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Lambeth. August 22. 1828. —

My dear Father,

By the trunks which I propose sending by Probert's
waggon on Monday morning, with my linen, &c. to Sophy, I have the pleasure of
forwarding you a few lines, to express a hope that all invalids are much better, and
indeed quite well — I regret much that William should be suffering so much as to
oblige him to quit so hastily for the Island — as I was in hopes he would have
been quite recovered by this time, and not stand in need of so expensive and in-
convenient a remedy: — but that delightful spot will I trust perfectly restore him,
and return him to the Rectory quite an altered man. — It would certainly
much benefit you all, could you follow the same course — and it would grieve
me much if you were to put off any intended trip of that sort, merely because
of my expected visit to Newbury next month, which can be put off without
the least inconvenience till any more convenient time. — But my dear Father I
think you must be quite aware of my sentiments on this head, and will therefore
not dwell more on the subject. — Matilda's visit to you in the early part of September
must have some influence in this respect, and induces me to hope my presence
will not have the effect of altering your plan. — I am very glad you found
the fish so good on the 14th, which I had by mistake supposed as your birthday —
but, as Sophy remarks, this circumstance could not alter the relish with which the
fish was discussed — nor the sentiments and feelings with which it was sent: — Let
the day be what it will / and I shall not forget the 27th / I earnestly hope you
will experience its recurrence many times more, and each time greet it with

with more gratification than the last. — I have to return my best
thanks for several letters received of late from Sophy and William, and for the
basket of very delicious apricots which I received by the Newbury Coach a few days
ago - which were the first I have tasted this season - and proved remarkably good -
If they were a specimen of your general crop, I think you will not have had reason
to complain this year - and I hope you will not meet with less success in every
other species. — The trunk of linen arrived quite safe and opportunely on Wednesday - and
next day I put Sophy's dress into the hands of Mr. Darby, with full instructions about it - It
is promised by the 1st of September, and shall be forwarded as soon as I find an opportunity
after receiving it - Miss Farnce's eau de Cologne I now send - and hope it will be
found good - it was made up by Stinger, 4 Strands. Directed to His late Majesty - and cost
4/. which is I think cheaper than she could have anticipated - as the small bottles are 3/8
each - and the present one contains about 3 of them. — Tell Sophy if you please, that
I have also enclosed an ounce of Storax - and an ounce of Angelica root for Mr. Craiphorn.
which I hope, with my best compliments, will prove what she wanted - Any farther
commands shall be readily attended to. — I am sorry to say Mr. Harper died last
Friday a little before 3 o'clock in the afternoon - which was not very much before that
time that Sophy was enquiring about her in her last letter - I called up at 2 1/2 past 4, and
found the shutters just closed - I have not been there since, but will call tomorrow should
the weather prove fine - and intend afterwards going to dine with the Admiral and Lady Keble
at Greenwich. — I shall not be sorry if he enters upon the subject of the probable resignation of
the D. of Clarence - as I think he may reasonably expect to lose the opportunity of benefiting
by the Lord High Admiral's good offices, if he does not speedily take advantage of them, while yet within

his reach - but I shall on no account give him even the smallest hint of such a thing - being resolved not to push a question which he might, without much mischief, have decided long ago. - Respecting the Duke's resignation, I know no more than you see in the Public Spirit - as nothing relative to it transpires at the Admiralty - where every thing goes on as usual - Captain Parry took his departure yesterday for a visit of some weeks to the continent, where I conclude he will be quite (not a lion) but a great Polar Bear - He has letters of introduction to many foreign ministers, and goes first to Paris. - Previous to his departure, I got him to speak to S. Row? Owen about granting me a fortnight's leave of absence - the proposal was not at all relished by either of them - but I told him if I could not obtain that short furlough before the cold weather commenced, I was very sure of being under the necessity of leaving off in the midst of my work, from inability to apply so closely to business for so long a period - After a good deal more that passed on the subject, and which shall be explained when we meet - the permission of S. Row? was obtained to take a fortnight's leave in the middle of September, but without receiving any pay for the interval - the most shabby paltry and unjust proceeding I have known for a long while - I cannot write what I think upon it - and can only add how much I feel hurt at such an act, from a consciousness of having so devotedly sacrificed health and best exertions for the benefit of the service, without having received the smallest remuneration for it. - They may perhaps chuckle at the idea of thus pocketing the paltry 4 guineas - but will be quite mistaken if they have any notion of gaining by it. - no more at present - I quite long to rejoin you all once more, my dear Father, but as stated above, shall not have that happiness till about the second Sunday in September - there will however be plenty of time for fixing the day - which we must endeavour to manage so as not to interfere with any of your arrangements. - I hope by that time, William will have returned

quite recruited from the island, and that I shall have the pleasure of meeting him
at the Rectory. — Saml. Roe called upon me at the Admiralty last Saturday — being
in town till the following Monday, on some business, when he proposed returning to
Bromsgrove — As he did not intend passing through Newbury, I did not write by him — I
think him exceedingly like Anne Baubury. — He enquired after all at Newbury — and desired his
best regards, as also those from Prafton. — On Sunday last I dined with the Nichol's by
invitation, and Mr. N. joined with all the others in hoping you and the inmates of the Rectory
were well — they desired their remembrance. — I had a call from Dr. Latham about the
same time, and regret not having been at home. — Because in his carriage to return the call I made
at his house about a week before, while he was in the country — and expressed his apprehension
that I was not well. — By some means or other I will contrive to see him, before I leave town,
as I cannot help thinking it very strange my groin will not entirely close up. — I
see by the papers that little Miss Parkinson is married to a Mr. W. Tringham, at Hackney —
which I suppose you have seen. — as also the death of "Miss Catherine Elizabeth Brittain,
youngest sister of Capt. Brittain, R.M.", who married one of the sisters of Charles's wife. — I
am glad to hear so good an account from Sophy of the welfare of the animals, with
the exception of poor ~~Had~~, who seems to be quite "hard up", and fit only for the Pension
list. — I expect to see little Polly quite in the pride of her full plumage tomorrow, as
she was molting all over when I saw her about 3 weeks ago. — I have no news to
give you my dear Lathu — Hope the Dr. and our Monkshuborn friends are quite well.
as well as all friends around you. — To dear Mother, Sophy, and William I state with
you, give my kindest love — and with every prayer to Heaven for your health and
happiness. I remain, my dear Lathu — your affectionate Son John Septimus Roe.

I will enclose Sophy a list of the Trunk's contents — but cannot send the basket now, as I forgot
to bring it away from the Admiralty.

P.S. Monday Morning - Being about to close my trunk, I am obliged to conclude my dear
 Father, but without being able to add much to the enclosed letter. I dined with the
 Adm. yesterday - met General Mundy & 2 others - he was silent upon the Duke's resignation,
 except to hear what was thought about it at the Admiralty. - It appears quite certain that he goes out.
 Several are named as being likely to succeed him - as Lord of the Admiralty - among which
 the name of Lowry appears most generally accepted - The Adm. & Lady K. are going to
 Brighton in about 3 weeks - they enquired after you and all hands - and I gave you
 best respects - The Adm. thought it shabby in the extreme - then not allowing my
 pay to go on during my short vacation - in which opinion I do not think
 even G. R. Owen himself will differ - God bless you all -

To

The Rev. James Loe

Rector of Newbury

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