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To Lady Morpeth

27 Jan 1822

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Pray give my Love to your daughters and say to Georgiana how sorry I was that my visit to ~~Bishop~~^{Sp}thorpe prevented me from calling to take leave of her. —

Foston January — 27 — 1822 —

Dear Lady Georgiana —

pray tell us how Lord Morpeth goes on, whether he has had any return of his unpleasant Complaint and if so how it stands against the Skill of Halford and of Bailey — We had a Visit the other morning from Charles & William who came to a Fox hunting breakfast at Foston Charles ate 2 Eggs — but the fear of our quizzing kept him from a third. — He bought an horse of me, and thought very well of my Wheat Crop. — during breakfast he said little, but as soon as it was over he burst out into a loud Laugh, and said ["] the Horses will kick up Mr Sydneys Wheat" this seemd to be the great pleasure he promisd himself in the days hunting. — William we all thought a very pleasing Gentlemanlike Boy, and the Ladies were struck with his beauty

Mr Thomsons Norfolk tenants have ran away (a prudent conduct at present for all tenants) and left him with a farm of 1000 Acres upon his hands which is ~~is~~ gone down to mismanage himself — & Mrs Thompson [sic] who is of the party undertakes the mismanagement of him — Miss Thompson is left alone, heaven guard her unsuspecting /innocence.....

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innocence^{or} [there are 22 Cavalry officers at York cover'd all over with Silver. — The hounds always run to Sheriff Hutton and are follow'd by 30 or 40 young men in Scarlet Coats; alls well that ends well but this surely begins ill. I hope Lord Carlisle will cast a protecting Eye upon her. — It was not beauty that detain'd George³⁰⁷ another day at York — but a classical friend Mr Wood — I never saw any body so visibly affected by Music as Mr Howard; in his father it is patient^t su]ffering [seal] — in the Son, acute perturbat[ion.] Lord Morp[eth] seems to say I cannot help it, and may as well eddure it, — but George looks dangero[us]&] seems ready to fly at the fiddlers — I suppose the Lawyers, and Milliners are hard at Work. I endeavor'd to find out the marriage in the Vernon family. but they were impenetrable They are not remarkable indeed for much abandonment and disclosure ⁱⁿ ~~ever~~ common things — Much less when a Secret is to be kept

All beg their kind regards I remain always dear Lady G —

most sincerely yours

Sydney Smith —

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To Lord Harrowby

18 Jun 1822

Foston York — June 18 1822. —

I avail'd myself of the direction you were so good as to give me to find Mrs Julien, who appeared to me a Woman of fair understanding. her Son is so young, & so silent that I could judge nothing concerning his abilities. — The Assistant is gone and it is the intention of Mrs Julian that her Son (when he arrives at a proper Age) should take up the employment of his Father — I took my Son Douglas Smith to see her, and he read both poetry & prose: They consider'd his impediment as slight, and (as it shews itself almost entirely in reading, rarely or ever [sic] in speaking) both the Mother & the Son express'd the strongest conviction that they could do him a great deal of good — Mrs Julien seems to be in very bad circumstances. She offer for a certain Sum of Money to impart her Secret to me, & to him and to read with him every day for a month two hours — Now presuming that the Secret is of real value and importance I should be much obligd to you to inform me whether the mere possession of it is sufficient for an industrious, and intelligent Lad of 17 — who is very desirous of conquering his defect — or whether the application and use of it requires the superintendence of a person to whom it has been long familiar — If this last is the case — Then I fling myself upon the intelligence of Mrs Julien, in which I cannot say I have much confidence — If the

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possessor of the Secret can do as well without her, as with her then I have a fair Security for the rational expenditure of my money — Is it true that it applies still more to reading than conversation? — Is it not only important when used — but is it of a sufficient Simplicity to be us'd? Is it not so wearisome and complex, that the pupil will insensibly give it up? If these questions do not trespass upon your faith as an initiated person I should be very much obliged to you to afford me the information they require — I feel I am taking a Liberty in giving you this trouble, but I plead the importance of the Subject — and I trust in your kindness & good nature — I am dear Lord Sandon — your obliged & obedt St —

Sydney Smith. —

She is very willing to initiate me as well as my Son - but if it is comprehensible, and portable by a young man of 17. it will save me another Journey to London - and I can inoculate myself from his infection. —

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To Miss White

29 Jun 1822

My dear Miss White --

You have often come across my mind since I left London, -- pray tell me how you do ? -- are you better than you was when we left London ? send me some good News of Yourself which I assure you will be very good news to me

We have had here Dr & Mrs Marcet & their Children: we very much approv'd ^{of} their Visit -- she is always rational and inform'd -- he is a very clever man -- & to me a very agreeable one -- I like live men to be alive, and dead men to be dead -- It is impertinent in a Ghost to Walk, and unpardonable in an intelligent being to be as stupid as if the Apothecary had kill'd him -- and the Parson buried him --

The Ords were coming -- but something happened to the Maid which made it necessary to hurry home with her as fast as possible -- what could it be [?] -- have you the least notion ? I was always bad at guessing. What is said of Scotts Tragedy -- I read about two pages it seemed very bad -- but then I am ill natur'd about Books. -- I found my household in good order & all my animals prolific -- Fecundity is the order of the day in the Country -- Is Lady Davy gone back ? -- say how ^{so} sorry I was to have seen so little ^{of} her If You make a Tour -- we shall have great pleasure in seeing you and will take great Care of you ----- We are always good to the Sick -- If you are not well enough yourself desire Dr Holland to be so good as to write me a Line --

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There is every prospect of a continuation of the same awful plenty which
has reduc'd every body to the brink of ruin -- The Earth is groaning with Corn,
Mutton, & Beef -- there was a report of blight and murder ^{rain} when first I came down --
but it was merely the fancy of those who see ever thing Couleur de Rose -- God
bless you dear Miss White -- always sincerely Yours --

Sydney Smith --

Foston York

June 29 1822 --

Addressed: Miss White / Park Street / Grosvenor Square / London -- / 113. --

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To Lady Morpeth

[Autumn 1822^{1/2}]

Dear Lady G. —

We are going on Thursday and shall sleep two nights on the road —
 It becomes my serious duty as a Father to shew my offspring
 Stoodley [sic] and Hackfall [?] & the Duke of Devonshires. pray
 tell me if it is calld Bolton Park or Abbey — how far is it from
 Rippon, what Town it is near, and whether there is an Inn and if
 likely to be filld up with Shooters at this Season — Excuse this
 trouble — which I would have entaild upon Lord Morpeth, if he
 had a free hand for writing — If there is any thing worth seeing
 near do not conceal it — tell me the Worst — I have made up my
 mind and am capable of bearing it —

Stoodley
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yours dr Lady G. most truely

S S. —

You know they call Canning the
 Indian Jugler how very shocking !!!!!!!

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~~Poss.~~ 1822, from George Canning's resignation of the Gov.-Gen. of
 India in September. Otherwise Jan. 1816-Jan. 1821, when he was
 President of the India Board.

~~Hackfall is in Wensleydale
 Stoodley of course is Studley
 Park (ie. Fountains Abbey) W.T.~~

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To William Hicks Beach

31 Dec 1822

Foston, York - Decbr 31st 1822

Dear William

Name your day as soon in Feby as you please - mention how many stalls you want, & believe we shall be most sincerely glad to see you - & to shew you what Sport may be had with the York Hounds, of which we are within distance of two good packs. Give our very kind regards to your Father & Mother, & tell Mr Beach if he will come with you, I wiid brush up my old Boots, & go out myself.

I wish your family would come & make us a visit in the Summer - there is much to see here, & you should begin planning Mrs Earles alterations in time

Ever most sincerely yours

Sydney Smith

Pray remember me to all my old friends Astley - Browne - Pettat [?] &c -

MS. Gordon N. Ray, St John transcripts, p. 169.

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a Beach relation

Astley Pallatt?

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