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No 11

Dear Son

Allerton-your Birth-day.

I receiv'd both yours, & wish y<sup>e</sup> Health & Success in your new Function. It happen'd well if your Fellow-Traveller would not suffer you to take Naps; and tho' she might exercise your Ears a little more than you wish'd; yet I freely excuse her, and think you should. — I was in Hopes the B.<sup>p</sup> would be civil: the Failure you mention was, I presume, merely a Slip of his Memory. Should not the young Man have been caution'd against divulging what he heard? — I am inclin'd to suppose that Day did about y<sup>e</sup> Conclusion of February. I did not apprehend you would hear any thing at Welby, more than y<sup>e</sup> did. But certainly odd means were us'd to draw you into a Negative, as is most evident from your Conference with our Friend Waterhouse.

We were no less fortunate in Weather returning from York, than going: but our present Weather surpasses an ordinary Stock of Faith. To call it nitrous is to say nothing, We have had Ice several mornings successively; and this very Minute my Sensations scarce differ any thing from what I found in the great Storm. But we are content, and more than content, on account of Sir Chaloner; who before now, we doubt not, has turn'd his Back on y<sup>e</sup> Lizard.

I have not leisure at present to consider you as a young Cleric; but when I come at Sheffield, you may perhaps be mortified with a few serious stricts on that Subject. At this time I can only inform you y<sup>e</sup> we are going to celebrate y<sup>e</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> which brings you to the full Clerical Age. Your M<sup>r</sup>. would needs saddle you with a great more; and she maintain'd her Point for some Minutes against

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I have not leisure at present to consider you as a young Cleric; but when I come at Sheffield, you may perhaps be mortified with a few serious Hints on that Subject. At this time I can only inform you of we are going to celebrate of Days which brings you to the full Clerical Age. Your M. would needs saddle you with a year more; and she maintain'd her Point for some Minutes against both Mr Dawson & me. Concerning y<sup>r</sup> Friend Martin what shall I say? I'm afraid he is still demurring! Tho' he may possibly pop in before Dinner. We were yesterday distributing M<sup>rs</sup> Raines 100 among our poor Graduates. Our Neigh- bour Riddesdale got a Portuguese Piece, which relaxed his Muscles. But his Settlement was so dubious, if he had like to have been struck out of our List.

My Barrow cost me 30<sup>s</sup>. about Twenty years ago Pray my Compliments to your Chum. Whether will he or you give me a Sermon first? You I expect will be creeping to Deighton; but he I hope, will favour me at this Church. If he ask when, tell him next July. I wish I could have said May. Can you not anticipate y<sup>r</sup> Degree? The Company here send jointly their mulas & felices. which will be toasted by & by in the Parlour. — I believe you will find it necessary to exercise a new Talent this Winter, and wish you could learn to write Standing. — Your M. continues well. M<sup>rs</sup> R. dare scarce  
 Yours most affectionately  
 J. Balguy.  
 Look at her.

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To M<sup>rs</sup> Tho: Balguy  
at S<sup>t</sup>. Johns College  
Cambridge.  
By Causton.

NO<sup>W</sup> HAMPTON

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