

Sir

It would have given me  
pleasure to comply with the request  
of an admirer of my revered father  
and moreover a dilettante in a  
Court once inhabited by Johnson.

But I do not possess any detached  
autograph of the late S. J. C. that  
is not already promised away. I  
have been obliged to refuse I even  
Lady applicants who were my personal  
friends. and to be plain - the few  
memorials I do possess of my  
parent are of greater value to  
myself, than they can be to any  
one else. I appreciate however  
the compliment implied in the request  
and am Sir

Your very humble servant

Harley Courne

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