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To Lady Morpeth

13 Jan 1821

Dear Lady G. --

pray do not vote me a Bore for asking better news of Lord Morpeth. If that cannot be obtained, -- send me some better news of Somebody --. I send Lord Lauderdale's Speech in case any body likes to read it -- I have been inclin'd to suspect while reading it. that he cannot be a very innocent man himself -- from being so prone to infer guilt in others. I hope he is faithful to Nelly -- yours dear Lady G very truly.

Sydney Smith --

Jan 13. 1821. --

Foston York --

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To Lady Morpeth

(Jan)
[1821/?]

Wilkes & Dinwiddie

Dear Lady G. —

Is Lord Morpeth better? I hear he has been very unwell —
 have been intending every day to enquire but have been prevented
 by untoward circumstances Lady Grey sends her love to you —
 When do you go to Town? can you tell me any news?
 I send George Howard a Collection of Eloges ^[sic] of his friend
 Sandford mine among the rest — mark the eloquent Modesty and
 puffy Collandation [?] by Sr James — . . . I wish George would
 read Mr Wilks Speech at the meeting of Protestants for promoting
 the principles of toleration — a very fine and effective piece
 of Eloquence — and fully of such principles as I hope he will
 always display in public Life

always yours dear Lady G very truly.

Sydney Smith. —

Saturday. —

Text from Castle Howard photostat. CH1/142 ⁽²⁷⁾ no Wm
 end S.S. 1821?

cf. 1821 enquiries about Morpeth

on Sandford, see NCS 160. He died 1830. McI died 1832. John Sandford (1801-73), Adze.

Coventry, published in 1830 Remains of... Daniel Sandford, including Extracts
from Diary and Correspondence. With a Memoir. 2 vols. [Curry, Southey II, p. 355]

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? ER Vol 34 Nov 1820 in which DK Sandford
 reviewed Mitchell's Aristophanes and Maccubus
 wrote on Aug. Refran.

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To Lady Morpeth

29 Jan 1821

Dear Lady G. —

pray tell me how you are going on in the
Gout Line — and in the Line of Measles and how the Lord and
Lady of the Castle are. We spent a pleasant week at Bishops-
thorpe. the New Cook is certainly a man of Genius — ever
yours dear Lady G. very truly

S S: —

Write by the post never mind Messengers — the new Novel is
very good — I am sure Lord Morpeth would like it: —

Jany 29 1821. —

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To Lady Morpeth

17 Feb 1821

My dear Lady G.

I shall be oblig'd to you for a Bulletin: & mind & don't set off suddenly for London without letting me know that I may have my audience to take leave [—] You have no idea how splendidly lugubrious Castle Howard appears when you are all away — fortunate mother to have got over ^{the} Measles !!! You must set this off against Lord Morpeth's Gout. You must suppose that the Sylphs of Castle Howard petitioned hard that the Miss Howards might get safe through the Measles to that the Wicked Demons reply ["] human Conditions must be balanc'd, Miss Howards safe through the Measles — ! Lady Georgiana quite well — ! George Howard turning out so well — ! this will never do, they must have their share of calamity as well as others."

upon which after a great deal of wrangling between the good & evil Spirits it was agreed that Morpeth should have a good ^{stout} fit of the Gout — — & so you are quit for this Year — I have no doubt but that this is a true Statement of the fact I hope you have none that I am dear Lady G. yours very truly

Sydney Smith —

Foston Feb^y 17. 1821.

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To Lord Carlisle

28 Jun 1821

My dear Lord —

I have thought it best to write this Letter to All^en in which I omit all mention of you for the present. I will send you his answer — We receivd today some very fine Cucumbers and Cauli-flowers from Castle Howard for which I am much oblig'd. You may come now as soon as you like — the Weather is much improv'd. The Coal you have got for your own use is the very best I ever saw — it costs you exactly 14/6 for 35 Winchester Bushels. the London Chaldron is 36 — I calculate that as you have possess'd Castle Howard 60 Years you have been overcharg'd seven thousand pounds for Coals in that period. I remain my dear Lord yours always very sincerely.

Sydney Smith. —

June 28 — 1821 —

Foston York —

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To Mr Allen of Malton

28 Jun [1821]

[Copy by CAS:]

Foston Rectory June 28th.

Sir

A man by the name of Doukes, & another man by the name of Ellis, have offer'd me to bring the best Coals to Crambe Beck at very inferior prices to those they are now sold at, if they are charged no more Lock Duties on the Derwent than other persons pay, but they add that they are threaten'd by Mr Jackson Lord FitzWilliam's agent at Stamford Bridge with an additional toll of 2 Sh. pr Waggon (making 5s/6d pr. Waggon) if they attempt to lower the price of Coal. —^m I request to know if this is done with your knowledge & approbation: — it is of consequence to me to know this, as I wish to lay in my ^s stock of Coals for next Winter, and as many poor people here & in the Villages about are in the same predicament, it is of the same consequence to them —.

I rather suspect that this is done without your knowledge, for I never before heard of any toll upon any river, or any road, where the Toll-gatherer enquired into the plans & intentions of the owner of the goods, & levied a partial & increased toll upon one Person to favour another. I cannot believe that Lord FitzWilliam can wish to favour any Monopolist or any monopoly price, his object is, I presume, that a fair & equal toll should be levied upon all, & the sale of goods be then left to free

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competition. If I find (which I can scarcely believe) that this additional tax is levied in this partial manner by your direction, it is my intention in conjunction with other gentlemen in the neighbourhood to state the whole matter to Lord FitzWilliam, & to leave it to his justice & his sense of right --

If, on the contrary the whole business has originated in mistake, or is the fault of Jackson, then there will be no occasion to push the matter any further. I take the liberty of troubling you, that I may not the the first instance begin with troubling Lord FitzWilliam & am Sir your obedt. Servt.

Sydney Smith --

Copy of a letter to Mr. Allen of Malton

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To Lord Carlisle

1 Jul 1821

My dear Lord. --

The people of Hutton must take care of themselves. Now if you will establish a Wharf -- where any person (paying of course for the privilege) may land Coals; then there will be a fair competition, and all the surrounding Country will benefit by it to a very serious extent: [pray] [seal] have the goodness to return me both Letters mine & Mr [seal] (Allen's)

Yours my dear Lord very truly.

Sydney Smith. --

Foston York

July 1 - 1821. --

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My notes read 21st

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To Lord Carlisle21
~~21st~~ Sep 1821

My dear Lord. —

Your attack upon me is a very fair one It never occurrd to me in indicating the rights of humanity that my neighbors might be so literal as not to send me Game — what a rash man I have been !!! had I not better publish an advertisement stating that I never meant to push matters to such a disagreeable extremity — that I was only theorising and never intended to proceed to practical abstinence ^{ance} ~~ance~~ from such delicacies — ?

As for you my dear Lord, I never had the slightest belief that you put Bullets into your Guns — If you do you reason the matter in a different way from me — perhaps you are right, and I am wrong — only remember before I wrote a word on the subject — I said if it was disagreeable to you I would suppress my opinions, and fling my Essay into the fire — You said as I thought you would say — (because I have always found you plain & manly on all occasions) "do your worst" — I don't care a farthing for you — As for Read we have settled that I am to go on writing, and he is to go on shooting Poachers — can there be a better, or worsser [?] arrangement? It is one you would approve of with me, and all Writers —

ever yours my dear Lord most sincerely

Sydney Smith

Thank you for the Game at whatever expenditure of human life obtained.

Foston Sept²¹ ~~21st~~ 1821

Text from Castle Howard photostat. CH/142(5)

To Lady Georgiana Grey

4 Oct 1821

Sydney's interest in fireplaces -

Dear Lady Georgiana --

An Iron back with a misbehaving Register will not do -- but all the back part of the Register may be taken away ~~the~~ Iron front remain -- and a sliding Iron back be placd behind such Iron front --

I knew as well as possible that the late attack proceeded from the absence ~~of~~ Iron backs; I have known the same thing frequently occur -- Thank God it is so well over -- my very kindest regards to the noble convalescent and such portion of them as you chuse to accept for yourself from an old Parson -- and ^a ~~an~~ old friend.

S S. --

October 4 -- 1821 --

[Addressed:] To the / Lady Georgiana Grey. --

Text from my transcript of Hickleton (Garrowby) MSS., A1.8.17.1.

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To Lady Morpeth

31 Oct 1821

My dear Lady G. --

Use
Virginia's
note on the
precedence
cf 397
MSA

Not only the proprietor of the houses in ^{orton [?]} ~~Winton~~ Street.
but of the Guildhall Coffee ^h House and Tavern -- where I meant to
invite you and Lady Morley and Lady Holland to dinner -- -- and
end with a Ball which I will open with Miss Howard -- and we will
have a real day of it & Mr Richard Sharp and all the City Wits
shall be there -- pray tell Lady Morley of this, and beg her
forgiveness intimating that I was not actually in Devonshire --
only on the Borders -- or I should certainly have come -- [space]

I thank you for your congratulations because I am sure on your
part they are very sincere -- It puts me a little at my ease.
I have few wants and am not a bad manager -- [#] The Thompsons are
come home but Thompson himself has not recovered his Spirits at
coming home --

I will call in a day or two & try if I can penetrate to Lord
Carlisle -- I am always sorry to hear he is ill -- I have a sincere
regard for him. -- I am glad to find Morpeth keeps so clear of
the Gout. Mrs Sydney is not well to day and could not come down to
dinner, I suspect she will not be able to accomplish what she has
began --

Mrs Sydney sends her kindest regards

always dr Lady G. your sincere friend

Sydney Smith --

Foston October 31 1821. --

cf. MCS 397

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(31 Oct 1821)

Note

....accomplish what she has begun: Mrs Sydney was pregnant at the time. Students of gynæcological reticence may be interested in this passage from an undated letter she wrote to Lady Morpeth at the time: "If Saba has not been present at our tete à tete yesterday I could more naturally have accounted for my illness. I have for some time been getting provokingly fat, & as neither medicines nor exercise nor abstinence were of any avail, I resigned myself to the evil with great composure, feeling that at my age it matter'd very little whether I looked more or less clumsy. — About a fortnight ago however I was astonished, & the whole business was put beyond a doubt. — a few days since I told Sydney the melancholy truth, luckily as it happened before I was attacked by that succession of fainting & shivering fits the other night that frightened my poor girls out of their senses; — but which I concluded would prove the end of the affair. This however is not to be it seems; for I am getting quite well again tho' still horribly nervous. — I have as yet named it to no one but Sydney & really feel almost unwilling that it should be known as if I were unmarried: it seems so very ridiculous after 8 years cessation."

born 1768 - so 53 years old