

My Dear Friend

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I hope by information rec<sup>d</sup> here, that I may now congratulate you on Mr Pottifors return & arrival in a perfectly restored state of health, its may be probable I fear that an occasional head-ach may arise, but I trust on no such way to create anxiety, & if he (as advised) does not give it out that he is fully returned, but only to re-into business a little, he will allow his self by returning to Mr<sup>s</sup> Pottifors & the Children for 2 or 3 days, instead of engaging at once too constantly, He is returned to an excellent & judicious Nurse, in whose hands he can entrust himself & will unite in acknowledging that Merciful Providence whose gracious appearance in different instances at this time has so favourably interposed, such experiences ought to alay our fears & solicitude under trials more than it generally does. You my Dear Friend place too tempting a bait before me in your society to be easily given up, & if I can be assured that it will in no ways interrupt or interfere with your visiting Mr<sup>s</sup> H. Pottifors if at that time will enough reward to be benefited by causing to you, or with any other plan, the thought you suggest proposes in me with urgency that we may not have such seasons of mutual intercourse to be much renewed at one, or at least at any age, but I feel I own, earnest to improve it, yet so circumstanced am I by one friend or other or one concern or other, that I do not think I can with ease spare 3 or 4 weeks with you till the latter end of next month, that however is a very delightful season, when the autumnal beauties of the year are just approaching, & every object with its various tints, is in the season I have almost most enjoyed, but from the alloy that is every day abating. Now I hope you will be as perfectly free as I am, & if 6 weeks hence, should not meet you to receive me, that you will candidly say so, & tho' I could not I think hasten the time, I could delay it, for I



was so pleased with my Coach & Cashman last year, that it will be a ready & agreeable  
employment at any time, I hope my friend if this promise be to meet this year, it  
will be granted to me with the same I am pretty from my friends, yet every word  
helps to me, the uncertainty of all engagements here being, we know not what a  
day may be long felt & had I have gratefully to all my Dear Brothers perfect  
service, yet I could not regard his constitutional state in a different light than  
I did before, & feel the present pleasurable design in that respect with a degree of  
uncertainty, tho' with great hope to be a tract, because my saying more having been  
the ability & especially inclination to his employ than formerly with very  
sincere regards to Mr. P. & myself, I have to Mr. P. my affectionate regards, & the  
Museum, I remain

Very truly & affectionately yours  
E. Clark

Thursday July 13<sup>th</sup>  
My Brother & Sister desire me to add their  
very sincere & best regards  
I have quite omitted one subject in my letter & which I had felt in my running a  
while of dwelling on, the very pleasant & sweet day I spent at Paris, with the  
opportunity of some time with your dear Grandsons, than I could have had when I  
visited them twice before, how did poor Mr. D's words in my saying Dear Jack for a  
few minutes exemplify his sweet & tender attention in attempting to catch Dr. Lister  
Christ, & one with activity, who to all your company of Jack, & indeed both  
that themselves the D. offering so in earnestly, one a gun upon one with most  
striking attentions, I do hope you my friend, with their fellow a brother will  
be long persuaded to witness their growing & amiable virtues & their comforts to  
you all, My sister is quite in spirits when she hears about Jack.

Handwritten scribbles and a red wax seal on the reverse side of the letter. The seal is circular and partially broken, with some illegible text visible around it. There are also some faint, illegible markings and a large, dark smudge on the paper.



Saturday 13 July 1811

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