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To Lord Grey

[Jan 1811]

Dear Lord Grey. —

Many thanks for the Pheasants, the Letter was for my Sister — who will be very much affronted to find herself of so little consequence as not to be known in Pulteney Street Bath — I agree in all you say of the Spirit which characteriz'd the late administration, and admit it to have been of as much consequence as their measures — — — — /I know nothing of Lord Chatham but the vulgar, and popular opinion respecting him — which is probably the wrong one — Experience having taught me — that opinions are commonly erroneous in proportion to the Numbers by which they are supported — (the recent Majorities of the Whigs excepted). a friend of mine was building an house near Aberdeen — & the Week before he purchas'd Timber a Vessel Laden with Timber for Covent Garden was shipwreck'd within half a mile of his house — upon his pwn estate — Something of this kind was intended for you, but there is a mistake of a year or two — perhaps it was intended for me — knowing that I ^{am} ~~was~~ going to build, and that I was in Northumberland. — I shall write a long letter to Lady Grey in your absence upon serious subjects — Pray make a clear bargain with the Prince upon all important points, — and dont come in without this can be done — Glory to

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(Gordon of Elton?)

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your administration health & happiness to yourself --

yours very sincerely

Sydney Smith --

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To Henry Brougham

28 Feb [1811]

Thursday.

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Dear Brougham. --

I cannot help congratulating you on your success --
 Which as I learn both from Sharp, and Wishaw has been most complete
 You have hit the Bulls Eye -- and may now pass ^{thro'} ~~this~~ Life whistling, --
 and with your hands in your breeches pockets -- There is nothing makes
 me so angry as to see a man enjoying a reputation he does not deserve
 or more happy than to see a man like yourself taking his proper Station
 in Society. -- and appearing to all the World as he has long appeard to his
 friends. -- I am the more rejoiced in the Species of Success -- as I shall
 probably one day or another be indicted for a Libel myself -- Lord
 Holland when he was here predicted you would do something great soon
 after the World was gatherd together this Year --

Health & respect --

ever yrs S S. --

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 and confirmed by Calendar.

*was this Bm's defence of the Hunts,
 or was that 1812, asks W.T. (1811 January)*

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To Francis Cholmeley

11 Jul 1811

My dear Sr. --

Nothing would give us greater pleasure than to come to you at Brandsby but unfortunately on Monday I go to ^RRobert ^kMarham. and on Tuesday the day of our return The Haymaking begins from which I cannot possibly be absent -- having nobody but bad Servants every thing would go to ruin but for my presence -- It is wrong to paint, and paper & argues an unstoical dependance upon outward circumstances. -- I have not any prospect of changing my Living at present, and if I cannot settle where my friends & relations are -- I shall very soon domiciliate myself here -- thinking myself extremely fortunate very grateful for the attention I have met with & too happy to cultivate Mrs Cholmley & yourself as much as you will allow an heretic to do --

a Lawless priest who dares to eat

Twice in a Week forbidden^d meat

& gratify carnivorous desire

In Spⁱte of everlasting fire --

Ever my dr Sr (with our united regards to Mrs C. and Ascanius) sincerely yours

Sydney Smith --

July 11 1811 --

Heslington York --

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