keep my Vanity. It does me innumerable services. It — but I'm going to prose; for which you had better apply to Croft who has a Tongue & Pen ready & capable.

'Tis well for me that (today being post day) I had written so much of my long Epistle yesterday: for you must know that last night being grand Bal, I was not in bed till 6 this Morning. — Habillé en Amazon my dear cost me nothing; Admittance 3 livres. A little cheaper this than at ye Pantheon.

I am extremely, aye extremely delighted at ye manner in which you have made free use of my property. Go on & prosper. Avoid ye gang of gamblers. Keep your fingers from Cards & your feet out of Bloomsbury Square & defy ye foul fiend. Ever affectionate

Lille
2d Feby 1777

Dined last night with M. de Chauncey Officer regt Aquitaine who said he was intimate with you at Auxerre where his family resides.

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Herbert Croft junr Esqr
Lincolns Inn
London
Inquirer

Lille
chez Jouvenaux sur la grande Place } 23. March. 1777

To get rid of that Cacodæmon, called Procrastination, who is always pulling me backwards by tempting me to look forwards, I sat down to write to longheaded Jack. Ausonius very wisely observed that a work well begun is now half performed. This is more than enough for me: for though I was obliged to break off abruptly, Master Davison has, according to this Rule, more than his Quantity of words: because whenever I write to the Trinity only one third is strictly due to each person. The very day after I had thus broken ye Ice I received a letter from ye aforesaid Jack, penned with his usual good nature & vivacity. He persuades me to waive my Scheme of the Tragedy on the Subject of Charles the first; but has proposed another plan which I will endeavour to execute. This is to compile a History of Spain. I will undertake it for a Reason which will doubtless appear to you

singular if not absurd. viz. because the Work ~~with~~ demands method & Labour, & I am irregular & idle. The Business will certainly be ill performed; but will be (if I can so Phrase it) of considerable service to myself; by giving my volatile Parts a certain degree of Fixation (capable of restraining their too sudden Evaporation. (N.B. I don't mean to write my History in Rhime.) — I have another reason for my Attempt upon Industry, which I will not tell you till I have committed the Rape.

I am full of Recognisance to Davison for his other Schemes to serve me — I declare to God my gratitude is at this Instant in my Eyes, & I do not think it will ever be effaced from my heart. —

Indulge this touch of the pathetic, my good Sim — I shall have some dismal tales to tell of the Dons, & 'tis good to practise a little you know. Apropos — if you have any hints to bestow upon me I will be thankfull for them.

And so Charles Crawford has broken cover! or

as Jack calls it – stolen away! He appears to me
not to be worth ye Charge of an Advertisement;
much less of a reward for his Recovery – & so
peace be with him. Walrond told me that
his Brother will indemnify you – at which I re=
joiced not a little – for I believe you honest, tho'
your name be Tim.

I cannot procure any political employment; & there=
fore I care but little for national affairs; but this
I know, that ye French are grumbling, & will pre=
shortly break out into words & blows.
The Artillery never moves to ye Coast
but upon serious occasions; & an
officer of that corps told me yesterday
that his Regt was ordered to depart for Brest.
When Walrond was here he said that he had no other rea=
son for not writing to me but that he was negligent.
Pray make my very respectfull comps to his high & ash
him if he be not yet roused from his Lettargy.
Now if you please you may rouse yourself to do me
a Service. A great man of this Country called le Prince de
Ghistelles is a man of a very singular humour. Amongst
his odd affections, one of the most frivolous is his fondness
for dogs. He wishes much to have one of that species
which we call Dutch Pugs. Can you possibly procure me
one for him? There was one at a Chandlers Shop, the corner of
Cursitor Street Chancery Lane; you may get a puppy set Croft to work; I know he will
not neglect to serve his friend even in trifles. Bis dat qui cito dat.
I don't quote this to upbraid you – you don't want it – but to shew my latent
no ill wishes to ye Croft! Stop some for yourself – for I am affect=
MS

W. Osgood Esqre
Lincoln's Inn
London
Angleterre

March 23 77

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My dear Croft,

Ask me a hundred times why I did not answer your last letter immediately & I shall always say like an Idiot — Lack a daisy! why I don't know — Demand why I have not written within this fortnight & I shall reply a little more sensibly, but not more satisfactorily as follows —

— (a sad story) —

A Lady was here whom I knew in England — Alas! that I should meet her here! — This Lady wanted to leave y. place but complained to me that she had not money enough — asks I would be her Caution for £8 — But Madam — ok sir I'll put y. money in y. Hands before y. promissory note becomes due — say no more — y. deed was done. — My Lady stays a fortnight longer — again she can't go without my assistance. (My Father had just sent me £12) she w. give me a Draft on her Mother payable 3 days after sight if I w. advance her ~~y. the~~ eleven

guineas — well 'twas done — but not done well — for my Lady gives a counterpart draft (or rather to draw) to one of her creditors for y. same sum — & oh! Horror! decamps —

I dont tell my story with a very melancholy air; but it not y. Less time for that.

Add to this that Madam's flight draws a Net round y. English. For my part I ~~am~~ owe at least £20 on my own account & what is worse am asked for it with empressement & mefiance since this pretty affair. You see what a damned scrape I am in. plunged halfway for myself & over head for another. I must drown — there's no help for me —

Keep this secret from all but y. Clan. If you come hither I'll give y. full, truth particular account. I dare trust no more to Ink.

My love to y. people & yourself

Yrs Mf

Lille
11th Augt 1777

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Herbert Croft junr. Esqre
Lincoln's Inn
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Lille 17th Augt 1777

'Tis an age my dear Nim since through my fault I have had any confab. with you, although your letter has constantly lain upon my Table to my utter reproach & confusion. I am yr greatest fool breathing, because I come precisely within Addison's description of a Rake — In every way I sin against the grain, & then feel all that remorse which a little prudence might prevent. Croft has probably given you an Anecdote in proof of this — & so you shall excuse me yr repetition of it — doubtless with all your Heart.

Unluckily I have not seen yr Answer to Edmund Burke's Pamphlet. That fraction of a man Mr. Bl being yr taylor left it behind him — as perhaps a better man may do returning from his morning's evacuation. — Seriously I have heard it well spoken of by a man who had heard it mentioned with approbation. This is travelling a great way, but tis much better than paying ~~through~~ yr Author himself for an opinion. Now E. seems to promise himself ~~from~~ it almost as much as I can wish. I fear nothing for him but his affectation. You may tell him if you please that I say he stretches beyond nature by standing a tiptoe to reach her — Doesn't he?

The History of my life & manners at this Place is more easily given than yr. other History which I have undertaken for yr. former is stupidly uniform (generally speaking) & yr. materials are few & ready, whilst yr. latter is perplexed & complicated & yr. materials infinite & unprepared. Till lately I have lived here with tolerable Tranquillity; but constant ease is no more made for me than for others. The unfortunate Anecdote already alluded to has cast me into a State of Desperation which my weak philosophy cannot resist. I must own that I deserve it & therefore I endeavour to suffer with patience — yet I cannot always be tame. What if I have been imprudent, what if I have been too credulous! Must I pass a life of pain because I have saved others from Misery? — Alas! I must run in vain — inactive complaint will never relieve me. Why then should I not put my faculties into Action in yr. only Sphere in which they can now move? Why should I not take a fixed Resolution to cross yr. Atlantick? — And so I absolutely will if I can but procure Letters of Recommendation to Genl. Howe or any other man in authority. Jack Davison is more likely than you to serve me in this Affair. Write to him at yr. immediately. I shall send him a letter into Berkshire though I'm doubtfull whether he be there. Indeed my good Man I am weary of existing upon yr. miserable pittance which is grudgingly granted me from England — add to this that perhaps a fortnight hence I shall scarcely have my Sword left me — & then blame me if you can for adopting any yr. most romantick Scheme — or for executing any yr. most desperate Resolution.

for yr. Spanish History it goes on like a loaded Waggon drawn by a Poney, & for yr. same reason. My Spirits are sunk & consequently every faculty is depressed. This, added to yr. usual difficulties of such an Undertaking, pushes me back as I attempt to advance. At present I am unfit to pull upon even ground — how can I draw up hill?

When Walrond was here he in some measure relieved my Anxiety on his account by assurances that his neglect of my letters proceeded merely from his habitual Indolence, & by promises to write to me on his return to England. He has not kept his word & I know not whether he be not at this moment in Antigua; for he was to have gone thither at least two Months ago.

— To entertain you still more with grumbling I must talk to you of another misfortune. What am I to do with that unhappy Girl who came hither last Summer? Whenever I see her I am obliged to do violence to my feelings: for if I betray yr. least Uneasiness she is miserable. 'Tis a silly thing to acknowledge yet I must own that I often shed tears when I think of her Situation — not as you may suspect from any foolish Attachment to her; but from yr. purest pity. She wants almost every thing, & I am unable to supply her. When I see this I could do all that's desperate if I did not dread worse consequences not for myself but for her. ~~All~~ This looks like yr. enthusiasm & folly of love — but 'tis no such thing — I consider myself as yr. Cause of all she suffers & I am mad. My God, Tim, I can think of it no longer.

Reflect on my American project. The letters of recommendation are merely to certify that I am a Gentleman, have had Education &c. Should they say more so much yr. better.

Farewell my dear Friend

Yr. A. G.

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My dear People

Had I a triple tongue I would give a triple lie to that prudent Maxim which Mama hath so often urged to me in vain — "If you don't take care of yourself, nobody will take care of you." 'Tis false - 'tis false - 'tis false. Who ye Devil can convict, (nay who dare accuse) me of having paid attention to my Interest? - And yet who hath received more obligations from his Friends than I? The last instance of their regard hath covered me with that grateful confusion which arises from a just sense of their Beneficence & from a consciousness of having made no Efforts to deserve it. Not a word of Thanks however shall I utter — for to those who are capable of generous actions silent gratitude is ye most acceptable Recompense. Let me hint only that I shall not forget nor neglect to perform ye Conditions which I proposed to ye good.

Indeed, Nim, you do well to put on a serious

Countenance when you mention W's sentiments on ye privileges of Friendship. To me who have ye highest Esteem for him & ye zealest Opinion of his Merit it is really a melancholy consideration that his Friend should I know not how nor when have taken such a warp. I am very unhappy to say that I fear my connection with him is at an End. For a long time I attributed that to a natural Indolence in him which in any other I should have given to the true cause - a studied Neglect. Unfortunately I am now but too well convinced of my Error. In my last letter I gave him to understand that I should be obliged to consider his Silence as a decent Renunciation of our Intercourse. Some Months have passed & not a word have I received from him. I am totally ignorant of ye cause of his Conduct; but as I am persuaded he has too much Sense & Generosity to act without reason I take it for granted he has been misled. It just occurs to me that at ye time I thought him at Brussels I wrote him two letters rally on him upon what I merely guessed to be ye cause of his long stay there, & persuading him not to form a lasting connection. He never received these letters for he was gone to Paris with —. It is

probable that her mother opened them & communicated ye Contents to her. Hence &c.

With regard to his Example I cannot allow it to be applicable to my case; because he is rich enough to make a consolatary Settlement. Not but that I will exert my utmost Endeavours to send you ye Consignment you demand. Fix upon ye proper Scheme & I will attempt ye Execution of it. To shew you how well inclined I am, I will put in practice your Scheme, Master Davison, of ye Nursery Maid, ye English Lady at Lisle & in short of ye whole white Falsity. And you, master him, you may if you please, write her your letter of advice. — Your chief End is I know to make me free — & then you are perfectly right — but if you think to make me live cheaper by her Absence you are mistaken. She saves me money in numberless instances — For mere eating & drinking she manages so well that it never costs me a guinea & a half a month. Her Lodgings cost me but 7. 6 English a month. — Take not this however as an Excuse for retaining my Housekeeper. Lay some good plan such a one as may not shock her — & then dispose of me as you please. When I shall have regained my liberty I have only not determined

to try at least one American Campaign. Major Stanton a very old Acquaintance of my Father's has offered to recommend me to Burgoyne if I choose to go as a Volunteer. I have no Objection; for he says that yr. extra-expence will be only for a Scarlet Coat & that I can live as cheap there as here. What's your Opinion? Don't you thinke that I should stand a good chance amongst a Sett of men over whom my Education would give me a manifest advantage? If you thinke so I absolutely will depart as soon as possible after Xtmas. In case this should be my final Resolution (as I solemnly belive it will be) pray ask some one to paint on a small piece of Paper yr. Uniform of Burgoyne's Reg.t very exactly & enclose it in your next letter.

Why Croft! what in yr. name of Silence is become of thee? Art thou plunged so deep in Law & politics that thou canst not emerge from the flood? What! dost thou think me a friend of Interest only? Am I never to be addressed by thee unless thou canst render me some essential Service? Well then — send me yr. Guittar in God's name — but prithee let me hear from thee.

Send me moreover ~~thy~~ answer to Burke's Pamphlet — as well as that to Lord Abingdon — & in short send me some intelligence of thyself & of thy Occupations. Art thou married & a cuckold?

Very true my good people — you want a banting do you? — Well I have certainly got one to shew you; but you must come hither to see it — for as yr Mother is what is commonly called a Feme de condition & a married Woman she chooses to take care of it herself. So once more I know what it is to be a father.

This should be an additional reason why I should go to America; for being so bad a Subject of England as to get Soldiers for her natural Enemy I certainly I am bound to make her some Recompense by my own Services.

Well god bless you all three as yr man said to yr 27 Taylors.

This will be presented to you perhaps in Lincoln's Inn hall next Saturday by our fellow Collegian Irish.

Yr ever affectionate

O M G

Lille 12th Novr 1777

put yr enclosed into yr penny post.

Dec. 1n, 1777

I address this letter to you my good Sam, because I know where to find Davison. forward it & if you or Coff have it yr power you may do what I desire of master John.

My dear Jack,

You know I have long harped upon a Trip to America even when it would have been attended with almost unsurmountable obstacles. The way is now so well paved for me that I think I can walk over it without hurting my corns. A great number of Regiments are to be raised, the Colonels of which are to nominate their Officers, & these Officers are to purchase their Commissions by raising their quota of men. Perhaps I am misinformed, but I am told that a Lieutenancy may be had on this Condition for abt £50. My Mother I should humbly conceive will not refuse me this Establishment. But yr first Step is to obtain a Nomination. I have written to my Uncle in Town to use his Interest, & to apply to my Uncle Sr Hy

for all that he has. Alas! I fear that ye
former has not much in ye military line,
& that ye latter hoards what he has for
himself. Now, Jack, you are a great good
Man & have great good Alliances; & what does
you still more credit, you want no other induce
= ment to serve your friend than to know
how to do it. 'Tis all one to me
whether I serve amongst Scotch, Irish,
welch or English — I am of ye world.
If ye Laird Macleod who is to command
one ye highland Regiments be ye same
who was of University College I knew him
intimately, & should have no objection
to fight under his Thistle; for I'm told
he's a brave fellow. You may enquire
~~of this~~

No. I have left off my Under waistcoat
& am going to march ~~twelve~~ twelve leagues in one
day, for ye mere satisfaction of contemplat
ing once more ye plain of Fontenoi.

Had I wanted any other motive to adopt
my present scheme a near aye a very near
Relation of mine hath supplied me with one.
Oh God, my good friend — what is it that has
past at Bath? O Integrity, thou mayst be
sometimes ye Companion of poverty but thou
certainly art not always ye Companion of Af=
fluence. I look into my heart with distrust.
Tho' it be now clean I know not
how soon Contagion may corrupt
it. You may laugh at me, but
I tell you seriously that your story of
ye Harrow school boy is perpetually
in my mind & conduces not a little to keep
ye pride of Honesty from swelling to Insolence.
— Let your friendship reveal what your Dele=
cacy would hide. I know but imperfectly how
ye shamefull Business was executed — tell me
ye plain fact. The very thought covers one
with confusion. Write as soon as you can,
for I burn with anxiety.

I am my dear Davison,
Yrs most truly
M S =

Lille 15th Jany 1778 =

B. no spare time
make haste.

Jan 15. 1778

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Sr David Carnegie
may have interest
with yr Scotch
colonels.

W. Robertson Esqr
Principal
Edinburgh

Paris, hôtel de Luxembourg, rue des petits augustins, 11 Feby. 1778

My dear Nim

Soldiers seldom use superfluous words unless they be oaths — & so by G— I thank you most heartily for what you have done for me.

I'll repair to head quarters with all Expedition, but I must take two previous steps; firstly we must give a little sop to certain hungry folk call'd creditors, & secondly I must procure a little cash for my journey. To do the former it will be necessary to give a list of such as have demands on me,

that they may be applied to in order to obtain permission for my safe return to England. The good people must be blind not to perceive that it wd be much agt. their Interest to shut me out from a profession which may enable me to satisfy the most ravenous of them. And so easy am I on this head that I will set out as soon as I shall have wherewithal to pay my Journey. By this day fortnight I hope to be with the Regt. Genl. Calcraft will certainly grant me a few days extra on account of my being out of the Kingdom.

I have the greatest obligations to Fisher. Tom Tarleton too has rendered me a very essential Service. I write to them both by this Post; though I

shall not talk much — because why —
things are altered you knows —
The List — the formidable List!

O. S. Brereton esq.re my landlord
Mr. Greenly, Crown & Rolls Tavern
Mr. Russell, hatter & hosier
Mr. Nixon coal mercht. of Lincolns Inn
Tom Hynne of Tom's Coffeehouse Oxford
Wickham & Bletcher Oxford
A Taylor near Leicester fields
who worked for Barnard & Jekyll

I believe these are all of any consequence. will you ask for their accts & tell them a proper story i.e. the truth. I will certainly pay them all more than their due whenever I shall have it in my power.

You may hazard an answer to me here. It will find me somewhere

Adieu Yours with g.r trust & affect.
MS

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W. Wood Esqr
11 Lincolns Inn
London

Feb 11 1778
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Liverpool 20th March 1778

On the Night of my Arrival here my friend & patron Tom Tarleton insisted on my coming to reside in his house. He had order'd a bed to be prepared for me from ye moment I had given him reason to expect me at Liverpool. I was very sensible of his attention & readily accepted of his invitation. So here I am bien logé, bien nourri, mais très mal vêtu — For you must know that tho' I left strict & clear orders with Bates's servants to send my Trunk immediately after me I have not yet received it. Will you enquire if it has been sent to ye Swan with two necks in Lad Lane & properly looked? If it has — do ask ye damned Inn keeper why he has not

dispatched it?

Alas! Nim what a sad thing it is to arrive too late. Tarleton assures me that had he sooner known my intention of commencing soldier he could have procured me a Lieutenancy with as much ease as an Ensigncy. With ye best intentions in ye world he elated me for some hours with ye hopes of still doing it, but upon enquiry he found that there now existed an order against us. It will therefore be necessary to have my first commission signed before I can obtain a second. I shall be in Ban's company which is to be ye first. Hitherto I have received no orders from my Colonel. I expect to accompany him Tom Tarleton & some others on a recruiting party at ye beginning of ye next week. P.S. "Sit awhile & tipple a bit" is ye burthen of ye favorite song. For a Frenchman I have played my part handsomely. Apropos. I have seen today ye most insolent of all possible declarations from ye Court of France. What! do scoundrels

think that we cannot see their features when they have thrown off y mask? or do they hope to petrify us by y. gorgon terror of their countenances? Let them enjoy the delusion 'till y. Thunder of our floating Batteries make their sanity once more turn pale. — & let me enjoy my Rhodomontade till reason get y bitter ascendant & prejudice. — fair on both sides.

Tell Croft that I'm sorry I saw him for so short a time w[illegible] I was in London — He must consider [illegible] at home & write to me all he n[illegible] t.

The Stage Coach is this moment arrived with my Trunks. damn y villains I shall certainly lose it if you will not look out sharp for me. Have you received a letter from M. addressed to me? There again I'm confounded & embarrassed. I sent her a note from Paris for ten pounds on a banker. [illegible] elles & told her that I'd be in town at [illegible] ginning of y week following & I have heard nothing from her or of her. Sh.d you see her assure her that you hear from me & every one else that my Bed. will certainly not go abroad this summer — & this I believe to be true — but at all events I will make her easy. write to me at Thos Jackson Esq.re Liverpool. The S.d F.. sends comp.ts

Ever M. L.

20 Mch 1778

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Mr Goodlad
Lincolns Inn
London

Leicester 17th May 1778

"Tis told me, Master Nim, by a certain young lady of our acquaintance that you are mighty wroth against me — yet to say the Truth you never had better reason in your life. But what a tempest of rage do I not deserve to sustain from yr intemperate Regions of Croft & Davison? Where shall I shelter myself? Under Business? Alas! it will not protect me. I have not enough of it to thatch my Roof. Not that I am totally wthout Occupation. Recruiting is not to be carried on with success without some exertion — & I have not been unsuccessfull. You'd chuckle not a little to peep at me through your optics as I march on Market & Fair days at yr Head of my party — filling up yr Chasms in my Serjeant's speech with borrowed scraps of your humour, or of my own genuine pertness—

Sample — Sergeant — ye Regt. now raising in the most loyal most flourishing & commercial city of Liverpool — Capt.n — where ye streets are filled with pancakes, & where ye little pigs run along ye streets inviting you to eat 'em — where you have lanks for walls & pricks for pump-handles &c &c

By ye way I have passed my time here with some satisfaction tho' 'tis a place totaly destitute of publick amusement. The father of Bunny (who is now Mr. Hartopp) is ye first man of the Town; & in his & some other of ye best families I have been well received.

I will do ye English people ye justice to say they are damned Bonks. Yesterday afternoon an unhappy French Master in a quarrel with a person of this town shot him through ye neck with a pistol. The very Soldiers of ye Militia who should have protected ye poor delinquent from violence were ye foremost to beat him with ye most flagrant inhumanity. To them 'twas sufficient he was a Frenchman under ye accaption of having committed

a crime against an Englishman. I saw yd. chirurgical operations performed on yd. wounded man. The Ball had passed near yd. Oesophagus & had broke a part of a spinal process in forcing its way through yd. back of yd. neck. It seems there is great danger of a considerable inflammation & in ~~that~~ case yd. fellow will die. Should he live I will visit yd. stranger & prisoner to give him hope & comfort, for no one else seems to pity him

To day I have received orders to march with all my party to Manchester where we are to be reviewed by Genl. Ward — The letter does not mention on what day. This no bad news for me, because I take it for granted yd. regiment is now complete. I am told but not from good authority that if we are not to be encamped in England we shall be sent to Minorca. — So quo ris let me have cash & good pay, & I shall be content to see service.

My next shall be to Croft or Darwin — meanwhile love & goodwishes to 'em both — allowing you to keep your share of yd. Triangle.

Yours R. L. P.

Chas. R. L. P.

Address to me at yd. Post Office Manchester.

25
17 May, 1778

W: Good Esqre
Lincoln's Inn
London

Warley Camp 25th July 1778

Gentlemen,

Three days after date pay to Messrs Cox & Mair or to their order the Ballance of my account. I am Gentlemen,

Yr. most obedt. Servt.

J. Schomberg

Ms. R. L. V.

To Messrs Bishopp & Brummell, Vine Street, Piccadilly.

£10.0.0

Warley Camp 25th July 1778

Gentlemen,

Three days after sight pay to Wm. Good Esqre or to his order ten pounds for value rec.d & place it to my acct. of Gentlemen,

Yr. most obedt. Servt.

J. Schomberg

Ms. R. L. V.

To Messrs: Cox & Mair Craig's Court, London

My dear Osgood

Your last letter has given me ye highest Mortification. I give you my word of honour that I wrote to you last Tuesday sending two orders as I now do I believe exactly in ye same form. I put my letter into ye hands of ye waiter at ye post Office with ye strictest charge to take it immediately to ye letter box. If you have rec^d that letter before you get this — destroy ye second — if this before that — destroy ye first. I write in such hurry & concern that I question whether I shall be intelligible. ~~The order to~~ The order in fav^r of Cox & Mair is payable at a shorter notice than that in ye fav^r for a plain reason. They must have rec^d money on my acc^t before they will pay any on my acc^t.

My dear King I am sorry beyond measure but hope you will suffer no further anxiety or difficulty for me either tho' my fault or that of others. I have ye highest sense of my obligations to you & I am sure I shall never close it whilst

Yours

Warly Cam 25th July 1776

Seal ye enclosed letters.

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July 25, 1778
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Mr Cobb Esqr
Lincoln's Inn
London

Croft,

What is become of Osgood?

Osgood, What is become of Croft?

Croft & Osgood, What ye Devil is become of you both?

Ham: a hot day & old night have I sweated & shudder'd since I saw either of you — since I heard from either of you — and you feel no remorse at leaving me comfortless! —

Now have I a great mind not to tell you that ye King is expected here next Monday night; & a much stronger inclination to add that when you come hither for ye sake of the Shew you shall not have a brace of Pillows to rest yr heads on, nor a brace of Potatoes to allay yr Appetites.

Dismal weather for yr D. G. — bleak &

Saying — Now will Sam Jotes & his Lordships begin to curse & to swear at the fine days of Summer which allured them to hazard a Campaign. Their fine feelings will soon urge them to demand permission to warm themselves in yd arms of their Mistresses, whilst we whose fellows shall be left to secure their Rights.

Here's a damned impudent Bitch looking over my Shoulder & talking bawdy & Scorn at present from Yr humble Servant

Tow Cumand

Wesly Camp

Goose day 1778

Warley 1778
Camp (27)

W. Wood Esqr
Lincoln's Inn
London

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The above is a clear & sufficient Certificate of my not having drawn any of my Subsis-tence from the Paymaster of our Reg.t Messrs B & B. at with.t expense if they do not put yd Ballance of my Acc.t into yd Hands of our present Agents & consequently render my draft in ys favor immediately payable by Cox & Mair.

It concerns me that you should pay so
dearly for yr friendships. But I know you do
not grumble at yr price. Fisher dined &
with me & Edan before yesterday & were
eating & drinking yr poorest fare can be
called dining & supping. Croft & Lord Fa
mor were with me yesterday morning but
would not breakfast with me because Lady
Wyche & his wife &c were coming 2 hours

afterwards. He is going yd Circuit & promises to repeat his visit to me on his return. Hadn't you be well enough to come with him? Necessaries (I mean bed & board) even at yd Inns are not so dear as represented in London. If you are hardy enough to sleep in a tent you shall have a bed in my line. The Expence of one in Brentwood does not however make it worth yr while to run any risque. a shilling or eighteen pence a night.

My Goods & Chattels are at length arrived. They were brought more than a week ago by yd Suffolk Waggon but yd Master of yd Inn neglected to forward them or to give me notice.

Farewell till we meet at Oakley.

Yrs MJ

9th Augt 1770

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W. Osgood Esqre
Lincoln's Inn
London

Dear Ogord,

If you have ordered a Sash for me, & have received it pray, give it to Mr. Mounsey's Servant. — If you have neither ordered nor recd. one, you need not give yourself further trouble. I have me,

G. Shf

Wesly Camp

14th Augt. 1778

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W. Cooper Esqr
Lincoln's Inn

Lancaster 20th Jany 1779.

My good Master Croft —

What is it you are about to do? Take Orders! out upon! Contaminate not ye Law with ye Gospel. Indeed if you could feed in a Stall it would be better than barking in ye Manger. But alas! what have you to expect? Who is to give you ye Corn & ye Hay? Who is to lead ye priestly beast to Water?

For my Chattels at your Fathers, Mary shall claim them of you; & when you have said

in what manner she may apply
for them I will give her yr. proper
Directions. Take Care of my
Gold Cypher: & when you have
done yr. Job, as you will be an
idle man, you may come hither
& bring it with You.

Two days ago I rec.d a packet
of some 1.st No.s of yr Literary Ly.
I have given them to Gregory yr.
best Bookseller here to distribute
but as yet I have not tasted yr.
Taste of yr people concerning
them. Leicester is not troubled
with many who either read
talk or think. Worsted-stocking

Knaves in plenty.

So much dear Kim, had I written to Cliff before I thought of adverting to yr. Postscript of his letter, by which he directs me to address my Answer to you. "God knows" says he, "where I shall be!" I don't like such Despondency. I gave way to it for a little while; but luckily for me I went to France (where they order these things better) & found a whole Kingdom singing in Chorus – Vive la Bagatelle! – So I came home dancing.

You know I only keep yr. Acquaintance to make me laugh. I wrote to Jack at Bath but he has not told me that he has rec.d my letter – is he now there? Yr. Mrs =

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Wm Osgood Esqr
Lincoln's Inn
London

LIMERICK

20 Aug 1719

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My very good Master Osgood!

To you I appeal as to yt. only part of yt. Trinity who wove your privelege of Invisibility. Davison is so wire-drawn rat-like & slippery that there is no catching him by yt. Tail. Now as I want to give you certain Charge of great weight tis fit I should find you, & as fit that you should be able to bear 'em. You have heard tell of a certain young lady whom of course I leave behind me. To contribute towards her support it will be proper for me to remit her from time to time such sums out of my little Estate as

I shall be able to afford. This I shall do through yr. hands. When I have money to draw for I will request you to give her a part of it. Moreover I could wish to make her my Heirs to all I have excepting debts — for I shall make a sort of will by which I shall bequeath them to my Father & Mother.

Now yr. 2d. — I am in great want of almost every thing for myself; but yr. only tax I shall at present impose on you is to procure me a sufficient quantity of Scarlet & blue Camlet & of Scarlet & blue Irish Poplin to make me a brace of regimental Coats. If you can get them before I sail send them addressed to me at Ward's Coffee house Portsmouth directed at yr. same time to be returned to you in case I should be

departed; when you may reserve them to convey by ye first packet.

Tell me some news of Croft. Has he shewn resolution? Davison is big enough to speak for himself.

Reserve for me the Nos of ye Literary Fly & ye News Papers.

Dear Sir Yours

On board ye Albion

Spithead 15th March 1779.

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Mr Cyprian Ely

Lincoln's Inn

London

On board H. Albion
Off St. Helena 27th March 1779

My dear Nim,

The Fleet is now under way off St. Helena. There is a Boat along side of us. I have therefore one moment to tell you ~~that~~ you must let Mary have abt. five Guineas which I must repay you by draft on my Uncle soon after my arrival at Jamaica.

Why have you not written? God bless you altogether.

Ever yrs. MF

27 Mch 1779
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W: Osgood Esqr
Lincolns Inn
London

Fort Augusta Jamaica 20th May 1779

Wherever I go, whatever realms I see
My heart untravelled fondly turns to — thee.

— You see what it is to have a pretty classical turn. And I been bred behind a counter I should have told you in due form — as how that having set sail from Spithead on ye 29th March last & having touched at Barbadoes we arrived at length in this good Island of Jamaica on ye 17th inst. — And as I do suppose no letter will go hence to England without some complaint against our Commodore 'tis fit my Epistle should not be singular. Know therefore good people that Captn L—d after having blundered us to ye North instead of ye South side of ye Island left us to beat up against

up against ye Wind for aft. three Weeks, to ye probable danger of being taken & to ye certain loss of ye Masters & Owners of the Merchant Men. — Captn. L will not escape with severe censure. The Minority, malgré la mauvaise Conduite, will perhaps attempt to exculpate him. — 'Tis reported that two ships of our fleet (thought to be store ships) are taken off ye E. end of ye Island. For certain News I can tell you that a very fine French Frigate La prudente (Capt. 30 Guns) is taken by ye Ruby a 64 Gun Ship Captn. Everitt who commanded the latter (during ye Action) was killed. — The Glasgow, a Frigate, one of our Convoy, was burnt aft. a fortnight ago by accident in Montego Bay. The whole Crew was saved.

At Barbadoes I was entertained with great Hospitality by my friend Parris; but the whole place wears ye parched face of poverty. I passed close to Antigua

but could not go ashore there. Watkins of Huntingdon is gone to that Island.

Lest my Anger should go down with ye Sun (for I'm a good Christian) I must seize ye Moment to complain of Alexander's Neglect. He promised to send me a packet of recommendatory Letters & he did not. Tell him so from me. For sure-ly I am far enough from his Vengeance to venture on a keen Reproach.

I am to be stationed at Fort Augusta or as 'tis called to my great Terror Musquito Fort for the Lake flies bite me cruelly. The situation is however said to be one of ye most healthy.

Look at a Map of this Country & you will find it is in the neighbourhood of Kingston, Spanish Town &c.

I can write but little to you. The Packet Anna Theresa is to sail tomorrow. By ye next & every Occasion I will write to you. Remem-ber me particularly to my Particulars.

Master Nim, you are the most stationary of Trinity & therefore you are to pay postage; but I shall desire hear from each part of ye undi-vided Calum non Animum mutavi.

Yours most affectionately

J. H.

Don't forget to send me W. poplin & Camlet scarlet & blue.

Enclose Mr. Smyth's Letter under a Cover directed to Mrs. Isaacs at Mr Cravens Princes Street near ye. Royal Exchange.

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JAMAICA

Mr. Wm. Lyford Esqr.
Lincolns Inn
Fields
London

Mr. Anna Mercer
Packet

Mary 20 1779.
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Sally Simpson
Capt Simpson
Cal Rappahannock
Mollus

Port Royal, Jamaica, 12th Novr. 1779

Nim,

To be laconic becomes a little Man & a Man of Business — Now Jam both — Tomorrow Morning I set sail to execute ye Orders which ye Governor of this Island has given me relative to a secret Expedition. He has done me ye Honor of putting me in ye way of Preferment or out of ye way of the World by giving me a Detachment of the 79th Regt & ye Commission of Dep. Inspr.

God prosper you & Jack & Posh & a few others Ever

M S

Rec.d 12 1779
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W. Osgood Esq.re
Lincoln's Inn
London

St John's Harbour (on ye Musquito
Shore) 18 May 1780.

My dear Nim,

When a man is recovering from a very violent fever he feels but little propensity to letter-writing. He will endeavour to make one serve for three. Now am I in this dismal situation. Since ye month of November last I have been absent from Jamaica. The Governor sent me with a Detachment to this shore with ye Commission of Sub Engineer. I have since joined the army on an Expedition ag.t ye Spaniards. We have succeeded in what we hitherto attempted. We have taken ye Fort of St Juan which is situated near an hundred Miles up St John's River. It is intended to proceed on ye Lake Nicaragua.

& to possess ourselves of whole Country — if we can take it! Some amongst us of sanguine Expectations are in hopes of collecting Chests of Dollars. I am not quite so warm. They would not be unwelcome.

Have you read the Gazette? Do you know that I have succeeded to a Lieutenancy? — Pshaw! you're a fellow of no Interest, else w.d I apply to you for a Company. Perhaps Jack Davis or Fisher may do my Business, or any body who can & will. Suppose yourself me & urge every body for me.

The enclosed note on my Uncle is for y.r use, of that poor Girl M.

When you receive it; be so good
as to pay her y^e Money.

Tell those fellows Davison & Cogh
to take this Excuse at my hands —
I am too feeble to write much; & be=
sides I have a Battery of six 24 pdrs to
finish before I can obey my orders to
proceed up y^e River.

Bless you all.

At y^e End of y^e Campaign I'll as soon
as I can do it with credit I will
do myself y^e Honor to pay you a
Visit: chiefly I must own to push
for y^e Thanks of Captn. I have no
Time to w^t Cose. Try what you can
do for me.

Dear Jim
Farewell yrs with all affection
J. Montgomery
Lt. 79th Regt.
Sub Engineer.

Wm Osgood Esqr

~~Lincolns Inn~~

Little Hampton near Arundell Sussex

~~London~~

JAMAICA

The last ~~letter~~ received from him was the 18th inst. per Packet after his Date

May 18 1780

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Liverpool Jan.y 18th 78

Dear Osgood

I thank you for your Letter I have
but just time to inform you that I have so far
succeeded as to get our Friend Schomberg recommended
as an Ensign in the Reg.t that is now raising
here. I was not able to recollect his Christian Name
it is absolutely necessary for you to send it immediately
to Messrs. Bishop & Burrowes at Ld. Northes
Downing street who will receive Letters by this night's
Post relative to the above recommendation you may at the
same time desire that they would acquaint you with what
success it meets with. When you write to Schomberg give my
respects to him & assure you it would give me pleasure to
be serviceable to you or any of our Friends.

I am Yours sincerely

Thos. Tarleton

When is appointed it is
necessary that he shd. come
immediately here to receive orders.

Tom Tarleton

Mr Gregson &c
Lincoln's Inn
London

D.C

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Liverpool Jan.y 27th 1778

Dear Osgood

I have just this moment received your Letter & have the satisfaction to acquaint you that our friend Schomberg is appointed to an Ensigncy in the Leg.t & that is now lying in this Town. This intelligence came down here by express yesterday & that a number of other Gentlemen that had been recommended at the same time were all accepted of. None of the Commission are made out until the Leg.t is raised but by your applying to the War Office you may there learn that his Majesty has been pleased to accept of your recommendation of him. You must write to him immediately & let him know that his presence is absolutely necessary here to go on some of the recruiting parties Gen.l Calcraft who is the Colo. is now here & as fixed this place for Head Quarters. My best wishes attend you in all your undertakings & I am Yours sincerely Thos. Tarleton

Letters of Major Schomberg
to Osgood & letters from Osgood
to him, also two from Rev. Tarleton.

Wm Osgood Esq.
Lincolns Inn
London

LIVERPOOL

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Mon cher Ami

About a month since I was engaged to dine at the Chevalier Stefanys to meet his Highness of Parma but as the Chevalier was taken ill the party was deferr'd, and he promised to give us some future day — This morning I got a card from him to this effect for next Wednesday the 15 — the day I am engaged to you — you fault il faut!

My name was mentioned to
him at the first party, & I
therefore should think I ought
to go now; but I assure you
most truly that our this
Royal Highness shall be sacri-
ficed with pleasure, if it is
to be purchased at the expence
of (what I am sure shall esteem
beyond all royal consideration)
the smallest diminution in
the opinion, I am vain
enough to flatter myself

you feel for me.

Your reply to this will
regulate mine to Sir John

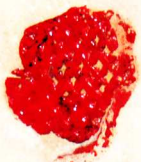
P.S. Mrs Ker Compliments

most truly
Whatley

Wednesday 4 Oct

William Osgoode Esqr

&c &c &c



Springfardens
Sat. Nov.

My dear Bigoode

Do you know Lord Redesdale sufficiently to write to him to request his influence in favor Lord Derby? - if so will you urge me in addressing him to that effect for his influence is of consequence. I have to add that the Duke of Beaufort remains neuter upon which ground Derby solicits his interest. -

Yrs most truly
J McNeill

Sir Jos. Cockatty,
of York

The personal friend of the Duke

Col Whatley

William B. Goode Esq
Albany

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Brighton Friday Noon

"A thousand thanks" thanks my good friend for your very chatty & entertaining letter — the late bloody arrivals from the Continent will at least cut out work for your friend the "Doctor" but Alas! it is I fear past even his skill to restore to us the 5,000 lives we have lost! how unavailing all these efforts are — this repeated waste of blood & treasure, towards the accomplishment of the final object — another such victory, & your army in Spain is annihilated; but these discussions you & I will talk over next week as I hope to be in Town on Friday next — still a Colonel — all this I will explain when we meet. Indeed as Lord Ox said by this time he, how fortunate to hopes as you do the contributions paying off either living there or on the Thames, If all your exercises are not yet finish'd, I may probably arrive in sufficient time to swallow the bait — poor James Curtis! but I conceive no fish bold enough to have — taken him by the nose — "hoping but too, & a man

of this Sidney" — how he must have astonished them!
I am glad my marionette looks so smart — the
water made such unwelcome incursions the last
winter, that I was obliged to fresh lay the tiles, so
that now I hope it will be weather proof.
We scarcely can gazette single promotions & as the
Royal Navy had not share in that way for some
years. I believe we march'd forward the whole Regt.
on the last occasion. You seem so happy &
good, & if in my intended excursion, I will with
expectant for it, I sit send Ryan — yes I mean
to go there, & expect every day leave for two months
which I shall probably extend to three, as Mary
does not want to go away, & the Postmaster General
Lord Charles Somerset is bleed to content himself
with the evidence of one Field Officer

Our gayeties have been over we are again relapsed into
uniform dulness — All the Royal Dukes are here, & so
far the dinner parties were brilliant, but a certain
Duchess being absent naturally checked the life of
the dining company, & she was naturally expected
by her non arrival, equally to her full expectations —
but the actual effect this must be reserved for la
vive bouche — cela ne se dit
pas sur papier. The Ball was
numerously attended by above
500 people — crowding, & it had as usual — the disputes
containing the bloody battle (as they term it) arrived whilst
he was the sitting me or a bottle, conversing on
regimental matters, so whenever anything occurred he
remarked on it to me — God bless you my good friend
& this day week I hope to spend your interesting
of my long over

Yours most truly

W. Thos Thos

Day & Ashew chose
their best regards —

Col Whatley

Truth is sometimes to be found
With Phantoms mixd on fairy-Ground
Last night my Fancy trod the Ring
I dreamt and thought myself a King
I loved You then - and owned my Flame
But when the dawn of Morning came
The Gods in Pity to my State
Deprived me only of my State

Fancy & Truth are often found
Blended on visionary ground,
Soaring last night on Fancy's Wing
I dreamd, & thought myself a King —

Your Attendance is most earnestly & most particularly requested in the House of Commons to Day, on the Property Bill — and on the Army Extras.

Friday 1 May

S. Barne Esq

He passed thro' life's tempestuous night
A brilliant, trembling, northern light;
Through years to come he'll shine from far
A fixed unsettling, polar star.

J. & R. Montgomery to the memory of Burns.

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