

Rome Bath April

28th

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may approach. On second
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on Tuesday morning, in the
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not perfectly convenient for
you to give me a minute or
two of your time, you
will probably let me know -

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Theodosia's state,

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Yours truly yours
much obliged

Wm. Woodhouse

W. Woodsworth

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April 20, 1839

Arrangement for
interview

Private

J. J.

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WORDSWORTH, WILLIAM (1770-1850).

Poet laureate. Bath.

A.L.S. to Thomas Spring-Rice (1790-1868).

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He has been told by his son of Mr. Spring-Rice's kindness "in a matter that nearly concerns me", and intends to come to London; he makes an appointment to see him.

This affair may have concerned Wordsworth's pension, for Spring-Rice was at this time Chancellor of the Exchequer. The letter is printed in The Letters of William and Dorothy Wordsworth, The Later Years, Ed. E. de Selincourt. Vol.III, No. 1297 (Oxford, 1939.)