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To Francis Wrangham

17 Feb 1813

My dear Sr. —

We are too happy to make Mrs Wranghams acquaintance at all,  
to prescribe a time when — or the terms on which it is to be made. —  
do not however come till after Sunday as we are going out on Friday and  
Saty — I would <sup>ly</sup> say do not give yourself trouble for a mere form but the  
Walk for a moderately industrious Lady is short and therefore we will not  
deprive ourselves of the pleasure of seeing you & Mrs Wrangham — if we  
are not at home (an imporbable and disagreeable supposition) pray make  
your Way in — and demand Sandwiches — & Rest — and come thro Walmgate  
— and Heslington Avenue

Comment  
on form  
would

sincerely Yrs —

Sydney Smith —

Feby 17.-1813 —

[Addressed:] Revd Mr Wrangham / Lendal / York. —

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To Francis Cholmeley

17 Jul 1813

My dear Sr. --

Thank you kindly -- I have always <sup>ε</sup>great pleasure in waiting on you --  
but my building Vexations increase so much -- that it is not possible -- 20  
Acres of Grass down into the bargain -- I was a Pantry out of pocket by my  
short visit to Mr Taylor. <sup>r</sup>Mrs Sydney is out of the Question -- ever sincerely  
yrs --

Sydney Smith

July 17. 1813 ---

Addressed: Francis Cholm<sup>e</sup>ley Esq / Bransby / York --

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as the xerox is very feint.

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To Francis Wrangham

6 Sep 1813

My dear Sr. —

To talk of visit<sup>i</sup>ng Mr Fawkes in the levity and mitigated intoxication of a repast is one thing — to suffer that Levity to grow into actual performance, to be guilty of the overt Act — and to go with Portmanteau prop<sup>er</sup>ose this is quite another affair and comes under a different Category — My acquaintance with Mr Fawkes has hitherto proceeded to a single Bow exchang'd at the Royal Institution — which I cannot by any latitude of interpretation construe into a Licence for invading his Pantry —

Was this otherwise, I am afraid I could not go — I am building an house — just entering upon a farm & expecting the birth of a child — When you come to Bpthorpe I wish you would spend a day with me I shall have great pleasure in seeing you — but if you will not do this, then use your interest with the Archbishop to get me invited to dinner there — Why are you an honest Man? you might have been Bishop of London — Will no time and no Example <sup>cure</sup> ~~and~~ you? — Repeat and do not go unmitrd to your Tomb —

Ever yours my dr Sr with respect & regard.

Sydney Smith. —

September 6.

1813. —

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To Henry Brougham

28 Aug 1813

August 28 -- 1813 --

Dear Brougham. --

I am heartily sorry for your accident -- it shews what a vulgar blackguard, trumpery thing human life is -- that a man cannot go to dine with a Squire without being tried in this manner and almost condemn'd:-- Every thing is in your favor for recovery -- you are the Master over Wine -- you will make Jokes about it -- a Surgeon came promptly, you bled freely. -- it is unpleasant to bleed at all. but it is better to bleed in a broken post chaise than as Hampden did in the field, or Sydney on the Scaffold -- When you get well enough to do so without trouble to yourself, write me (if you will be so good) a line to say that you are Well -- and add in the mean time my sincere good wishes to the many others you will receive

Ever Yrs --

Sydney Smith --

Mrs Smith still in an integral State -- but threatening the production of a Parish -- or even a Wapentake. --

[Addressed:] H Brougham Esqr / Newcastle upon Tyne / Northumberland

[Forwarded:] Carlise [sic]. [Re-forwarded:] Penrith

[Franked:] Robt Smith [Endorsed:] 1813 Sydney Smith.

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To Francis Cholmeley

2,  
3 Oct 1813

My dear Sr. --

I am just returns<sup>d</sup> home where I found your Letter. -- I have been afraid to write to you -- for it is impossible to say any thing upon such severe losses -- in the flower of Youth & affection -- in the full possession of extraordinary Talents -- ev<sup>e</sup>ry thing that makes death bitter -- Alas Alas ----- When Miss Cholmley left our house her directions were to send the rest of her Clothes in a parcel to Mr Mitchells -- and to detain the Gown in Question till farther directions -- the parcel was sent the next day with some Money inclos'd which Miss Cholmley had left behind her -- the Gown (now for the first time directed to be sent) shall be forwarded by the Helmsly Post Boy as soon as we can find out how he is to be found --

I am sorry we are to lose you out of the County so long -- or rather I should be sorry if I did not think it would do you all so much good. -- Mrs Sydney is doing well & joins me in very kind regards to Mrs Cholmley and your Sister

Very truly Yrs

October 2d

Sydney Smith --

1813 -- Heslington. --

Addressed: Francis Cholmley Esq / Brandsby / York

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*Maris*  
To Lady Anne Elliot

13 Nov 1813

Dear Lady Anne. --

The sight of your hand writing reminded me that I had long intended to say a few Words to you -- do not take it unkind of us that we have not as yet made more acquaintance with your Cousin -- It is down in our Tablets and shall be done most certainly but there are difficulties as you well know -- or rather as you in part know -- nevertheless it shall be done and to your liking -- but opportunities must be sought out -- Now I am writing to you -- tell me how you could be guilty of so much bad taste as not to like Sr James Macintosh -- Goodnature, Eloquence, a flow of Wisdom & knowledge, not forc'd up by ostentation, but coming from inward abundance -- destroying no mans pride, but exalting every body in their own estimation, bringing out difficult truths and profound reflexions with ease to himself -- and with a dazzling light to others securing a ready reception for his opinions by sweetness and Candor -- seizing always the right point of every question and teaching you in a moment more than you learn from other men in a Year -- how could such a man be thrown away upon a person of your discernment? prepare to meet me in severest Combat upon this matter -- I am happy to hear there is some chance of our seeing you -- It will always give us the most sincere pleasure -- I have made some acquaintance since I saw you with your friend and relation Mr Eden -- and subscribe entirely to the Encomiums which Horner has so often pronounced upon him to me nothing beleiving in what he said. -- Think of Mr Jeffrey crossing the Atlantic for a good wife -- If he

/lodgd

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(13 Nov 1813)

If he Lodgd at Newcastle he would import his fuel -- or at Paris  
send for a German dancing Master. -- a greater insult upon the Staple  
of his own Country I never heard of --

How have you borne the undisputed Sway first of Miss Edgeworth then of  
Madam de Stael -- ? -- the latter is said to have applied for a command  
under Lord Wellington It would be folly surely to give it to her -- It  
will be entertaining if she falls in Love with Mr Ward -- There is no  
foundation whatever for any report about Rogers and that Lady therefore  
pray discountenance it -- Excuse my Nonsense and believe me ever dear  
Lady Anne very truly Yrs --

Sydney Smith -- November 13 1813

Heslington --

[Mrs Sydney continues:]

Sydney has not left me much room as he fairly threaten'd me when he said  
he wd. begin this letter My dear Lady Ann<sup>e</sup> Maria but I must fling in my  
mite of thanks for your kind intention of visiting us; we shall indeed  
be most happy to have the pleasure of seeing you & anybody who has the  
good fortune to be your Compagnon de Voyage. I long to shew you the  
splendid addition I have made to my collection of animated nature.

My little Boy is the most delicious little creature that ever lived, &  
has all the novelty (in some measure) of a first child as it is now near  
7 years since I have been so agreeably employd before. Sydney says he

/likes.....



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(13 Nov 1813)

likes him because he looks so wise (indeed he does look very sagacious)  
& already Saba & I are stored with many a trait of his superior Genius.  
-- Do not then be so wanting to yourself dear Lady Anne Maria as to pass  
by this prodigy, but come & help us to nurse & to admire him. -- How I  
do rejoice at your getting on so well with the Riddells! -- In the  
world there is nothing like them. -- & now Farewell the Messenger is  
waiting for my letter but I could not let it depart without expressing  
the pleasure I felt at the prospect of seeing you. believe me to be always  
dear Ly A M. very sincerely yours

Catharine Amelia Smith --

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