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To Lord Holland

17 Mar [1830]

17 ~~Augu~~ March Wednesday Combe Florey

Taunton --

My dear Lord Holland --

Some time since you said you should like to have a Copy of the Breeches Bible -- I beg your acceptance of one -- which I found in the Cottage of our Parish Clerk. It goes fm hence by the North Devon Coach to the Bull & Mouth. Thursday - frm Taunton - & will be deliverd to you on Friday -- -- You will be glad to hear I have got the gout -- I now feel that I shall be ancry [sic] of any body escapes -- I hope you are well -- pray ~~g~~ve my Love to my Lady. my house is going on briskly, I hope to pay you a Visit in May -- and I am always my dear Lord Holland with great affection & respect Yrs

Sydney Smith --

[No add.; end.; wm.; pm.]

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To the Duke of Wellington

[Apr 1830]

[Copy, in Grey papers, in  
 Mrs Sydney's hand:]

My Lord Duke

In the fluctuations of Life, every Man must be content to be sometimes up & sometimes down, but it is a sad Life to be always down: —

I have for 20 years been the uncompromising advocate of that Question which you have so lately & so honourably settled. — I have published a great deal upon the subject, & in all meetings of the Clergy & on every public occasion which fairly presented itself, have been its strenuous, & often its solitary defender.

[Para.] The Misrepresentations, abuse, & obloquy to which I have in consequence subjected myself, I need not state to your Grace. If the splendour of your Life could not guard you, you may easily conceive, to what a Country Clergyman must have been exposed.

It is not, I think, presumptuous to say, I might have advanced my fortunes, if I had defended error with half as much earnestness as I have contended for Truth & Justice; — May I now ask you for some Preferment in the Church? I shall be proud to receive it at your hands; Lord Grey & Lord Holland will tell you I have said no more of myself than is just, & the Archbishop of York, will inform you that I have conducted myself properly &

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respectfully as a parochial Clergyman for the 20 years I  
have been under his direction. I have the honour to be  
with the greatest respect Your Grace's obed<sup>t</sup>. humble Servant

Sydney Smith —

Foston Rectory York.

[Endorsed:] Copy. — / To His Grace / The Duke of Wellington —  
*(by Mrs Sydney)*

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Text from Durham Univ. Dept. of Palæography & Diplomatic photostat.

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To William Smith

19 Jul 1830

My dear Sr. --

I am a good deal surprizd at Broughams standing for Yorkshire -- I thought he was coming in for Algiers -- I will do what I can ----. Are the people of Norwich tir'd of bringing in honest men ? We are ~~settld~~ here till death: a beautiful place in a beautiful Country -- come and see us if you come near us -- We will receive you with as much honor as if you were an Uncle from whom a large Legacy might speedily be expected -- ever yours my dr Sr with sincere regard & respect --

Sydney Smith --

Combe Florey. Taunton --

July 19 1830 --

Addressed: William Smith Esq M P / Upper Seymour Street / Portman Square / 36 -- /

London --

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To Lord Carlisle

6 Sep 1830

My dear Lord Carlisle --

pray forward this for me -- Tuke is instructing me how to make  
 ponds Water Tight -- an art quite unknown in this Country --  
 & this points out a secondary use of the Clergy. who coming  
 from and settl'd in various Countries disseminate the useful  
 arts of Life -- Saba is gone on a Tour ~~to~~ to the North of  
 Somersetshire with her Sister: Mrs Sydney and I ~~am~~ <sup>are</sup> left alone  
 & agree very well together -- I hope Lady Carlisle and you  
 have both agreed to be better -- Our sincere regard &  
 respect to both

ever yrs.

Sydney Smith --

Combe Florey

Taunton --

September 6 1830 --

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To Lord [Carnarvon] 512

26 Sep 1830

My dear Lord

I should have had very great pleasure in obeying your hospitable Summons - but I am going to stay with Sr G. Philips on the first of October for the Month. - I would have din'd at any hour - even had you been well, much more when you are ill - take quantities of Calomel - and believe that many disorders of Stomach are often attributed to other Viscera - I enquired about you at Lord Fortescues a very solemn Gentleman had lately paid you a visit - a Sir Harry Varney - I should take care (were I a physician) that he visited no patient of mine - I wrote some time ago to Lord Portchester hearing he was coming to live at Pixton - to say how happy we should be to see him and Lady Portchester (whom I have the pleasure of knowing) here. - I could not expect an answer from a newly married man - but when he is sufficiently returned to common Life to think of neighbors -



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he must take my notion into consideration - I am sorry that ~~an~~<sup>our</sup> absence will prevent us from arresting you -

I am very sorry to hear from you that Faza cherly is going to make his Children Jew or Mahometan - the operation is attended with danger - and it will be thought very odd - particularly by Sr Thomas Adland -

I will ask Pomona Cornish why he does not send you Cyder or answers -

[Newspaper] Huskisson's party will now of course join the Duke - & he will then go on well enough - & to my poor friend Lord Grey will be shelved -

I have finished a very pretty house - and place - it will give ~~me~~<sup>the</sup> sincere pleasure to show it to you & yours. - Mrs Sydney has lost her Trachea in this fine Climate - or rather mild Climate [.] I beg my kind regards to those of your family whom I know - and remain dear Lord with sincere respect &

regard. Yrs. Sydney Smith //

Combe Flacy. Taunton

September 26 1830/

MS. D. R. Bentham