

London April 16 1832

Rev. J. B. H. Clarke

From



Kerwick. 16 Apr. 1832

Dear Sir

I have this day received, & read with much pleasure your Sermon. The momentous truth which you have forcibly impressed upon your hearers that national sins bring on national punishments is one of such I am deeply convinced, & have at all opportunities endeavoured to enforce.

I have great pleasure in telling you that in this town also the day of humiliation was most properly observed - as much indeed to my surprise & satisfaction, for few places stand more in need of reformation. The churches were in like manner well attended in other parts of this country, according to all the accounts which I have heard; only at Carlisle, which is one of the most thoroughly corrupted cities in the nation, there was a public profanation. But as the week has been throughout England a ~~marked~~ season of solemnity manifested a holy day, which strengthens my hope that the visitation of Pestilence has been appointed in mercy rather as a warning than as a punishment; & the same mercy which put our trust in it, will bring us safely thro' all dangers, & send

by them as we now are. In that hope & trust, I am enabled, through  
God, to profess my soul in peace.

I remain Dear Sir, with many thanks  
Yours with sincere respect

Robert Southey.

