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To Francis Wrangham

[late March 1814]
H.D.

My dear Sr. --

You may depend upon it you should not have been so near me without an effort of mine to find you -- but for the awkward predicament in which I am placd. I have now four Waggon in the Yard -- and tomorrow I move off with my whole family into an half finishd house -- I have lost my Brother at the Cape and do not think it right to go to places of entertainment just now -- our kind regards to your family --

ever sincerely Yrs --

Sydney Smith --

Mrs S. sends her best Compts to Mrs Wrangham

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To Francis Wrangham

30 Apr 1814

My dear Sr. —

Many thanks for your kind consideration in sending me your Sermon.— The printer informs me your single Sermons are the only ones which pay the Expence of printing — I will read you, and judge you as uncharitably as I can to lessen the pains of that Envy — which your Assize Glory naturally inspires me with — but I will promise not to print my Severity.— We are in a new House without fever Rhumatism [sic] — or cold — contrary to the predictions and therefore I suppose the Wishes of our friends —

Yrs dr Sr very truely —

Sydney Smith —

April 30 1814 —

Thornton York — .

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To Francis Wrangham

[mid June 1814]
N.D.

My dear Sr.

Will you go if I stay till the 20th — and we can get a
Tertium Quid — We shall be better all our Lives for 200 Miles of serene
discussion You shall talk for 140 Miles and only listen for 60 — My
first proposition shall commence at ~~Bar~~try — or any other arrangement
you think fit — you live with an equity Lawyer — let him decide

sincerely Yrs

S S

R. S. V, P.

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Equity lawyer = Basil Montagu

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To Francis Wrangham

17 Jun 1814

My dear Sr. —

Vehicle[?]) Puffendorf in his treatise de jucundis in Vehiculo Socijs. lays it down ~~down~~ as a Maxim — that he who pays a third of the Expence should be intitled to a third of the Vehicular Space — now I mean to be more than Just — and give up to you and your doctrinal Lady not 2/3s but 7/8 of the Room for your Baggage —. I shall have nothing but a small Portmanteau — The Carriage is in Berners St. at the Coachmakers close to Oxford Road—. had you not better send for the Seat — & take dimensions of the Boot — ? — the Whole of the Seat & Boot will be at your disposal — My small Portmanteau I can tye upon the Dg. Box. — I recommend if you want to travel expeditiously to send any heavy Trunk belonging to yourself or Governess by the Waggon — They always make these things a plea for delay — & the Carriage itself is not very light tho' by no means Cumbrous — but these arrangements and considerations I submit to your prudence — and am my dr Sr very sincerely Yrs

Sydney Smith —

June 17. 1814 —

20 Savile Row —