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To Charles Babbage

28 May 1833

Dear Sr. --

I am much oblig'd by your sending me a Card for
your party on Saty -- Dinners are very late -- and I have my family
to attend from one piece of nonsense to another in the Evening but
if these sacred duties will permit I shall be very happy to avail
myself of your kindness --

very truly Yrs.

Sydney Smith --

15 Dover St --

May 28 -- 1833. --

[Addressed:] C. Babbage Esq / Dorset Street / Manchester Square -- /

Text from microfilm of B.M. Add. MS. 37187, f. 547.

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To Thomas Porch Porch

14 Jun 1833

June 14 -- 1833. --

Sr. --

I have receiv'd from you a present of a Poem entitld the Mysteries of time --
I return you my sincere thanks ~~for~~ as well for that as for the obliging
expressions with which it is accompanied -- I have no doubt but that I
shall receive pleasure -- and instruction from reading it -- and that whatever
I may learn of the Mysteries of time I shall at least forget its passage while
I am so engagd.

I am Sr your oblig'^ds and obedient St

Sydney Smith --

15/Dover St

Piccadilly June 14 1833. --

[Note:] Thomas Porch PORCH, author of The Mysteries of Time, or Banwell Cave,
a poem in six cantos, Sherborne, 1833; a second edition was published
in London in the same year. [BM Cat & Hackett. ms Laing.]

MS. Gordon N. Ray

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To Lady Holland

7 Aug 1833

Aug ust 7 -- 1833. --

Combe Florey

Taunton --

My dear Lady Holland. --

God send that this may find you better, more quiet, and more satisfied with yourself --. I was vexd with the defeat of the Jews wishing earnestly ^tto put an end to this last piece of a long series of nonsense -- and cruelty & oppression ----- The Hibberts are with us we are all well & happy. --

The Morleys are to come here on Saturday and are to be succeeded by the Philipss -- I wish you all joy of Portugal -- it will gladden the hearts of Lord Holland -- and John of Dulwich. -- It is a serious advantage to the Whigg administration and altogether an event of great importance -- *Space*

[9] I hope to hear you are about to make some tour -- I am sure it will do you good -- Let it be to the West -- All is well that ends well you are still Duchess of Lancaster --

We are all dying here of Thirst no rain -- nor any other Liquid but Cider which is in great abundance --

Read Sturts [?] Travels of discovery in Australia with the Map they are extremely interesting -- *Space*

[10] Your fellow Sufferer Nathaniel Hollan [?] is greatly improvd walks up Hills & drinks a great deal more Wine than he ought to do -- Mrs Holland is not allowd to walk up any Hills -- her complaint is that which Dr Malthus considers as so injurious to the Commonwealth -- I have much the same

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(7 Aug 1833, cont.)

feelings as Malthus [.] Man wants so much here below — and it is so difficult to supply these wants that it is almost better not to be born poor — give my affectionate regards to the best of men & beleive me always your sincere & affectionate friend

Sydney Smith --

Text from microfilm of B.M.Add.MS. 51645.

Which Mrs Holland?

Saba was m. in 1834

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To Lord Morley

[? early Sep 1833]

My dear Lord Morley —

universally known to be yours before the paper arriv'd. Vengeance
 vow'd against you in the T_anton paper — two of their best
 Writers ~~Vernes~~^{ax} — and Candidus are to bait you very well ~~done~~
 but you must pay the price of Celebrity — Lady Davy is here
 less lovely than ever — Lady Holland is gone on a Tour, sleeps
 the 2d Night at Barnet: Allen positively refusd — and was at
 last tied in ^{to} the Carriage by their putting some irreligious books
 into the pocket

ever yrs —

S S. —

kind regards to my Lady —

Text from microfilm of B.M.Add.MS. 48243, f. 132.

Date suggested by B.M.

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To Lord Morpeth

28 / Sep 1833

My dear Morpeth

The most Athletic person in London (is perhaps) the present Organist of St Pauls, — and the one most likely to live — he is actually canvassing for the reversion of some office holden by Welch. I am so situated however that if he should die I cannot without breach of faith say yes to Mrs Welch — & thus if you interest yourself for him ^[it] will be a sincere regret to me —

I am glad you are all so well at C. H we are equally so at C F — and often wish C F. was nearer to C H. —

These long Sessions must have made all the World romantically fond of the Country

Te Vincunt liquidi Picadille in Vallebus amnes

Vincit frondosum te Picadille nemus

our united regards ever yours my dr Morpeth most sincerely

Sydney Smith /

September 28 1833 /

Text from William G. Lane's in Harvard Library Bulletin, IX (1955), pp. 397-402. Original in Harvard College Library. Lane's note includes the following:

Morpeth: George William Frederick Howard (1802-64), Visct. Morpeth (1826), and 7th Earl of Carlisle (1848).

Organist: Thomas Attwood (1765-1838): there were eleven candidates for his eventual vacancy, among them Adams, George Sale, John Sale (who was successful) Sturges, Cooper, Tom Welsh (Lane, from Barham's Garrick Club, 1896).

Welsh: Presumably Thomas Welsh (1781-1858), the noted vocalist, chorister, and teacher. Evidently Lord Morpeth had requested Smith to use his influence in Welsh's candidacy to replace Attwood, who at this time was 68.

Checked agt Harvard mf.

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To Sir Robert Wilmot-Horton

3 Nov 1833

Amen Corner Pater Noster Row —

November 3 — 1833 —

Dear Wilmot Horton, —

I hear of your activity — but do not be too active — the Italians say it is sweet to do nothing but I say it is wise to do nothing — this I say in the sincere spirit of friendship — for all the World [sic]. — (by which I mean about 30 people) would suspect you of ~~too~~ much activity — Poor Lord Dover we have lost — I think him a great Loss for he was wise — good and agreeable — I am just come from Alexander Barings his temple of Theseus pleasd me more than any piece of Architecture I have ever seen — The Tories are annihilated there is no chance of any other Tory administration. — If men (called Tories) come in they must turn Whiggs —

The Commerce of the Country never was more thriving — The turbulence proceeding from the Reform is I think subsiding — at the same time I will not say we are free from danger — The next Session will be an active Session — the Church will be reformed, the Law alterd — the Corn Laws changd — in short to use the Language of the times everything will undergo a thorough Revision. — Lord Grey is very well — I see a good deal of him — perhaps he may offer to make me a Bishop — but I doubt very much if I would accept it — My present Parsonage is most beautiful — and I shall never be so well off as I am — but after all the temptation may not come if it does I hope I shall not be such a fool as to yeald to it —

I hope you are all well & happy — and shall be obligd to you to tell me

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(3 Nov 1833)

how this is -- how much longer you will stay -- give my Love to Lady Wilmot -- for I beleive you knighted -- great shame to me for not being certain whether or no -- Lady Holland is very ill and I think is declining --- poor Hallam is borken hearted for the loss of his Son who died quietly on ~~the~~ ^{the} Sofa while his father was reading in the same room -- read Hamiltons Americans & America Lytton Bulwers England and Englishmen Sturts discoveries in Australia -- Bretons ^[?] Australia.

I am spending the Month of November in London on duty at St Pauls -- this is the 3d. not a single dinner heard of as yet -- nor any pr^ospects. figure to yourself my State -- nor have I seen any body in Town but Dr Holland who of course is more inclind to Physic than to feed me -- gaining a Guinea by the one & (when I am in Vigor) not losing much less by the other --

Rogers and Corner-dish ~~[?]~~ Luttrell are at Holland House --but I have not seen them --

Lady Lydhurst is just come from Paris -- Alas poor Dudley -- but that is an old Sorrow -- Fazakerly is at Brighton struggling to save the Life of a very sickly Child. I having faild before in similar Struggles

God bless you dear Wilmot your sincere friend

Sydney Smith --

[Addressed:] His Excellency / Sir R. Wilmot Horton / Ceylon.

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