

John Murray the Second

Albemarle St

July 7. 1840

My Dear Sir

I send my best thanks for the most remarkably interesting which you address, from Syria, to my Son whose absence in the country, induced me to open & read it - with the greatest delight I assure you what a fortunate Man you are - you must surely have been born with a "City in your mouth". I scarcely enter into your gratified feelings upon the discovery of Lycia with the remains of its Antiquities, Arts, Coins & Inscriptions &c &c. I have at my elbow your "Journal" & looking at your former route as traced on the Map - I only wonder how you could have avoided making the discovery on your former Tour - for I observe that you penetrated some distance into Lycia & that you travelled through the whole of its Coasts. As it is I most heartily congratulate you - I never felt anything like the desire which I still feel, even to set out immediately & trace your footsteps. but although I cannot now do this it is with no small satisfaction that I can tell you of a Gentleman who actually left London yesterday (Monday, Morning) to do so.

Edw Fellows Esq

This Person is Lord Monson, with whom I have had the good luck to make acquaintance within this ten days. He called upon me on Friday last & upon my asking to what part he was about to travel in, he said Asia Minor upon which I asked if he had seen the Journal of Mr Fellows - "Mr Fellows!!" he is my delight I have got his book by heart, & I am going on Monday next to trace his "Footsteps" I had sent your Letter to Mr Greenough one of the Secretaries of the Geographical but immediately sent for it forwarded to Lrd Monson by Saturday post at Gallan Post, I received it back on Monday morning with a note expressive of his grateful & happy as he says to have the good fortune of meeting you at Mirich which I anxiously hope, he may succeed in doing. I have communicated your Letter also to Mr Hamilton who sent Col^l Leake here, since I began this she read it sitting beside me - & last & not least - your friend Mr Austin, who deserves to be most kindly remembered to you, has this moment left me after having read the Letter with much gratification.

Having I have you contemplated on every plan for transporting some, at least, of the Treasures which you have discovered to this country. I long very much to see & converse with you upon this most interesting subject - My Son is standing by England & is at present in

Derbyshire - but we shall be at hand to receive you on your return.

With the kindest wish

I remain my dear Sir

Most Faithfully Yours

John Murray

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