

" To my Lord of Carleile.

My Lord: Trust for Certaine & soe the Kinge
willed mee to wryte unto yo^u for hast, & because
the Kinge is in greate busines, that on
Thursday about Midnight Cerkin fled from
his Company at the Towne of Tanton and
tooke noe leave nor licence of them, a good
number of well horsed men, bene after him
in euery quarter. And thus have yo^u well
told more of these tydeings come vnto you
at Woodstocke this morninge the thre &
Twentieth day of September

L^d Bathon.

From Ms. Dodsworth I. 82.

My dear Ellis,

I am most happy in being of the slightest use to you, and on the other side send an exact transcript of the Letter in question. The Quoth, for Quoth I believe it to be, is copied as near as I could copy it.

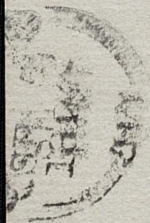
I have not seen your second series (For it came in sheets to the Bodleian, & is not yet returned from the binder) though I mean to be the owner of it, or I should have been glad to know whether you have taken the other ~~letters~~ ^{letters} in the Dodsworth volume relative to Perkin. If not you may as well have them, at least to illustrate your own copy.

It strikes me that the Westminster Reviewer (I abominate the Review, principles, writing & all) fancies you ought to have read it. R. d. Richard, supposing Richard to have been the Bp of Bath & Wells. I have no copy of de Vere at hand, but if I remember rightly Fox was translated from Bath in 1494 or 1495 & Perkin's discomfiture did not take place till 1497 when the Bp was not a Richard.

My poor little wife has been unwell, without any visible cause or any acute indisposition for some time: I cannot prevail on her to leave home, & yet I cannot but

think the Sea would set her up. Still I know not how to urge
her going just at present, for our man & maid have chosen to
marry & she has chosen to get so large that there must be
a temporary secession. She two fools! they suited us in every
respect, & not content with ruining themselves, put us to a world
of inconvenience. My best regards to all, & M^{rs} Phipps's kind
remembrances to yourself. Always yours P. Phipps.

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Henry Ellis Esq.

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London.

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11. 3. 1822

My dear Sir,

I return on Sundays so late that I could not, by any possibility, write to you last night, and even now I know not in what terms to address you. To your kindness and partiality, if I am successful, I owe everything, and I never can forget my obligation. I would willingly express how very warmly I feel all you have done to promote my interest, but I am unable to say one half of what I know you deserve and I most willingly acknowledge. Indeed, my dear Ellis, your conduct towards me has been such as to call forth my sincerest gratitude, and for the rest of my life I trust I shall shew you how much I value your good opinion.

If I am so fortunate as to obtain a situation in the Museum, I hope you will continue what you have begun, by being my adviser, my support and, may I say, guardian. I know not I have any good reason to dread it, but I cannot but imagine there are those within your walls who do not regard me with complacency. I am unconscious of having given offence to anyone, and if I have ever expressed myself warmly towards yourself, it has been for this plain reason, that I have always known you better than any other person connected with the establishment, and have, upon various occasions, experienced the most ready assistance & kindest treatment at your

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hands. Again, I say, be my good friend always, and spare yourself of my most steady adherence and sincerest gratitude.

Knowing how your time is taken up, I scarcely dare ask you to write, and yet I am very anxious to know how matters proceed. Perhaps H. G. will be the medium of communication. He is a warm friend & an excellent fellow.

Lord Spencer did write directly on his return home - and I by this post write to the L^d Chancellor & Speaker, and to a friend who I fancy has the means of getting to Lambeth via Cambridge, that is getting Col. French the member for the Sister Union. to apply to the archbishop.

I earnestly hope Mr. Ellis is well & that you are both more comfortable than you have been. We have all our trials, & yours have been truly severe, but I trust time and resignation will overcome them.

St. John's Coll. March 11, 1822. Yours sincerely & obliged friend
Philip Mills.

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My dear Sir,

My attention to the Athenae has alone prevented my writing sooner to you, to inform you of the recent discovery of a great curiosity in the book way - such a one indeed as I had no idea of being instrumental in forwarding - but so it was. - Some months since a very ingenious young friend at h. Ch. came to me at Godsey and asked me if I knew of such a printer of old as dwelt at along flut in the Poultry, one Richard Hele? and whether he had ever printed a collection of Christmas Carols? My answer to the first part of the question was, of course, very decisive, that there was a printer of the name, dwelling at the place supposed - but as to his having printed any Christmas Carols I denied it flatly, stating that so as to his having printed any Christmas Carols many very diligent literary antiquaries had made the search of Christmas Carols and other early poetical, or I should rather have said, metrical, curiosities, their peculiar study, that I was confident in my own mind no such volume existed, although a fragment of one, still earlier than Hele's time, had been noticed by Hearn, Warton, and myself, in the new edit. of the St. Alban's book. My friend persisted that he had seen such a volume, and thought he could procure it, upon which I earnestly begged that he would do so instantly, and if I could have prevailed upon him to tell me where it was, I firmly believe that I should have journeyed after it into Northumberland or Cornwall. The fortunate discover of this treasure was not so fortunate as myself. He suffered the book to remain unacquainted after, till he went home this vacation, and then purchased it, I believe, for a few shillings. You will wonder perhaps at my being so prodigal, but I think every little anecdote respecting this curious book interesting to a person who can so well appreciate its ^{rarity} ~~scarcity~~ and intrinsic value, as yourself. Well then - fortnight since the volume was actually brought to me, & I at this moment have it before me. After the specimen afforded by W. de Worde's fragment of the boar's head and the hunting carols, I confess my expectations were highly raised, that I fancied we might here meet with a variety of interesting ~~bits~~ passages, which would elucidate early manners or illustrate ancient times - but I was disappointed; for curious as the book is, I find nothing that will ^{afford} ~~occasion~~ the slightest additional information to what we already possess on these subjects. Yet ~~the~~ it ^{affords} ~~will~~ ^{affords} us some idea of the customs of our ancestors, as to their reading, and the strange mixture they endured in a volume professedly for

How to describe the two next I know not, nor have I room for either of them; but two
verses of the second will suffice to shew that neither of them have much sense.

"Ipse vocat me
an apple is no pære tree
In ciuitate Dauid
Gehit. &c.
Notum fecit dominus
by the byll one knoweth a goose
In ciuitate Dauid.
Gehit. &c. (a)

(a) I should have stated that this is the
burden to be repeated at each verse;
"Gehit. gehit. gehit. gehit.
dus ful gehit hodie."

So much for the carols, which you will allow are curious - If you think any further
extracts will assist you they shall be heartily at your service, for I take a perfect
copy into of the whole book. Excuse this long story, written in a great hurry and
with many interruptions, & believe me, yours most sincerely,

Philip Skelton.

Will you as soon as convenient look at Ms. Reg. 3 to XII, an Exposition on Deuteronomy
by Thomas Good ~~the~~ Gude, & let me know if it contains any trace of the author,
who forms a new, but very short and uninteresting article for Good. If it does
let me have early intelligence of it, for he will occur shortly. I have got to the
E.E. of the new book.

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Forwarded by Mr. Harding.

Philip Skelton
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Philip Bliss

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