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To Mrs Dugald Stewart

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15 Apr [1812]

~~N.D.~~

Greathead is to drink gas at Sydney Smith's on Tuesday next
at half past one.

Boxes, 3 shillings

Pit, 2 shillings

Gallery 1 shilling

But the managers having reserved a box for their friends, hope that
Mr. S. & yourself will favour them with your company.

I give you early notice, lest you should be engaged.

Wednesday. April 15.

[Addressed:] Mrs. Stewart / Lothian House

Text from xerox copy of original in Edinburgh University Library.

Not in Sydney Smith's hand. E.U.L. catalogue ascribes the letter to
Mrs H.D. Stewart, and Dugald Stewart. Dugald Stewart, who died in June 1828,
having had a (not too serious) paralytic stroke in 1822. His wife (2nd)
was Helen D'Arcy, third daughter of the Hon. George Cranstoun, and a sister
of George Cranstoun, Lord Corehouse.

Lady Theresa Lewis (ed.) Miss Berry's Journals, iii. 500, refers to Sydney
Smith having taken the 'Imperial Gas' from Davy in June 1812. Qu. when was
it fashionable?

E.U.L. also ascribes the letter to Bertha Greathead.

Dated from Calendar. April 15th was a Wednesday in the period between 1812 & 1822
only in 1812 and 1818. in the latter year, the Smiths were at Foston.

A reference to Sydney & gas, 4 June 1812

in Miss Berry's Journal (extract in blue book)

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To Francis Wrangham

23 Jun 1812

June 23 — 1812

Heslington —

My dear Sr. —

I have receiv'd this day your present & Note dated Feby —
I return'd from Town only on Saty — and take the earliest opportunity
of acknowledg^{ing} your kindness, and attention in sending me your poem
which I promise to read, and admire a promise I assure you that I
would make to very few persons — — Your translation is very good —
I thought the Legislature had long since threatend to put an end to
this *Turpe pecus* — it is high time that the Evil should be check'd —
and that Mankind should not be afflicted any longer with difform'd [?]
pieces of arbitrary Lead.

I will procure for you if possible my two pamphlets upon St George
Barlowe but I suspect they are long since hurried away to the Confectioner
— The Season for Hot Tarts is just over, & few pamphlets have escap'd —
I saw 6 Weeks ago the Mitre hanging over your head by a very slender
Thread — the agreeable *Vision* has fled — and you must return to Church-
wardens and Overseers till the Whiggs learn to avail themselves with
greater dexterity of the overtures which Fortune makes to them — All
however that a man can do in this World is to make his head Learned, and
his heart Honest — The Gods must do the rest — no blame attaches to you —
— Health & respect my dr Sr till I see you here, which I hope will be very
soon — Mrs S begs her kind Regards — sincerely Yrs

Sydney Smith —

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[To Josiah Wedgwood?]

28 July 1812

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July 28. 1812 /

Heslington,

My dear Sr. /

Dr Belcomb son of Dr Belcomb at York is about to settle at Newcastle. He is a young man of good understanding and disposition, and of very amiable manners. His medical Education has been extremely good - first under Sr William Blizard - then at Edinburgh. — pray do him what you can - a meritorious young man beginning his Career in a Country where he is a stranger must I am sure be an object of interest to you and your excellent Wife - We are all well and send our kind regards. I wish you joy of the abolition of the orders in Council —. The united Potters should send Brougham a service of their best Porcelain

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(28 JUL 1812)

Ever most sincerely Yrs

Sydney Smith

[Endorsed:] S. Smith / July 28 1812

Text from xerox of Ms. Keele U.L. Wedgwood Papers 1469-2

[Note:] Addressee by archival context, but
to check whether JW [??] or some Newcastle
connection of the family; if necessary write
to I.H.C. Fraser.

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To Francis Cholmley

16 Sep 1812

September 16 -- 1812 --

My dear Sr: --

You mention'd some intention of coming over to see the Minster -- We dine at 5 -- have two double Beds -- one Batchelors Room one dressing Room one Maids Room -- 2 Stalls in the Stable a Coach House -- and means of Lodging a man Servant in the Village -- the Rest can be march'd off to York -- name your day. any except Monday next. It will give very great pleasure to Mrs Sydney and myself to receive the party left as far as these narrow limits will permit -- will you have the goodness to say where it ought to be said with our kind Compliments --

Yrs ever my dr Sr very truely --

Sydney Smith. --

perfect Success in the Sallad -- the Onion does it. -- I have sung the Carmagnole every day --

Mrs Sydney adds:] I believe I have left a very shabby silver pencil case upon your drawing Room table, which I have some liking for, tho' not for its exteriour elegance; if you find it, will you have the goodness to leave it in York for me when it suits your convenience ? Vive la Carmagnole !!

/Addressed:

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(16 Sep 1812)

Addressed: Francis Cholmeley Esq / Brandsby / York. --

Postmarked: YORK

Watermarked: (Device) / 1810

Endorsed: Septr. 16th 1812 / Sydney Smith / Mrs S. S.

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