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From Charles Waterton

14 [June] 1816

Walton Hall

Friday 14th. 1816

Rev'd Sir

In acknowledging the receipt of your letter which reached me yesterday, I return my sincere thanks for the favor you have done me; and beg leave to add, how much I am honor'd, by the Wanderings passing under the reviewing pen of a Gentleman so justly celebrated for wit, judgement and erudition. I see, the Quarterly finds it very difficult to swallow part of the adventures. As I have not the pleasure of knowing the writer in that publication, I have no opportunity of assuring him that every word of them is true. -- Mr President Rough (now in England) was present one morning in Hobabbo creek, when I fought a snake^K. -- I suppressed the adventure in the Wanderings, solely, because I felt convinc'dⁿ, that the public would set it down as a fiction, and consider me a vain & boasting traveller.

I have the honor to be, Rev'd Sir

very respectfully

your most obt hble sert

Charles Waterton,

June the only month in
which Friday fell on 14th

Endorsed by SS:7 Watterton.

New College Oxford, ~~4429~~ Arch 4429, no 76

[Transcript in my NCO notes, ff 27-8.]

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To William Vernon

19 Aug 1816

My dear Sr —

do me the favor to send me the precise Title of that Collection of Greek Epigrams in which (as Egerton told me) the Westminster Examinations are carried on — and by what Title (may it please you) is the real Westminster Greek Grammar designated? for there is a small duodecimo Greek Grammar Institutio Graecae Gramatices Compendiaria in usum reg. Schol: Westmon: and of this I have been making use conceiving it to be the one in use at Westminster: — — I have a most commendable Gilt frame ready for a certain print which the Archbishop promis'd to give me — pray say for me that I must either hang up the Empty frame in token of his Graces forgetfulness — or the full one in Token of my respect; and thankfulness for his uniform kindness to me.

Ever my dr Sr Yrs most truely

Sydney Smith —

August 19. 1816. —

I am quite recoverd — tho I was really very ill all the time I was at Bishopthorpe — My Grey Poney walkd one Mile on the Malton Road in $13\frac{1}{2}$ Minutes —

MS. Lord Harcourt. Equals NCS 259 to which it adds the first section and the postscript.

from the Archbishop

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To Francis Cholmeley

[? 1816]

My dear Sr. --

It is right enough that a Mole Catcher should have his relaxations -- and there is more excuse for persons of that business than any other from the effects of Association -- You are not perhaps aware that the Mole of all four footed Animals has the largest Member of Gene^reration -- and is suppos'd by Buffon to enjoy the greatest pleasure: his venereal endowments have drawn from the pen of that naturalist a most splendid and eloquent Eulogium -- to which I refer you. --

I have just heard the cause and am sorry to be compell'd to give it against the fair one -- I will explain upon what grounds when I see you --

yrs my dr Sr very truely

Sydney Smith --

[Addressed:] Francis Cholmley Esq / Bransby --

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