

Admiralty - September 11. 1828.

My dear Father.

I need not say with what pleasure I write to fix a day for making my appearance one more at the Rectory, which I have decided in favor of Saturday the 13th, when, wind and weather permitting, I shall hope to be seen homeward bound by the Newbury coach. I have had the pleasure of receiving dear Sophy's last 2 letters, and am rejoiced to find you are all so well. The packet by the friend of Miss Baines, arrived on the day I despatched my last letter in the basket with Sophy's dress - and the other came to hand yesterday in course of Post - the enclosures were duly forwarded - and Sophia Lavin's was to be sent next day. I have been endeavouring to pick up some Mother of Pearl, but although I enquired in more than 20 shops yesterday afternoon, have got but a very little. Hope for better luck next time. Had Mr. Nichols been applied to about 10 days earlier - he could perhaps have procured a large quantity at a cheap rate, at a custom house sale - but he says another sale will perhaps not take place again for 6 months. Yesterday, therefore, I bought 90 counters of different kinds belonging to the same set for 7/6 - and am offered 8 doz. more of a better kind, but different pattern, for 14/- which I may perhaps be able to get for less. Tell Sophy there is a great demand here for old pieces of Pearl, by the tradesmen of London, which makes it difficult to procure. I have spent another evening with Mr. Smith

I hope you will not think of waiting dinner for me on Saturday - as the coach arrives to late.

Smith since my last, and was received with her usual kindness and hospitality. She repeated her former kind enquiries after you and every one at the Rectory - and again expressed a hope that she should soon have the pleasure of seeing some of you, to stay a little while with her in town. - On Sunday afternoon I went down to Greenwich - and found Lady Keats had gone into Derbyshire for 2 or 3 weeks. Dr. Pult. was in deep conversation with Adm. Barron in the Hospital Square & therefore as it was near Mr. Taylor's dinner hour, and I anticipated rather a stupid afternoon from remaining at foot home, I went to dine with him - They were all kind in their enquiries & hopes & desired kind regards. - Mr. T. is just going to supply the place of his daughter in Devonshire - but I know not how long he will remain there. - W. T. has returned from his trip into Scotland, with a bad cough, and is looking very thin and suspicious. - M. A. T. did not say a word about writing to Sophy - and I did not think it worth while to remind her of it. - On Wednesday morning I got sight of Dr. Latham before breakfast, and received his congratulations upon the improvement that has taken place since he saw me in bed at Audoton's Hotel, - as also some instructions for my future guidance - He asked particularly after you all, and desired I would give his kindest regards. - I will call on Dr. Barrett if I can, but my hours are somewhat awkwardly circumstanced for that purpose. - I am glad to hear Sophy has received such good accounts from Charles, though regret to find his infirmities are inclined to grow upon him, instead of to take their departure for
the

the latter would be hailed as much the most agreeable event. — Many letters
must not be expected from Ann, as she acknowledges herself the very worst
of the bad, in writing ~~them~~ them. — You have doubtless seen in the
papers an account of poor Coen's death — which I am very much concerned to
hear, as she was a very excellent fellow — and his loss will no doubt be severely
felt in those quarters where his value was most duly appreciated — William
has perhaps learnt some particulars from the Stirlings. — I hope William will
soon be fortunate enough to get some cheap and good lodgings — though, as
Sophy justly remarks, "the season" is not yet sufficiently over — and yacht clubs &c.
have not entirely given up those meetings and matches, which always fill
the island with ~~my~~ my visitors. — Although he is not with you, I
am glad to find ~~we~~ we has not forgotten the way to make it flight
to the Rutony — and that you have been so well supplied, through the
kindness of your friends. — You saw by Mr. Lambert's letter, the opportunity which
I have been obliged to decline, of paying him a visit in Wiltshire this season; —
but hope to derive equal benefit from the air of Berkshire. — The Duke of B's
resignation now appears quite certain, and every one appears to consider it likely
that we shall return to the old story, with L^d. Melville as 1st Lord of the Admiralty — of
which, no more till we meet. — I have no news, my dear Father, till that much
wished-for period arrives — and it is to be hoped the present unsettled weather will
by that time be over — Give kindest love to S^r. Mother, & Sophy — & with best regards
to Miss Laumer, talk friends around you, believe me to remain, as ever, my dear Father
Your affectionate son
Christopher Roe.

J

The Reverend James Roe

Rector of Newbury,

9 B. H. St.

To

SE
JUL 18
1870

563 A/2 F
Admiralty - October 7. 1828.

My dear William

See Law, recommencing the old affair
of the sailing Directions - though not as yet quite reconciled to the
change from my more pleasing occupations at the Rectory - Business
however must be attended to, as well as pleasure - and from the prospect
before me, I apprehend it will be my wisest plan to endeavour and
convert the former into the latter, until the arrival of next Summer
will admit of my requesting another furlough. - Appearance were
somewhat threatening to windward, after we parted company yesterday
on the road - and we all anticipated wet jackets - but got off with
only a little sprinkling - and arrived in town quite safely before 4
o'clock. - After delivering my communication in Fleet Street, I called
in Doctor's Commons - and found Dr. Lushington intended leaving town
on some professional matters this morning - the housekeeper thought
he would not return till Thursday night - and that you would have a
very good chance of seeing him on the following morning - but could
not answer for his subsequent movements - His chambers are at No. 8
in the College, D.C. - All the clerks had left them before I arrived. -

Should you wish to make any appointment about meeting him, and can state the exact time at which you can be at his chambers, I will endeavour to learn further particulars respecting his movements at that hour - as he has doubtless so much on his hands, that you might be dancing attendance after him throughout the day - and after all not gain your point.

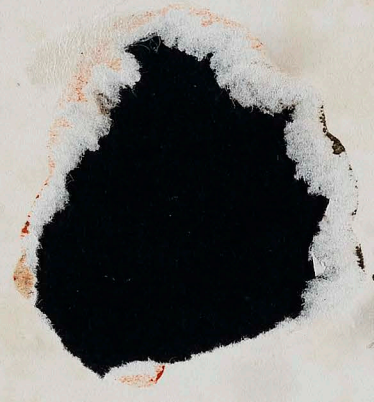
I played a rubber last evening with S. Barnes in Francis Street - and found him recovering from a severe cold - He enquired kindly after you - and hopes if you came to town, he should have the pleasure of an interview before you returned. - My absence from duty here has passed off very well - and nothing was said about my extension of it to the extra week - Captain Parry only returned yesterday morning from Dublin, but appears rather fagged than otherwise - Since the Duke's resignation, every thing has gone on very quietly, nor is it yet known whether our Hydrographic Department will continue as before under the immediate superintendance of S. D. Owen's superior, or fall into its former state of neglect - S. Edw. is to have the command on the E. India Station, and relieve Adm. Gage, who intends going with his family to Colouire in Australia - All here

with whom you are acquainted, have enquired after you, and
hoped you had quite recovered — At present the weather is very
showery — but should it clear up after 4 o'clock, I shall endeavour
to fetch as far as Pentonville, after delivering a sermon at Captain
Stancliffe's — when I hope to hear some good news for Father, connected
with the advertisement in the Morning Post. On arriving at my
lodgings in Lambeth, I found a note from Dr. Latham informing me
of the advertisement, which he had communicated under the impression
that it could reach to no one but our Father — Should
you find it ~~impossible~~ to sleep at all in Town, and Lambeth
will not be convenient for that purpose, on account of its
distance, I shall be able to get you a bed ~~to~~ ~~at~~ ~~the~~ ~~place~~ there, remember,
but will hope to see you here as soon as convenient after your arrival,
when we can talk over that and all other matters at our leisure —

I have no news for you — and must therefore conclude with
kind remembrance to Fanny — and best wishes to yourself from
my dear William. Your affectionate brother
Christopher Poe

Dear Mr. [unclear] - I have been thinking of you, & wondering how you are getting on. I hope you are well. I have been thinking of you, & wondering how you are getting on. I hope you are well. I have been thinking of you, & wondering how you are getting on. I hope you are well.

Rev. James Mac
Beaumont
Newbury
Beaumont



MAILED
1828

My dear father
I have been thinking of you, & wondering how you are getting on. I hope you are well. I have been thinking of you, & wondering how you are getting on. I hope you are well. I have been thinking of you, & wondering how you are getting on. I hope you are well.

563 A/2 F

Admiralty ~ October 7. 1828

You will perceive by the date of this,

I have resumed the old business of the Sailing Directions - which I must endeavour to make as palatable as circumstances will permit, until the time arrives which will admit of my again requesting a furlough - or perhaps until they are quite finished. It will be now my first wish and endeavour to arrive at their completion with all possible dispatch, in the hope of inducing the big wigs to take me into their favorable notice, or of getting into some other line of fire which shall render my humble services more conspicuous. Business does not as yet sit very well at ease in company with my recollections of the pleasant days I have been passing at the Rectory - nor do I desire the latter should evaporate so quickly as is requisite for the work in hand, which requires so considerable a portion of time, and of undivided attention. I hope this will find my dear mother and yourself quite rid of all pains and ailments - and my younger friends in good health and in much better spirits than myself. William parted company at Sea Hatch after a very pleasant journey, as far as weather was concerned; and although appearances were very threatening afterwards, we arrived safely in town before 4 o'clock without more than a little sprinkling. The coach was very heavily loaded, being full inside and out from the time of leaving Greenhamland, and obliged to decline several travellers who wished to get up on the road. After sending my trunk off to Lambeth, I delivered Miss Worley's letter in Fleet Street, and found her

Tell Mr. Fitzmaurice, with my best regards, that I would have availed myself of his kindness, by sending this through the medium of the
 D. M. Faulstich's office - but must
 send William's own letter
 by today's post - and
 do not think it
 would exactly do to
 have a letter arriving
 to William in 2 places
 on the same day. -
 God bless you all.
 Tell dear old folks I
 shall anxiously
 look for an
 early time -
 Miss Cocher.

Father and Mother looking remarkably well - I then called at Dr. Lushington's chambers in Doctors Commons for William, and found it was his intention to leave Town this morning on some professional business, from which the housekeeper thought he would return on Thursday night, and that William would have a chance of seeing him on the following morning - I have communicated this to William by today's Post, & if I hear nothing to the contrary, shall expect to see him in Town on Friday morning.

In the evening I played a rubber with S. Barnes in Francis Street, and gave him his letter and parcel - He has been unwell with a bad cold, &c., but is now much better - and looks quite well - Many enquiries were made after you all, and remembrances desired. - The weather is at present very unsettled and showery - but should it prove auspicious at 4 o'clock, I purpose wending my way to Pentonville for you, and tell dearest Matilda I will call in my road, to deliver her parcel to Captain Stanhope - Her letter to him I unintentionally slipped into the two penny post box on my arrival in Town - but will explain it when I see him. - Dr. Latham wrote me a note yesterday evening, to inform me of the advertisement about you in the Morning Post, which he communicated under the impression that it could refer to no one else - Should I fetch the right Post this evening you shall hear what Mr. Jones has to say, if he has not already written. - Tell dear Sophy and Matilda, that their letters to India are in the letter box at the India house - and will go by the first ship - Sophia Lavin's I will take this afternoon to Dalton & Robinson to be forwarded by their post boy to Leamington; and will deliver Miss Armstrong's Communion tomorrow morning -
My

My extra week's leave of absence, has passed off very well, and without
any comment - Captain Parry made his appearance only yesterday morning,
and all are now at work for the winter - Since the Duke went out, things
have gone on very quietly here - not does it appear whether S. L. Owen's
relinquishment of our superintendance will be taken up by his successor (S.
Henry Botham) or that the Hydrographic Department will be left as before,
to make head as it can - S. L. Owen is likely to have the command on the East
India Station, and relieve Adm. Gage, who intends going out with his wife and
family to colonize in Australia - With respect to your cocoa-paste
Commission; as I suppose it will not be wanted so soon as to incur
a separate ~~charge~~ for carriage, I will defer sending it till I return the
white trunk ~~in~~ week - In that trunk, please to tell Sophy not to send
me any more white waistcoats, socks, or trousers, as the weather is now too cold
for them - but if they are washed, I should wish to have the brown drill trousers
(1 pair) which I left behind in the little white trunk - I hope the young ladies
do not very much miss their beaux, and that dear Matilda will not fail to occupy
a few of the minutes she must now spend quietly at home, in doing my little
drawing, or sketch - Tell her not to scruple a moment about the magnitude or subject
of it - as the smallest production will be duly appreciated - I quite forgot
to speak to you again about the snuff - therefore, should you wish to have it changed,
and will send it by the trunk, it shall be attended to - I intended also to tell Sophy that
my uniforms were brought out of my room for the purpose of being aired, but the weather did not
allow it - therefore if she will do it for me some fine day, I will send her half a dozen pipes - They
(the uniforms) are in my china chest, which is unlocked - Has any one seen my sword with the steel scabbard?
Wm. does not know any thing about it - I have now no more room than to send my warmest affectionate love
to dear Mother, Sophy & Matilda - and with kind remembrance to Miss ^{Mr. Fitzroy} Fanny ^{all} friends, remain my dear Sathy
your ever affectionate son Coluschlimus Roe.



To

The Reverend James Roe,

Rector of Newbury.

Berk.

563A/2F
Lambeth - October 14. 1828.

You will have considered me very remiss, my dear Father, in not having returned my warmest acknowledgments for the basket of very fine game which you was so kind and considerate as to send me - though I much fear your table must have suffered by it - The pheasants I sent to the Taylors at Newick Hospital, and the hare fell to the lot of my landlord and his wife, who were very kindly accommodating to remain with board lodging, with the exception of dinner, and must have expected some return - I should nevertheless have sent the letter to Captain Perry, had not the porter who was to have carried it into Town, disappointed me in two instances - My letter by William was closed in such great haste, on account of the pressure of time, that I also omitted mentioning several other things - among which was my having called on Mr. Jones at Pentonville, on the afternoon of Tuesday last, and learnt from him the substance of what Sophy's letter communicated - Had not the letter arrived next morning, I would have written as promised - Altho' it is not what I could have wished, I sincerely congratulate you, my dear Father, on such a wind fall - which must not only be gratifying and acceptable in a pecuniary point of view, but additionally so from the consideration of its being the voluntary act of a troubled conscience - Mr. Jones, whom I waited upwards of an hour to see, appears to be the partner (in the law) of Mr. Saunders, who directed the advertisement to be inserted, and to whom he had transmitted your letter in reply - but not having received any answer from the country - he had not felt justified in making any communication - or would have sent you an answer to your letter - He is a young man, was very civil, and seemed to rejoice in the act of his friend - I had the pleasure of receiving the white trunk this afternoon, and have to return I know not how many thanks for its contents - in the first place to dear Sophy for the linen & her kind letter - to dear Matilda for the beautiful sketch she has been so kind as to send me, and which shall be most highly prized - and to Sophy's own affectionate "Harriet" for her very kind favour, which I must accept as such, having in the purchase of the trifle I took away from her repository, had no other object in view than the encouragement of a charitable undertaking which she had so benevolently ~~undertaken~~ followed up - I must therefore beg dear Sophy to present my best acknowledgments for the present, and with my kind regards, to say that I did not forget my promise of drinking the health of her sister Mary Ann on the 11th, accompanied with every good wish

for her long continuance in health, happiness, and all the good things she can desire. To Mr. & Mrs. Craufhouse, I must also offer my cordial congratulations on the recommencement of a day which has been to them the commencement of a season of domestic happiness, which I trust will never meet with the slightest interruption until they are tired of it themselves. I drank to their long continued happiness, in an overflowing glass of swizzle, in the evening. — It affords me great pleasure to have the birthday of dear Matilda so near at hand, and could sincerely wish to be with you on the occasion of your filling glasses on the glorious 21st but you may assure her of the pleasure with which I shall under my hearty cooperation in heaping her with every good wish, which, although expected from a greater distance, will not be less sincere than those immediately around her. —

Admiralty - Oct. 15 - I must finish this for today's post - and hope it will find you all quite well at the Rectory. — The last accounts of my dear Mother were so satisfactory that I trust she is now perfectly recovered, and will take that care of herself as to have no chance of her having a recurrence of so painful and troublesome a complaint. — A little rest and regular living, with also I trust, effectually against the prescription of Dr. Latham in working a thorough reformation in the health of William, which seems to require a complete repair, from the heel upwards. — I am glad Mrs. Kemmer has so much benefited by her short excursion to Worthing, and hope she will hold well on through the approaching winter, which the weather-wise seem to foretell will be rather a severe one, though for my own part I do not apprehend any thing very different from the usual slopky work which we have had throughout the winter of the last few years. — Please to give my kind regards at Bucklebury - as well as to all friends. — Mr. & Mrs. Charles Townsend's invitation was kind, but late, & no doubt was duly acknowledged. — Mr. Harper called upon me at the Admiralty on Saturday last - enquired after you all - and said his father were all quite well, in their former lodgings house in Wyndham Place. — Mr. Buchanan, an old beau of dear Sophy's, has also expressed a hope that you are all well, but more particularly his old flint, to whom he has been known by letter for several years. His wife has presented him with a little girl a few months ago - but it has been very unwell, and they have been to the sea-side - but all the mischief has returned, & gives him much trouble and uneasiness. — Mr. B. has lent me a file of New South Wales Papers, which have given me a good deal of local information respecting that country, and have answered the purpose for which I, in great part, borrowed them - which was to obtain some information about the nautical discoveries that are constantly making there, for the benefit of my Sailing Directions. — On account of the resignation, or more probably the death of Lieut. Odley R.N., the Surveyor-General to the Colony, I had some hopes of hearing that the situation might probably not have

been filled up, and that I might have a chance of stepping into ~~the situation~~ it - but Mr. B. has informed me a Major Bethwick has been appointed to it - or at least, that he has gone out with some understanding to that effect - as he is a great engineer, &c., and has recently published a book upon military surveying - If so, this is one more of the numerous feathers they are plucking constantly from the blues, and giving to the reds, who have crept into every situation that is to be at the disposal of the Government. I must look into it - as a situation of 500 or 600 a year is not every day to be picked up, and I can lay as good a claim to it as any one, if I thought claims would be of any service. Should you be acquainted with any individual in the Colonial Office, a knowledge of him would be of ~~of~~ essential service in prosecuting this enquiry - as I have not the least shadow of an acquaintance with any of them - and "what I do, I must do quickly" - I will take Sophy's letter for Framington, to Dalton & Robinson this afternoon - her last was given to them only 2 hours after they had sent off a boy - but they were in expectation of another order very soon. Tom's letter shall also be forwarded this evening - and must very shortly be ~~accompanied~~ ^{followed} by one from me, as I have not written to him for several weeks. I hope amounts of a favorable nature have been received from the telegraph by this time, as I shall be glad to hear the dear baby has quite recovered from her indisposition - when anyone writes, I must beg my kindest regards - Sophy's commands respecting the embossed drawing boards shall be attended to immediately I receive her instructions ~~as to~~ as to the colours and number of them which she will require, after receiving the small supply I sent by William - In sending that small token of my love for her, I had very negligently entirely overlooked the circumstance of her wanting the boards coloured, and, with very few exceptions, I sent them all white - having got all my own coloured ones exchanged when I called at Dobbs's with William on Monday morning. I hope the silver saucers travelled safe, being fearful of the silver chipping off with the friction of the coach. Does Sophy want any of the large cards such as I first used for dear Matilda? If I recollect right they are 1/6 each. - she may tell Miss Armstrong that I delivered her caddy at the Exchequer Office, on the Wednesday morning after my arrival in town - but in consequence of their hours of attendance being different from mine, I could not wait to see him in person, and left it with a servant. I hope she will hear of its safe arrival in port. - Sophy's work is getting on swimmingly by this time. I suppose, and shall expect to see something very fine, as the just reward of so much trouble and care. - Am sorry to hear of Miss Armstrong's indisposition, but hope she is better, or well. I can have no idea of the maniac Sophy speaks of, unless it is the cook! but shall hope to hear all about it in her next. - A letter arrived this morning from Mr. S. H. Roe

William's letter, sent to her care of course given by the next opportunity of a vessel - hand -

requesting me to look out for another butler for him - the one I last sent him, being "desir-
of leaving, in consequence of not liking the country, and being moped to death for want of
society" - Mr. P. adds, he is a very good servant, but much too fine a gentleman for the place he is in -
Char. goes to Trinity College, Oxford, this day. - I am glad to hear some amount of my good, and
hope the dear girl who has it for a companion will not be running herself through the body with
it. - I fear she has been knocked up with the great exercise of riding Mr. Jordan's horse, and
for the sake of a man who so much esteems her, hope she will take care of herself. - I need not add how
great my regret is, at not being able to repeat the many delightful walks I have taken with
her, though I am not without sanguine hopes that next summer will gratify me with
their recurrence - and that I may be able to spend a little more time with you, than has now
been allowed me. - By this time next year, if the Almighty is pleased to spare my life, I am in
hopes my Directions for Australia will be finished - and I shall then not hesitate in speaking
to S. R. about asking for my promotion. - What did Miss Bumbury think about her cabinet
not being packed up? I am afraid she will have accused me of inattention, but it would have
been of no use, to pack it and send it to Maudston, unless some one could have accompanied
it to put all to rights again, after the jolting of the journey - this I hope will be accomplished
some morning or other in the little carriage, by William, who can manage the business much
better than me, and no doubt feels equal pleasure in doing any thing for a pretty girl. -
Sophy must tell me when the carriage is to take place - and what Anne thought of our dear
Matilda. - I asked Captain Stancliffe the other day, for a lock of poor Henry's hair, as desired,
and he said, the whole of it, consisting of a large handful, had been sent by John when he left
town for Newbury. - As I intend sending this through Mr. Crook, I have not scrupled to write
down this page, but must now conclude it, and hope shortly to receive a yarn in reply.

I trust your fair (which I rather think will be held this day) will pass off well, and that the
young ladies will not take cold in their charitable exertions for old Mr. Lambert. - Give my warmest
affectionate love to dear Mother, Sophy, Matilda, William - and with kind regards to Miss Lamer,
Mr. Fitzmaurice, and all friends, believe me to remain, with every prayer for your health & welfare

My dear Father, ever your affectionate son
Peter September Roe.
Tell some of your kind amanuenses not to fail writing to me
by every opportunity - and do not forget to give my kind thanks to dear Liz. for her drawing -
Charles's letter has been forwarded to the West Indies by the Chief Clerk here (Mr. Dyer) in an Admiralty box - God bless you all.

Admiralty - October 24. 1828.

My dear Father

I trust this will find you quite well, and all invalids much better. Regretting much that both dear Sophy and Matilda should be added to the number of the latter. Colds appear very prevalent at the present season, which in town is extremely changeable. Yesterday was a thorough wet day, but was preceded and has been followed by a day of regular summer. My own cold, &c. which I mentioned in my last to Sophy, has now happily left me, and I trust will not return. That letter was written so hastily that I had not time to return any full acknowledgments for it, and to answer its contents in every particular I could have wished, but hope Sophy accepted the attempt as the best I could make. By this time I trust a decidedly favorable change has taken place in William's disorder. You will perhaps be surprised when I inform you of the prospect of my soon leaving England again - which I knew nothing about till yesterday afternoon, and was in hopes of becoming something decisive upon the subject before leaving the Admiralty this day. However nothing more has transpired, and I am therefore disposed to lose no time in apprising you of a circumstance which must be viewed by us all with mingled feelings of pleasure and regret. I mentioned in my recent communications a prospect (though a very faint one) existed of my being able to obtain the supposed vacant situation of Surveyor General in New South Wales. in the room of Mr. Bely, whose ill health obliges him to retire from the duties of so active a station. By some New South Wales Papers which Mr. Buchanan has lent me for perusal, I find the situation has been given to a Major Sweetman or Sweathman (I forget which), and am consequently obliged to relinquish all prospects in that quarter - but on the opposite Western Coast of Australia, the Government have determined upon forming a Settlement at Swan River, and both Captain Stirling R.A. who is to have the command of it, and Captain Garry who is consulted on the subject, have asked me if I should like to

go out there as the Surveyor. I had previously directed my attention to that
quarter, and was actually seeking for information on the subject when the proposal
was made to me. After learning as much as I could on the subject, I readily acquiesced in
it, provided I could go out with a colonial appointment as Maritime and Land Surveyor
to the new colony, instead of being attached to a man of war, & being sent on with her to the
India Station, after completing the survey of the intended settlement. Captain Stirling
promised to use his influence on my behalf, when it was finally decided upon at the
Colonial Office that he was to be sent on the service - and said, that if he did go, it
would be either in 10 days time, or in next June. You may conceive, my dear
Father, that I am not a little anxious for further news on the subject, as I have
too much reason to apprehend that, from motives of economy, they will be appointing
me to the Fifth Battalion Stirling's regt. to command for this service, and that I shall
just be following the same course again, which was exhibited in the Tamar.
This will quite change the nature of the affair, and oblige me to decline it altogether -
but if I can get the colonial appointment I desire, (remaining a half-pay Lieut. at
the same time) I shall get an order from the Colonial Secretary for a grant of land
at the new settlement, and turn farmer as well as Surveyor, with a regular good will.
I think it almost time I did something or other in that way, or better; and that, after all
my buffeting, I got some few of the loaves and fishes - Many days I hope will not elapse
before I shall be able to give you some further information on the subject - and I
trust it will be such as to give us all good reason to be satisfied. - In consequence
of the probability of my speedy departure, I must request dear Sophy to collect all my
lines together, to be in readiness for an early start if required - though I trust for
many reasons the expedition will not sail till June. - My present indentations of the
Sailing Directions, will then be completed in its most material parts, and only that part

of the country left undescribed, which is not so frequently visited by shipping. Captain Parry has expressed his regret that I should be called away from so useful a work before arriving at its completion - but says in the handsomest manner, that he will with the greatest pleasure forward any thing I have in view, that is likely to turn out advantageous or desirable. - Here the matter must rest at present, till I can learn more about it.

I was not very much surprised at dear Sophy's intelligence about Anne P's engagement being off, though I must add that my surprise was great on hearing of her subsequent conduct with reference to what she styles her first conquest. How much love she could have had for her rejected coquet, the world will form a pretty correct judgment, as also of the real value of her best affections. I am really sorry for her impudent acts - and fear that she will soon be as well known in Bath as the sign of any of the houses. However, as I am always disposed to lean on the side of mercy, when a pretty girl is concerned, I will say no more.

I hope you spent dear Matilda's birthday pleasantly at the Rectory, and that she will ~~with~~ many more, with increasing pleasure and happiness - Give my kind regards to her, and say that I wrote to George yesterday, by a frank which I had the benefit of as far as Liverpool. I called on Captain Stancliffe on the previous evening, considering he might have something to communicate - but did not find him at home, and could not wait. I hope the dear girl has not again suffered by overexertion on horseback - the amount of her being worse the worse for her last ride, which dear Sophy states in her letter to me, is ~~not~~ only to be looked upon in the light of a negative advantage. Tell Sophy I called at Mr. Clabour's with her letter, but on finding that he had no other opportunity of forwarding it than through the medium of the post, I put it in at Lombard Street, and paid 1/4 for the inland postage - "any further commands will be carefully attended to". Mr. Nichol's and his family enquired very particularly after you all on Monday - and were glad to hear I had left you all well. Much joy attend "Agnes Mary Richardson Churchill", a name which, with another attached to it, especially a long one, will just do for a good; and will just keep pace with the present march of intellect. - I

must now do conclude, my dear father, and in the hope of being able
soon to give you further information on a subject which occupies a very considerable
portion of my present thoughts, remain with kindest love to Mother, Abby,
Matilda and William. Your very affectionate & dutiful son
John September Roe.
Kind regards to Miss Lamer and all friends.