

TH 11/16
Paris 13th July 1802.

Dear Sir,

I should have written to you long before - but I have been quite unwell for this week past - I have been about leaving Paris; I have been prevented day after day - I am going into the South of France after passing thro' a part of Switzerland. I set off tomorrow for Basle. I have letters of recommendation to a demorelli of the Polynae family at Toulouse (Dutche of Polynae was favorite of the late Queen) I have other letters for Toulouse also. for which reason I shall probably make my principal stop there as in the neighborhood. I encounter a vast many observations from my friends here on the strangeness of going the very day of the Grand Fete. Many English are come over express to see it - Others are come from Switzerland - but in fact there will be nothing

at all interesting to see - I should have
no pleasure in it - I have friends here whom
I can rely on to mark any thing that
maybe worthy of notice, & as the
coach goes to Barle but every other day
& I am already full late, why should
I sacrifice two days to a sort of paltry shame?

I feel quite unable to write now, or even
to tell you why - I am always entangling
my affections in such a manner as to
make it painful to me to quit a place

I shall never be happy till I am
settled - but I have many things
to do first - I certainly mean to visit
& penetrate into the interior of China

The voyage is very important - I cannot
write upon it now - I shall assuredly come
to England first - You must not think
the undertaking desperate - it is difficult
but not dangerous - nor will it require very
long time. I trust I have the satisfaction of
accounting my adventures to you & in the parlour
at D. H., after I am returned from China, & of

Assuring you that I have not mispent my
time. — I will write to you
again very soon. Excuse this scrawl
Y^r Dutiful Son
Thomas Manning.

Direct your next letter to me.
Poste restante
à Marseille.



THE REV. J. M. MANNING
15 Dips Norfolk.
England.

47

10

