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Letter to Timothy Wiggin

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R. G. 23/11/82
London Nov. 10th 1828

Very dear Friend;

When calling at the house of
the Rev. Mr. ~~Spang~~ in Birmingham I found
he had gone to Oxford: and as I intended to
go through that place on my way to London
Mrs. ~~Spang~~ inclosed the note of introduction with
another letter, from the Rev. Mr. Johnson lying
by her, viz. since Mr. ~~Spang~~ went from home, and
addressed the envelope to him at the house of the
Provost of
Oriel College Oxford, This she begged me to deliver.
I had therefore nothing further to do at B.
but to take some rest, (which I much needed
having slept very little in the coach) and be ready
to set off for O. at 6. o'clock.

We arrived at "The Angel" Inn about three
in the morning: and after a few hours sleep
and a refreshing Breakfast, I called (half after
nine) on Mr. J. at the house of the Provost of
Oriel. I found him alone taking breakfast
and preparing for the delivery of his sermon
he being the appointed preacher for the mor-
ning. It seems that the Divine Service on
these days is performed in each College separa-
tely, and that the officers & fellows of the several
colleges meet in St. Mary's Church to hear
the sermon only. The Preacher, however, previous

and the whole solemnity conducted in the most pious
manner. When I contemplated so many young men,
all communicants at the Altar, worshipping in an
audible and reverent manner the God of Heaven
and pouring out their prayers & praises with one
voice thro' Jesus Christ, I could hardly believe my-
self on earth. The insight, though faint, which St. John
has given us of the celestial worship made me almost
fancy I was in coming to England mistaken in the
path which led me, and conducted to the happy place
where we all are longing finally to arrive.

After prayers were over we repaired to the Provost's study. I can not say too much in praise of this gentleman. I think if I were to describe from so short an acquaintance, a most perfect gentleman scholar and christian minister, I should desire the Provost of Oxon's name for the picture.

I am sorry to add that from the conversation with
which the Rev. Mr. ~~Sney~~ ^{Spang} hon'd me, I have but faint
hopes of success in the errand which brought me to this
country. He is the particular friend of the ^{namely Opponent} ~~the other~~ party
of New York and, as I understood, had seen him on his way
to London. Trusting however in the directing & sustain-
ing hand of the Good God who "hath hitherto helped" I
shall go on, I hope in the way which his holy providence
shall point out. If I fail I hope and pray for a
spirit of resignation. ~~The being my helper,~~ not a con-
demning word against them, nor an unforgiving eye
ble against my offenders shall escape my lips.

I have taken lodgings at No. 10. Feather-stone
Buildings near Holborn, where I hope now and
then to receive a line from one whom I shall never
cease to love.

Please to make my respectful compliments acceptable
to Mr. W. Do not forget me when speaking to Miss Lallier
and to your lovely children. Ever most gratefully yours
T. Chase

With hope to have
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