

which we are engaged may be speedily
expected & animated with sentiments of
the most affectionate friendship & respect

I remain My Dear Sir,
most faithfully & truly Yours
W. Rose

Daniel Montagu Esq.

Liverpool 23rd Jan. 1849.

My Dear Sir

I ought long ago to have thanked
you for your very kind remembrance of me
in sending me your observations respecting
the punishment of death, which arrived at
a moment when I had turned my attention
towards the same subject, with a view to
publication. I was therefore earnest to
learn your sentiments which I had flattered
myself would in all points be in perfect
unison with my own. Judge then how
greatly I was surprised to find that we
differed on the very threshold — that you
seemed to consider anger & revenge as being
not only allowable but necessary, whilst
I had supposed that benevolence was the
only true foundation of penal law. In
support of your opinion you have adverted to
the authority of several distinguished writers

some of whom have carried it to a much greater extent. This subject thus treated, from such a quarter & at such a time, appeared to me so important that I could not proceed further without paying it the utmost attention, & either admitting the validity of your statements, or endeavouring to substantiate my own. As I found the former impossible I have been obliged to undertake the latter. Having however once been compelled to dissent I have not hesitated to do it fully & openly; & in the little work which I am now about to publish you will find yourself placed in the front of the battle & assailed with such arguments as I have been able to bring to bear against you. I wish however - confess that I am in hopes this opposition may also serve to attract discussion on the subject, in which case I feel confident you will sacrifice any personal feeling

(if it were possible that what I have said could give rise to it) in the hope of effecting some substantial good. That the present moment is of the utmost importance we must all perceive & I cannot but think you will be better pleased with any opposition that may throw light on the subject than by the greatest honours that mere authorship could confer. In this spirit, & with a deep sense of the essential services you have rendered to the cause in your different publications I send you the beginning of my work, in which you will find your publication referred to in a manner which I trust you will not disapprove. - If however you think that I have misstated your argument, or mistaken your meaning I trust to your candour to tell me so with the same freedom as I write, & it certainly shall not go before the world till I have at least given it a full reconsideration. Uniting with you in earnest wishes that some regulations favourable to the cause in