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## The Fuller Family Letter Collection

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Edward Hall, c.1932

















































is/ to go through to morrow[.] I wish it had been done/ sooner – I have great hopes from it – the Leeches/ are to be placed on each side [of] the Nose, Mr R[umsey] will/ attend to place them – [I] suppose we shall scarcely/ see your Uncle Saml if the weather conti-/nues so cold[.] [I] hope he gets better[.]  
my love/ Your ever affect[iona]te Mother/ Mary Fuller/

Benj[ami]n[']s cold is better/ Sunday afternoon/

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Feb. 3.1805/ Mr J Fuller/

Letter 8 [from Stratton] page i

Dear John/

As I cannot go out to day I have sat down/ to write you a letter[.] the leeches were applied yesterday/ again & tomorrow or next day Mr Rumsey is to/ apply a Diachylon plaister so that I shall not be/ able to go out any where for I shall not like to fly/ about the country with plaisters upon my nose./

The Sale of the Books took place last Thursday[;]/ it was not so merry as it generally is[.] indeed there/ were very few books as there are a great number in/ circulation among the outsides. Mr Ja's Rumsey alone/ of the Outsides was present[.] <sup>1</sup>Mr King was gone to/ Wycombe[.] he has gone 2 new livings of West Wycombe/ & Haulton to be held till Sir John Dashwood[']s third/ son (who is now 10 years old) is of a proper age to hold them./ so I suppose that Mr King will withdraw/ himself from the Society. There are 2 new inside members[.] Miss/ C Baily & Mr G Suttbery Junr & one new outside/ one of the young Brickwells[.] the society is very different/  
[followed by a few words of shorthand]

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I have enclosed a volume of Pope & likewise the/ ticket & the Key; I have read half thro' John Wilkes[.] some of the letters are I think rather trifling but/ infinitely better than the previous edition that the/ Society had./

How does my uncle Sam[']s arm do[?] I hope it continues/ better, we have had tolerable weather lately but to/ day is very dull. I suppose you have not rode on/ horseback since xmas[.] I had 2 pleasant rides with/ Samuel but have not rode since. Samuel said that/ the Major has no horse fit to ride at present - - /

We are all pretty well & desire our love to you[.] my mother has got a pain in her face[.]

yours affectionately/ Stratton Fuller/

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<sup>1</sup> Rev. Isaac King was chaplain of the small hamlet of St. Leonards and secured the temporary appointment at West Wycombe to augment his income. However, the trustees at St. Leonards would not accept pluralism, so he resigned his position there in favour of the larger parish where he prospered, eventually becoming mayor of Wycombe.



































































































Decr. 9<sup>th</sup> 1805/

Mr J Fuller/ N 9 Gt St Helens/ London/  
[franked - ] WALLINGFORD/ 49/ DEC 11/ 1805/

Letter 50 [Diary: 10 -15 Dec., from Benjamin] page i

Dec 15<sup>th</sup>. 1805/

Dear Brother/

I left a very particular thing out in my last/ letter which is that I hope you will bring your pocket full of money/ when you come as I cannot wait any longer for my money or I should/ not have written so soon to you/

You know that my father was not at home till the afternoon/ of thanksgiving day. I went to meeting in the morning & heard a/ parcel of old fellows pray & when they had done John Sexton made/ a pretty good oration for about a quarter of an hour. As I was/ going I overtook old Edwards who told me that there was a rumour/ that when my father came home he would be asked to preach a/ sermon & have a collection for the patriotic fund on the next Sunday/ which was at Church that day where they collected 16£[;] when/ my Father came home I told him of it but he said that he/ would have nothing to do with it[,] however on the Friday morning/ Sexton, <sup>2</sup> Sleep & Surman came up to ask him/ & after a great deal of entreaty prevailed[,] when they were all/ going away & I had got into the hall Mr Sleep came back & said/ to my Mother [""] you have been a kind advocate for us indeed[""].

my Father had a slight cold in the morning but in the evening/ it was very bad indeed & he lay in bed on Saturday/ till three o'clock but was so much better in the evening and next/ morning that he preached in the afternoon & the collection amoun/=ted to £28.8.8 as you have seen by the newspaper I suppose[.]/

Helas told me that<sup>3</sup> Mrs Dearing is dead & has left all her money/ to Thomas Plaistow[;] she may have left him a great part of it perhaps/ but I should hardly think all[,] it is reported [that] she has left him/ eighty thousand pounds/

I want to know whether I should send your gun to Andrews[.]/ I do not think it is very rusty but perhaps I had better send it/

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as I suppose you mean to shoot when you are down here[.] I have/ seen a great quantity of .... [felts?] about here & they all seemed to go/ that way. Your little horse looks very well[;] I do not know whether/ I should have any[thing?] done to him but I suppose not/

My Father has sent to Stratton to come the finest of the three past/ days of this week[&] my Mother wants to send Sam for him but he is not/ to go this time[.] I am afraid we shall quite break him sending/ so many letters to him. My Aunt has had a letter from Bath as long/ as one of parson Supple[']s sermons but not a word of Dr Walker[,] it is/ all about carpets & paint. I suppose you have had the parcel that/ was sent you on Friday. I am sorry you

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<sup>2</sup> Rev. James Sleep , Hinton Baptist Chapel 1772 - 1811

<sup>3</sup> The Plaistowes had been lords of the manor at The Lee since 1635. Elizabeth Deering was a Plaistowe before her marriage, so Thomas must have been a relation.





































































































































Mr Lowndes is much better/

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Decr. 13<sup>th</sup>. 1806/ Mr J Fuller/

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