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- 5 ? April 1 (Advert) 'Good grass for horses'
- 6 ? Oct 22 (note) 'going To the Cennell [Kennell] with the Bich....' [bitch]
- 7 1801 Oct 24 (note) 'the maid has deceived You and me.....'
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- 9 1808 Jan. 3 (Letter) 'Dear Brother & feloow Prisoner, Rec'd Yours & With Concern of Mind I Read it not as a Laughing Jest...'
- 10 1808 March 25. Cook's 'character'
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Undated

- 14 Rhyming Letter
- 15 Letter to Miss Caroline (Tower, of Weald Hall Brentwood Essex.)
- 16 Proposal of marriage (of convenience) per 'Morning Post advertisement, to Miss Tower, of Ongar. (or alternatively, her sisters!)
- 17 (Note) from children's nurse, to (?) Mrs Tower
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- 19 (Letter) from father of a female boarder, to Mistress of Boarding School. (re- 'buggs in the house').
- 20 (note) re 'I sen you the plat [plate] nex Saterd Weeke [next Saturday week] if that will Serve.
- 21 (note) Re pedlar's goods
- 22 (note) "Sur I hav Been to townd to day on Beesns..." [Sir I have been to town today on Business]
- 23 (note) 'com and half baptise the child as it is very ill.
- 24 (note) 'Mistake in your Bill. (of the Yoeman Cavalry)
- 25 (note) Mr Newman demands the courtesy title Esquire from the Rev. Mr. Tower.

Accounts:

- 26 1809 April 24 'Nicks Expences to Wencer with a Dog
- 27 1811 Mar 25 'Settled all the Ballence...'
- 28 1811 July 20 Wages Roll
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- 30 (undated) 'prices of the pickells'
- 31 (di) Shoerepairer's bill (?facetiae)

To Home [whom] this may concern/
James Butcher the Bearer/
Hear [here] of Leved [lived] with me a /
year Sarvent,[servant] and I naver[never]/
found aney [any] Disonesty [dishonesty] by/
him. In His years/
sarves[services]. He Leved [lived]a year/
with Mr Bush, and a year/
with Mr Herrington, next/
nabours [neighbours], I never Heard/
aney [any] Desonest [dishonesty] of him,/
North O[e]kinson/
July 14: 1762 Sam^u[Samuel] Sumpner

This is to giv [give] notic [notice] their [there] will be avelod [allowed] Cap & a Nedele Work/
Was cote [waistcoat] played for at foot ball on Fryday [Friday] the fift [fifth]/
Of October at the Green Man at Foot Hill/
Stanford rivers to be Gin [to begin] persisley [precisely] at too[two] a klok [clock].

Cristefor [Christopher] Towers Esq [esquire] of the Costam House/ £...s..d.
 One of my Exsecketors{executor}/ _____ 200.0.0/
 Mr John Collbach [the other] Excecketor[executor]/ _____ 200.0.0/
 Cosen[cousin] John Brett halfe[half] brother to my/
 Brother Shaw / _____ 200.0.0/
 Cosen[cousin] PterPeter] Brett Juner halfe[half] brother to/
 My brother Shaw / _____ 200.0.0/
 Mr Gorg[George] Shaw first cosen[cousin] to my Brother/
 Shaw / _____ 200.0.0/
 Mrs Peak, sister to Gor[George]Shaw first cosen[cousin]/
 of my brother Shaw / _____ 100.0.0/
 Cousin Samell[Samuel]Taylor Esq [esquire] in Sinn one the a/
 [c]ount of his Charity for my brother Piliup[Philip] Taylor/ _____ 100.0.0/
 Cousen[cousin]Charls[Charles] Egleston [10 pounds] for life / _____ ~~100.0.0~~/
 Cousen[cousin] Andron Taylor Esq[esquire] of Linn my Land/
 in Lincon[shire] my brother [Shaws] Closet[closet]/
 of Books/
 Lady Coll:back/ _____ 50.0.0/
 The Wedo[widow] Shaw Lady Shaw/ _____ 50.0.0/
 Our Daughter Mrs Rebecka Shaw God daughter/
 Of my sister Shaw / _____ 100.0.0/
 Cousen[cousin] Shetelworth N[i]ese[neice] to Lady Collb / _____ 100.0.0/
 Mr Gorg [George]Shaws daughter/ _____ 50.0.0/
 To Mr Willum[William] Shaw Deceased first cosen[cousin]/
 To my Brother Shaw Eldest Daughter Mary Shaw/ _____ 50.00.0/

his youngest daughter Rebecka Shaw/
God Daughters of my sister Shaws/ _____ 100.0.0/
to Mrs Borcoys first cosen to my Bother/
Shaw her Daughter Margaret Borcoys/ _____ 50.0.0/
to Mrs Peaks three Children each of them/
fivety [fifty] pound a pese [piece] / _____ 150.0.0/
To Lady Shaw of Eltom Daughter of [sir] Barnad/
Dieten my bother Shaw's brillond [brillant] Diamond ring/
William Shaw Esq [esquire] of Cheshnut my brother/
Shaws gould repeting wock [gold repeating clock] /
Madam Bunnel of Upton Essex nere Stratfort/
My brother Shaws gould snoofe boox [gold snuff box/
Mrs Standlock of Leatheboud lury/ [ivory] _____ 100.0.0/
Mrs Martha Loyd of Cheme [illiable]/ _____ 50.0.0/
Mrs Sanders wedo [widow] of Captin Sandrs Wumston/ _____ 100.0.0/
Mrs Halle Wedo [widow]/ _____ 50.0.0/
Mr Arnall Beby/ _____ 50.0.0/
Mrs Smith Wedo [widow] of Cpt John Smith _____ 20.0.0/
Mrs Elinor Romble at the Cross Keys/ _____ 50.0.0/
Mrs Elizabeth Skenner at the Woster/ _____ 30.0.0/
Mrs Right the Carpendrs [carpenters] wife / _____ 20.0.0/
To my too makes [maids]each of them teen [ten] pound/
For a legacy/ _____ 20.0.0/
To my too makes [two maids] each of them for morning/
Teen pounds a piece/ _____ 20.0.0/
My Berring[burying] Charges Rings included. (church bells) _____ 200.0.0/

to St Hollos [Halos] Barken Church/ _____ 120.0.0/

to by [buy] a Pulpit Cloth[clothe] qusen[given] and Cloth for/

the common Table of Crimson Velvet/

With a Gould fring curtins[gold fringe curtain] of crimson/

[illieable] silk for the orgen[organ] loft/

to twenty [twenty] ould [old] mades[maids] whos[whose] names you/

will finde reten[find written] in my one hand each of/

teen[ten] pound a pese[piece] inclosed[enclosed]with my will/ _____ 200.0.0/

to twenty[twenty] Wedos[widows] whos names are reten[written]/

with my one hand each of them teen[ten] pounds/

[enclosed] with my Will/ _____ 200.0.0/

to twenty poor housekeepers who names are/

reten[written] in my one had each of them five/

pound a pese inclosed [apiece enclosed]with my will/ _____ 100.0.0/

If any of these pearsons[persons] should dye[die] before/

me I desir[desire] my ex[ecutors] to put others in thar[there]/

names ~~if any of these pearsons here named dye [die] before me/~~

Have there legacy given to other Charitable uses /

Mrs [Medlecot] a larg[large] Bible with five/

Elfrey[Ivory] clasps a smale Cabnitt [small cabinet]of Tortershal[tortoise shell and/

Ivory with the strand that belongs to/

it my Ring with Emrod [emerald] in the middle/

of it round with small dimonds[diamonds] in the[there]/

I order to be berred [buried] at St Donstons in the/

Same vovlt whare [vault where] my Dear mother and/

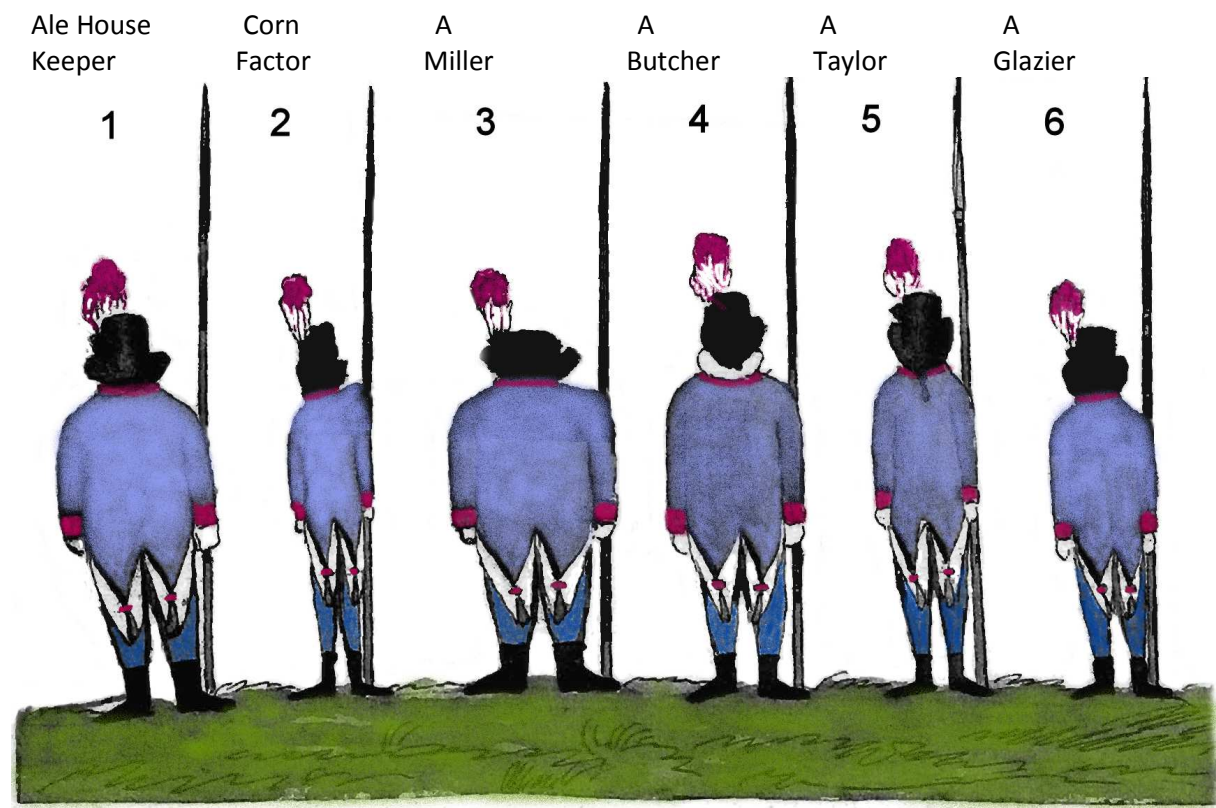
Sister and Dear Brother Shaw to home I [illieable] my [illieable] my Bread./

Ys[this] Enteared and I doe[do] order Mr Plukros/
 belonging to the Apols brey * Company doe[do]/
 see me Deseantly Enterared as my dear/
 Brother Shaw was but noe[not] beled/ [bled]/
 Coffen nor Leden Coffen[lead coffin] I desir he may/
 have a twenty Shellen[shilling] Ring[church bells] and I may/
 have the Best of Coffens with my coff/ [coat]/
 of arms thare [there on] and the best/
 of shrouds my coffen quilted / [quilted]/
 and in whatever ~~money furniture~~ or/

House Deeds/

[left] Housell Lenning[house sale leaving] or ~~bonds~~ or rings/
 ore[or] Gould [gold] toys I desire most of may be sould/ [sold]/
 and given to the Poor as my ex[ecutors] shall/
 think fett [fit] my warding a parell[wardrobe cloths] and body/
 [I]inning Excepted the disposal of which/
 --I will order in one hand righting[writing]/
 to Mr Bodycof teen pound in memery/
 of my dear brother shaw-----/
 aind if any of the parsons named herin/
 Should dye before me order my execeketor /
 Give thare leggesey'[their legacies] to poor decreffed ~~parson~~ / [deserving]/
 children to bind them to industrius trardr/ [traders]/
 to get onest liveng [honest living] who Parnets are not able/
 To provide for them/

Commanded by Capt Charles Tower



Loyal Hemel Hempstead Volunteers/

I am happy to have this opportunity of testifying/
 how high a sense I entertain of your Loyalty and/
 spirit in coming forward in the very handsome/
 manner you have done, in defence of your King./
 and Country at this awful crisis./

You are deserving of these colours, which I present/
 to you with the utmost confidence that they/
 will lead you or to honor [honour] and Victory, if/
 the enemy of our Country should dare to put your/
 spirit to the proof, and when the service of/
 the day and past, these Colours will remain a lasting/
 memorial to your of the honor and courage of/
 the Loyal Hemel Hempstead Volunteers, and a trophy/
 to your Children, and to your Children's, Children/
 that you know how to estimate the Blessings/
 you enjoyed, in the best of Country's under the/
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most virtuors[virtuous], and patriotic King/

Greenwich April 1st

Good grass for horses – long tails three shillings/
and sixpence per week, short tails two shillings/
and sixpence per week – this difference in the/
charge is because the long tails can whisk off the/
flies, and eat when they please, while the/
short tails be running about all the day/
not able to eat nothing what some devour/

Good grass

Going to the Cenall [kennel]/
with the bitch about [illegible] /
a of Jack Dogs was running/
about a [illegible] going to find/
The hounds [illegible] the Dogs was in/
the parke a gaine[park again] this dog/
that uses [you] make yous [use] of was hunting/
In the parke
22nd October

Octo '24 1801

Mrs Abreys Hum Con {humble conveyance} to/
Mrs Tower and the maid has/
deseveid [deceived] you and me on/
monday noon if pleas [please] God/
I will wait on Your Honou[rable]/
Porson [person] and Informe you the/
reason/
I hope your Honourab [honorable]/
Porson [person]took no cold/
after her at my house/

Madam/

I write to inform you I ham [am] very/

week [weak] and porely [poorly] a [nd] now my first hillness [illness]/

had blood vessel borst[burst] I laid day/

and night before the doctor cold [could] stop it/

the doctor hord [had] me go out for the hare [air]/

I cot [caught] a cold and was laid up again/

I have a bad cof [cough] I can not get the/

better of it. I ham verey sorey [very sorry]that/

I cool [could] not com [come] at my time as was set/

I cannot pres uppon [press upon] your Goodness/

to stay for me I ham verey sorey [am very sorry]/

it is wat plase [what please] God lay uppon [upon] me/

I ham [am] your humble/

Sarvant [servant]/

Eliz New/

April 4 1803

Little Milton

Neat Tetworth

Oxon

London Jan 3rd 1808

Dear Brother Fellow Prisoner/

I rec'd Yours and with concern of mind I read it/

not as a laughing Jest. Butt has [as] a mother of concern. A/

whaghty [weighty] form. I was much Cast {ink spill} at the working of/

Unclean spirit which hath, An Abiding in your/

Tabunable[tabernacle] and mine, here in We are, Brothers and fellow[illegible] /

fellows for has [as] You. Say you do not know why the lord/

has Placed you So far from his holy Place or Why this/

your Banishment for having at that time to Appear Before/

the Sitting Magistrate at Westminster to show cause/

Why I shall not serve his majesty King George then I /

fear'd that I must be Plungde'd in the Armys of the/

Uncircumcised in [this] earth and Be Driven the Lord only knows/

where. Butt through Much Mercy the Lord Delivers/

Me out of there Hands, this appears to me for a triale/

forethat in the Persuaness of thy will in My heart. I have said/

I did not. Mind When, I Went to, But When the Triale/

came, I Begged of the Lord to deliver me Which being/

Done. I Rejoiced in Heart On the next Sunday I read/

Yours again. And with much satisfaction for it was [savoury]/

In the afternoon I took it to our friend Carps [corporal] A [illegible] Boing had there/

it Somewhat Displeased them. They Considering that they/

were This helps. Giving way [illegible] All that I /

have Said Can Make Them think otherways. that way/

That I took your meaning in that matter was that

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friends could not assist you no more With money .And that/
 the Lord Must Stand by you and Deliver you out of your/
 Present Distress_thus far I can say for my D- [dear] friends/
 That they have. Giving to the Uttermost of their Substance/
 On your behalf and that being done I believe/
 that they with Others are Begging of the lord/

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for your Deliverance and Welfare I therefore Promised that if it was/
 possible I would obtain a Right Understanding of the matter from/
 your Concerning this helps in What manner of them Giving. We/
 therefore if my Demand is not too Pointed I hope. You will Grant/
 My Request. When Convenient has I think Satan is] Busy in/
 Business. Dr [doctor] Sam e [Samuel] By your complaint I perceive your wish B. know/
 Wherein you have offend the Most High or What, He means to Do with/
 You, in this matter. I Cannot Answer. Your Brother has followed/
 some years ago. I was in Very [illegible] Providences and to the Best/
 Of remembrance, at this time My Constant forgiving of the Lord. Was/
 wherein that I had Sinned that the Lord should thus deal with me/
 After James Manther Exercised the Inquiry of same in [illieble]/
 Days concerning the Man Born, Blind with the Lord answer/
 Eased My Mind that is that neither him nor his father/
 had sinned. More than any other Better that the Power of/
 God might be made. More, Manifestly I cannot find in your/

Epistle. nor. Any foreman [illieble] at your going has/

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I think that you had your way Marks' to go by. What the Influence/
in every time of trouble, his desire and prayer/

Sacrifice on this Excellency of A Broken Heart the earth/
and likewise the Prophet Hosea 8. 11. where his [illegible]/
to sin others Shall be made Unto him to Sin by which/
it Profit a Man in the thing Where of his now/
ashamed, from Your testimony and My Views of Your/
Leaving London at this Time. I do not see Wherin/

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your G[illegible] his if any. Therefore I must Leave/
the matter Unto the Teacher of All Hearts Who by his/
foreknowledge of All Things to come, Therefore, the words of W. Hart/
Hymn 25 Page 171 are Expressive to Communicate/
Unto You. My thoughts at Present to my Mind I/
would unto God that they May Reasonable Apply Unto/
you for Jehovah. Jesus is well having of this and/
all that fill their Need of him See 107 Psalm/
Joiah 44. that I have mayith in the Exercise of Receive/
faith. May Be Enabled to [illegible] An the Sure Word of/
Phophersy Which is Able to keep You from falling/
and in the Accomishment of fulfillment Can/
Deliver You out of All your Troubles Which I/

hope and beg Will be your happy Case and [illegible]/

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in Every Time of Trouble his the Desire of Prayer/

[illegible] of Your fellow Suffering friend/

Remember me in love to your dreams. I had like to have for [illieble] /

her thinking of other matters./

N. Edwards./

I have taken the CL from Mr Co I cannot know where/

Ann your niece his to be found. I see no just cause/

Why your should not have the Waistcoat if you/

are in immediate Want of them – I have not Seen/

the Maid of Bloomsbury Since I Rec'd yours/

the last time I see [saw] her. We were talking About you/

I told her then I thought you had something/

Else to attend too then. Doll Shops which [illegible]/

To Me to see the Care Rastith News Stands Mr & Mrs/

P. Desire to be remembered unto you. When you send/

By letter for they would not trust your letter-the post/

Office therefore they send me has [as] they did old granny. /

Letter to Mr J

Week Castle

Rear Brentwood

Essex

Emily & Amelia Towers

Weald Hall, Brentwood.

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This letter was written by Lady Mary

At Bath giving the character of a Cook

[Dear] Maddame Bathweek Street March 25 1810/

Haccording[According] to your Request I have wrote to/
you concerning Ann Nicholls – Shee[she] came to my house/
in the service of Mr Cozens as Kook [cook] and Housekeeper/
Both Mr&Mrs Cozens tould [told] me that shee [she] was an/
Ex-solent [excellent] kook [cook] and when I went there found her clean/
In her selfe[self] and everything in Brent I herd [heard]/
from any person but that she was sober and strictly/
Honest shee [she] has kept all my things bright and/
Clean/

From your Humble servant/

Revd [Reverend] Sir,

Mr Cressey informs me he waited on your/

desire that you informed him nither him or any/

Other person should have the Box and contents without/

the rest of the money was paid, & some of the things/

given to the servants That I ought be a ashamed to/

write the let^r [letter] I did to such a Lady as yr [your] Mother, did/

I think yr [your] Father or Mother were bankers. I beg leave/

to say, I do not retract the sentiments contained/

In that ltr [letter] £10 was suffiunt [sufficient] to have answered every/

expense of a decent Funeral for a Woman in her state/

[condition] And had the proportion been made to us we would/

have done her for that sum .But if those that ordered/

the business chose to exceed that sum, still I say/

that the intrest of the monies in Mrs Towers hands/

for many years would Reasonably; Have satisfied/

that deficiency without the Jack of Bankers/

I have known many Mats [masters] and mistresses hold servants/

money, and pay them interest and I am sure money/

is worth 5pen [per cent] any where. – With respect of the Crime/

Of “writing such a Lets [letter] to such a Lady I readily ad-/

mitt that Character_ should all ways be treated with/

Respect. I know not (Sir) if I am mistaken/

In my Bear of Nobility. But look in it in/

This way----1st with respect to its origin/

which is from above, how we are equally Noble, God/
 having Created Man in his own image Gen 1.27/
 2nd By blood God, hath made of one blood all nations,/
 Gen. 27.26. The 3rd is that which arisen from super-/
 Credibility personal Merit – and is not this the only Nobility/
 that Reason recognise,- for as far that species of Nobility/
 Conferred by the diplomat of Promise, if distinctive of these /
 peoples, can any calm displease man, esteem it/
 surely not, til [till] he can be perswaded [persuaded] that Beauty consits/
 Of Colour only, or he can admire a Monkey. For mimicking/
 Lyon! All, which Solomon, includes when he says/
 I have seen Beggars on Horseback and Princes walking/
 a foot you know [Sir] our Mother, spirit the greater/
 Lost of her life in the family, to the very better Pecuniary/
 Advantage, Both if you [env] invish upon having the [letter torn]/
 That remains we will pay for it, - But with respect/
 Moving away any of the things we will not comply/
 That must be left to own pleasure/
 then you will be pleased to let Mr Towers know
 [if] this meets yr [your] approbation and when & where we may
 [have] the box
 You will much oblige Sir/
 Yrs obtd servt [your obient servant]

Tho [Thomas] Hyde

No. 7 East Street Walsworth

June 2 1810 Geo: Cressey

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Chilton December 17th 1810

Dear Sir,/

I have sent you a goose, as an Esteem/

Of our regard for you and your family All/

tho [although] I had not the pleasure of seeing you/

when in the country. I was quite unwell/

a long time am [I am] better thank God a great/

deal but if stir quick breath short) I lives/

to any degree of ugureality [urgentancy] to avoid any/

Inflamation which your friend well knows/

if you should Be in the way [away] when it arrives/

you can send back the Basket by the Bearer/

and the same wagoner will bring it to us/

And I hope if you get some town Frends [friends]/

to Dine on it they will not think it a/

very bad one – Mrs Begs her respects to/

you and says have Mr., I. got any wife/

yet do you hear as the ladies are fond of/

Matrimony I shall allways Be happy/

to hear of your good health and A/

Comfortable Close Carridge [carriage] to wait on/

your Patients In as your Customers I /

hope will have no objiction [objection] to Pay Mr/

Higgs Lives so fare [far] from you I cannot/

trouble now. From your Ever/

Obliged [obliged] Humble Sarvent Cr [Counsellor or Coloner] & Mary Triker

Madam/

I Return you my Sincere/

Thanks for your kind/

favour Last year being in/

Great Distress being widow/

and have three Children/

the Lord has been pleased/

to take my Boy which is/

now Lying Dead most/

humble Salicutes[salutations] your/

kind Benevalance[benevolence] which/

will be most thankfully/

Receved[receivced] by your Distress/

Sevt [Servant]/

Am Davis

Widow

February 8 1812

1/

In the first book of Job ___ I now mean to quote/
Of the fifth and sixth verses, you'll find it thus wrote/
To Moses invited some Phophets[prophets] to dine/
And drink a few bottles of gooseberry wine/
Derry, down, down, down derry down/

2/

When Moses was placed in the chair in a trice/
And Acorn, his crony, debated his vice/
When the Glass moving quick &[and] the wine being strong/
Moses swore they shou'd' nt[not] stir till they'd each sung a song/
Berry down_____

3/

Some look'd asken Sir, at first Moses said/
But which I am Moses said, why you know, Sir, was I am/
he frankly decler'd [declared] that should any decline/
Me 'n [and] fine them a hamper of Gooseberry wine/
Derry down_____

4/

Little David it seems Sir, first was the choice/
For they very well knew he'd an excellent voice/
But he'd vow'd [vowed] he couldn't [could not] sing, they swore 'twas [it was] a thumping/
And poor little David, was fin'd in a bumper/
Berry down_____

5/

Rear admiral, Noah whom much had been said of/
 And his jaunt on the Water, w'ch [which] we have all read of/
 But liking their Gooseberry, called for a dram/
 And then gave them the song w'ch [which] he sung to young Har [Harold]

6/

Noah's Song_____ June leaving of the head/
 And bearing up to gain the Port/
 Some we be know object, had in Visur/
 [for] Abbey Tower, or harbour port/
 Which eir[ever] the flood, old Noah knew/
 While off the head the seamen flung/
 And to the watchfull pilot sung/
 By the mark seven/

7/

Ezckiel rise next sir, a very great smoker/
 But in lighting his pipe burnt his nose with tape/
 Being skilful in music, and proud of his voice/
 With exquisite fancy, this song was his choice/

8.

Ezckiel's song___June Knibble Pound/
 Why Moses, why har on [hear on] my boys,/

 I am glad I have much with you here/
 For Nebz, as all of you know/
 He is fond of a drop of good Beer/
 If you mean for to sleep all of the night/
 Why say sach[such] are your purpose and indentions/
 find d-----r[illegible] me,bah but we'll have a good bout/
 For I loves a full pot with my friends/

9/

Then Solomon rose Sir, in all his Glory/

And said he had much rather take them to [illegible] /

But the cry against that was a great deal too strong/

for they would have nothing, but Solomon's song/

10/

Solomon's song

I've kissed and I've prattled with fifty fair maids/

And changed them as oft do you see/

But all of the fair Damsels that dance on the green/

Dear Shebas, the Queen for me/

11/

Next Habakuk rose, for they them in cou[rse]

But Habakuk's cold, had made Habakuk hoa[rse]

He declared he con'd'not [could not] sing, any more than the moon/

But if Moses pleased he wd [would] whistle a tune, Lillabule/

12/

Jeremiah rose next Sir, as Moses desire/

Whom with Sir, mor wine c d [he did] ever inspire/

And in stains w^{ch} [with which] commemorations/

He sung them in verse of his won Lamintations./

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Jeremiah's Song _____ June Queen Mary's Lamentations/
 I sigh and lament me in vain/
 These walk but echo my moan/
 Alas it increases my pain/
 When I think of the days that are gone/
 Where the grate of my window I see/
 At the Boy's as at Marbles they play/
 I cry and exclaim out Aha me/
 I once ed[had] play better than thee/

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Then up rose Little Jonah, who'd look like a jelly/
 For he was just come Sir, from the Whales Belly/
 For three days and three nights, was he left to despair/
 But he'd sing to Moses what he suffered there/

Jonah's Song 15

Pease [please] rude Bore as blustering and ailer/
 Lift ye Landsmen ah to me/
 Informates hear a brother sailor/
 Sing the dangers of the sea/
 In the horrid belly part? Sir/
 Think on what I suffered there/
 Before'd to keep a dismal sink Sir/
 And to breath infections air/
 Brought, But fish, to feed upon Sir/
 And compelled to eat it raw/
 When my hopes were almost gone Sir/
[illegible] Left the monstrous jaw/

16

Then Sampson rose next once so powerful so big/
But at that time friend Sampson had just got his wig/
We related this tale of his dire mishap/
How his wife shaved his head, as he slept in her lap/
Samsons song,/
Oh, dear what can the matter be,
Oh, dear what can the matter be,
Sampson has lost his hair

17.

Oh that I na e,r [never taken] she'd have taken so sound a nap/
Oh that I na e'r [never taken] she'd have taken it in her lap/
Oh that I had but tied on my red night cap/
Then Sampsons neir [never] lost his hair/
Oh, dear what can the matter be/
Mercy on me, what can the matter be./

18

They next called on Job, as a song was his for/
Both they begg'd as twas late' that his song might, be short/
So he sung Chevy Chace, to a dismal Psalm tune/
Which the Prophets Oh thought would have lasted noo time./
Oh, dear what can the matter be/
Mercy on me, what can the matter be./

19.

Now mozes it seems Sir, who good hours keeps/
Whilst they [such] a singing why he sleeping/
But wak'd [wakened] by the noise Sir, of calling, Encore/
He bid them get home, for they sh[should] drink no more/

Chris^r Tho^s Tower Esq.

Weald Hall

Brentwood

Essex

20.

Well bred Aarron it seems Sir, all this took offence/
And swore want of good manners, shew [showed] want of good/
This caus [caused a dispute, some reflections were/

But for deacency sake, with not mention what past.

Miss Caroline/
I would not be so deficient to a correspondence/
Which I solicited, as not to take the earliest/
opportunity, after the receipt of your favour/
from my return home, to pay that immediate/
attention to it, which in the infancy of our/
brothers may be justly expected from me. And/
I am happy in informing you, that the subject/
of which your writing to me has commenced/
And relative to the transactions of a people,/
Who have made a most distinguished Figure/
In the annals of the World. The Romans were/
a People, who, by their attention to their/
Religion (such as it was) are supposed to/
have contributed to bring down the Blessings/
of the true God upon arms, which/
subjected the greater part of the then-known/
World to their dominion. And if serious/
and conscientious regard to an erroneous religion/
which was the only one those times admitted of/
before the Christian Religion made its appearances/
In the world, engaged the great Sovereign[sovereign] of the/

Universe on their side, because they acted upon/
to their best convictions, how much more may/
Christians expect the God of Hosts will go for/
With their enemies (which we earnestly pray/
he will now do with ours) and shower down upon/
them temporal prosperity (the blessings of/
his left hand) as long as they really practise/
What they profit, obedience to the pure laws/
of the Christian Religion? For we may depict/
Upon the fulfilment of every word proceeding/
From the Scripture of Inspiration, and upon/
some more so, that what you know is contained/
in the book of proverbs, that "righteousness/
excelleth a Nation". And whatever [whatever] is found/
in the Holy Scriptures is infallibly true, You/
could not have turned your thoughts to any/
thing likely to be attended with more improvement/
than to a Nation raised up by the Almighty/
to be an instrument in his hands for the/
accomplishment of many of his good people/
in this world, Among the four great kingdoms/
the Alsyrian, Perisan, Grecian, and Roman/
the eather[ether] contributed its full share. The history/
therefore of that people, in several stages/

-its rise and decline, is reckoned to be one of the/
Most necessary parts of knowledge, and the proper/
Pursuit of all young people. Though the Romans/
As I said, were in some measure the favourites of/
Heaven, merely upon having acted under the/
Influence of a most imperfect Religion; yet/
these same people were the most ambitious of/
all Nations, and turned their arms against any/
people, who stood in the way of that Ambitions/
waded through an Ocean of blood to accomplish/
their ends; and, in that respect, as you justly observe/
~~Their~~ much resemblance to our ambitions, and/
excel neighbours, the French. I had no/
apprehensions, when I made the proffer/
upon exchange of sentiments with Miss/
Caroline Towers, that they would have been/
of a less trifling nature, than I have found them./
And this first entrance upon our literacy/
intercourse commenced. With anything so/
mostly thoughtless, or a jeremiad
I am afraid I should have given less/
Encouragement to the continuance of our/
Correspondence: but being assured, that/

your studies are more profitably employed/
you may depend, that, as long as you/
shall find either profit or pleasure/
from hearing from me, I will never/
disappoint your expectation of an early/
notice of any subject you may be pleased to/
favour me with, I remain Miss Tower/

Hearty well-wisher/

And humble servant/

J.E.Pitts

Rectory

Wednesday Night

Miss E Tower

Myliss

Ongar Essex

A.B.F. Esquire desires the editor with/
 enclose his advertisement according to the/
 address above and should Miss E Tower/
 decline his proposal so offered; as/
 he considers the main duty of his life is/
 to make some one happy; and not deeming/
 inequality of age any objection humbly/
 requests that she will transfer his/
 address to her sister in _____ Dean Street .Soho . Dec the nineteenth/

M.P. {Morning Post}/

Matrimony – The Advertiser, a Young/

Gentleman, of sound fortune, of an ancient and highly /

Respectable family and connections, with a disposition anxious/

To promoteth happiness of those around him is disposed to enter/

Intpo honourable estate of Matriomony, with a Young Lady,/

Od similar sentiments, whose fortune would secure independence./

Or has not any objection should the Lady's age be more than/

his. For the Advertiser is aware that it is his duty in life to make/

some one happy. Underthese circumstances, years would be/

no bar with him to matrimony.-Letters addressed,post-paid,/

to A.B.F. Esq.to beleft at 45 Dean Street, Soho, will be/

duly attended tp. The strictest honour and secrecy may be/

fully relied on./

Madam,

I ham [am] happy to inform/

you that the Children are/

quite well and in very good/

Spirits. Miss Caroline and Miss/

Enlor sends their love to brother/

And sister no more hat [at] Present/

From your humble servant/

E. Pr[octar]/

E Clarks' best respects to Mary/
Ann Thackray and as she/
wished to know the result/
Of her Mother's determination/
with respect to the servant/
she enquired about on fifth/
day she may inform her/
that she has engaged him/
for a month upon trial/
and that she will be/
at the White House this/
Day three weeks/
EC hopes her friend M.A.T./
cold is better this morning /
Second day morning/
from/
E. Clark/

(This sheet is addressed to M.A. Thackray)

*Copy of a letter actually sent to/
the Mistress of a boarding school/
near town by the father of one of/
the female boarders _____/*

“As I ad [had] a good heddication [education] myself/
I am hintisely[instantly] ashamed for to see/
wat mannor [what manner] that Lucy has bitt[bitten] by/
the Buggs. And it is my desire for/
hur [her] to slepe [sleep] in the bed what she/
always do, and not for to slepe sum [sleep some]/
time in wum,[one] sum [some]time in annuther [another]/
for to fede [feed] all the bugs in the/
ouse[house]. For I think that be not rite [right]/
nether shal [neither shall] she do it/
so I remane[remain] yours/

Miss C Towers_____/

I sorey [sorry] to tell you that/

Miss Trippe Cupe [cup] the plat [plate]/

I sen [send] you the plat nex [plate next]/

Sater [Saturday]] weeke if that will /

Serve/

[H. Hozier]/

May the 5, I am very [illegible] in/

but when yu comin [you come] you are all/

ways in gut [gout] next and my morning/

In so had I was na [not] think of/

what I have to sa [say] that/

from think to say been papt ept [patient]/

most boy of P Shady/

you sick comes they/

every pon [everyone]/

but beg to see you if/

Parcel sent/

My goods/

Sur I hav[have] been to tound [town] to day on/
 Beesns [bussiness] and the things will Bee rady [be ready]/
 to Morro[tomorrow] at too[two] a clock I haw/ [have]
 seen the GentehMan [gentleman] him self/
 and I will go in the morning arily [early]/
 an [and] I fetch tam[them]./

Sir Mrs Taylor/
 would take it as/
 a grat [great] favour if/
 you would com[come] and/
 half babtise the/
 child as it is/
 Very ill/

Bridgen

Mae [Madam] I am very sorie ther [sorry there] should/
 Be any mistake in your Bill/
 But my youngest Son is goon [gone]/
 to town I under stan [understand] he left/
 Son [some] of it Soo [So] I can 't teel[cannot tell]/
 Wether hee [whether he]was paid or Not/
 the Boye seas [boy says] he left some mosis [monies]/
 Not paid so I must leevet [leave it] to/
 you to seerted [settle] it as my soon[as soon as]/
 Will not be home./

Mrs Newman has to observe that/
 His commission in the Yeomanry/
 Cavalry, being signed by his/
 Majesty entitles him to the address/
 of Esquire, as much as being/
 in Holy Orders, entitles Mr Tower/
 to that of Reverend/

Brentwood

Wednesday the [hour] five

Accounts

1809 Apriel the 24

Nicks Expenses to Wencer/

With a dog 3 days charge 0.9.0/

Do [ditto] dog scep...[dogs keep]..... 0.2.0/

Gigg to Ride & th [the] dog 0.2.0/

Do [ditto] 3 nights Login 0.3.6/

Farmer over th worker [the water] 0.0.2/

 £0.16.8

I rec'd Ten and Sixpence/

Dw [due] aupon th Balance 0.6.2

1811 Setteled all the Ballenge Betwene[balance between]/

Mrs Emeley & Mrs Carelion [Caroline] Tower for/

Marh [march] 25 a Bill Delivered/

By one John Wingrave/

July the 20 1811/

Paid Charl Hindals Bill 14/

Paid collop 4 day and half 136/

Paid Kaind[b]od 2 day and/

Half y6/

Paid the son 2 day and/

Half y6/

Paid the boy 39/

Paid the boy 26/

Pd 289/

October 10th 1823/

		s.d.
4 Crows		1.0/
1 Jay		1.3/
1 magpay[magpie]		1.3/
6 Hedhog[hedgehog]		1.0/
2 otters		1.0/
6 House Cats		6.0/
7 Pole cats		<u>7.0</u>
		16.6/
Mr Colyar	4 arges	2.6/
Mr Begges	Ditto	5.0/
Mr F tley		2.6 /
Mr Bright	Ditto	1.0/
Mr Bright	"	1.0/
Mr Reeve	Ditto	<u>2.6/</u>
		<u>18.6/</u>

Mr Bigges for Beons Fasentto --- c/ 15/

£	S.	D.
	16	6/
	10	6/
	<u>15</u>	<u>0/</u>
<u>2</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>0/</u>
	<u>3</u>	<u>/</u>
<u>2</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>0/</u>

Madam/

acording to your Desier[desire] of have/

sente [sent] the praise [price]of the pickells[

Yours to cummand [command]/

Winnyfred Giffin/

Murcharones [Macharoons]	5.6	a bottall/
Couccumbers [Cucumbers]	5.0	a 100/
Wallnuts	6.0	do[ditto]
French Bens	2.0	a gore[gross]
	2.0	do/
Culle fluer [Califlower]	2.0	do/
Carets [Carrots]	2	do/
Larg Turey/		
Coucumbers [cucumbers]	1	a pese/
Rose water	2	a bottall/
Yeller water [elder]	2	do/
Penyriall	2	do/
Water	2	do/

Squire Delhurst D' to J Walton Shoemaker

		L . . S . . D
Dec 24 th	Clogged up Miss	0 . . 0 . . 10 /
	Heel topped Madam	0 . . 0 . . 11 /
Jan 7 th	Mended up Miss	0 . . 0 . . 2 /
	Toe capped Master	
	Turned up, clogged up and	0 . . 1 . . 6 /
	Mended the maid	
Feb 1 st	Heel tapped Miss	0 . . 0 . . 3 /
	Lined bound up and put	0 . . 4 . . 0 /
	A price on Madam	
__th	Stitched up Miss Kitty	0 . . 0 . . 3 /
	Soled the maid	0 . . 0 . . 1 /
	Tapping Madam	0 . . 0 . . 6 /
	Putting a price on Master	0 . . 0 . . 2 /
		<u>£0 . . 10 . . 2 /</u>

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J Walton