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Sir Thos. Lawrence

Wednesd. October the 20th.
1812.

I am returned my dearest Friend, on the whole, greatly
improv'd and benighted by my delightful Tour;
tho' I was so foolish as to give myself a
Cold on Friday at Lyons, to whose house I
walk'd from Gloucester, and in the way, because
I was hot, windy pull'd off my great coat.

I returned but yesterday - I was delay'd at
Worcester by the Mails' coaches being full,
and Lyons would detain me till Sunday Evening.

Latou is very magnificent in highly decorated
Gothick, and its general Splendor has a grand
imposing effect much beyond my expectation;
but the things in your part of the Country

to see (Dear Liverpool excepted) is the country
hall and adjoining building by Harrison;
the interior of the former of which, is by
far the most beautiful ~~example~~ of Grecian
architecture adapted to modern purpose that
I have ever seen, and alone, well worth a
journey from this great Metropolis, which it
completely shames. No of a more calm and
tranquil effect, it is equal in loftiness of design,
to our journey from Bangor to Chapel Cavery.

The taste and penetrating genius which selected
the pure architecture of Greece for its model,
when all in this country was comparative barbarism -
the philosophic moderation, and serene spirit,
with which this fine artist abstained from the
splendid and profitable of a Metropolis to plant

the grandeur of antiquity in the solitude of
distant counties, are not sufficiently appreciated
by his country; tho' his name, it must be
acknowledged, is never mention'd here (in its proper
sense) but with the highest admiration. It is
infinite to the credit of Chester, that they have
they confided in his genius, and left it comparatively
unshackled.

My heart and mind are full of your
kindness and Friendship to me, and ^{will always} remember Mr
and Mrs (with their ~~kindness~~ and attention at Lymington.
It is solid serious delight to see so much happiness
in the lot of so estimable a Person as your Mother
now be afford home I seen Liverpool and it, for the

last time. — My next visit however will be of a
 quieted and settled nature at the former place —
 tho' if he goes on resolutely with his painting
 it is not improbable that I may accept Mr C's
 invitation, and dash down in the Mail for a
 Day or two, at some future time.

What was "a private Message to me that
 you, ^{once} mentioned during my stay

You cannot be more melancholy at Goodford
 than I am here; on ~~retreating~~ into this Fog of
 turmoil and trouble — but I must enter again
 on my pursuits and duties with alacrity, in
 thankfulness for the happiness of possessing such
 Friendship as yours, and for the short but full
 delight that it so considerably has afforded
 me — God bless you! All my Letters and Papers
 have arrived safe. — You remember me gratefully
 to Mrs and Mr Teakle and believe me I am
 and best Friend Yours most affectionately
 Edward Lawrence.