

Birmingham ² 31 March 1801

My dear Manning

I hope you received the long
note, and that it pleased you
by your not writing, I am fearful
there is some mistake, and that it
is miscarried — I think you can have
no reason for displeasure,

I am at last entered into Business
as a Stationer in Birmingham
The concern is very extensive, and
it is now established one,
and very respectable — I feel
myself quite happy, and

find that there is ~~nothing~~ like
Employment for the mind, without
it, we live in a World of
Chimeras — At present, I have
necessarily be fully employed here,
but by & by, I hope to be free a
little and able to see my friends —
and there is no one I should more
rejoice in seeing than you, and
when that happy time arrives, all
the Cobbe's ~~shall~~ will be small
affairs, and the result of our
friendship, free'd from the
dark of the surmises —
yours very sincerely
Robert Lloyd

Post
PAID

31 March 1801

BIRMINGHAM

[Large cursive signature]
Mr Charles Manning Esr
~~Mr [unclear]~~
~~Mr [unclear]~~
Norfolk ~~[unclear]~~



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My dear Manning.

I hope you received the Ivory safe and that it pleased you. by your not writing I am fearful there is some mishap and that it miscarried. I think you can have no reason for displeasure I am at last entered into business as a Stationer in Birmingham the concern is very extensive and it is an old established one and very respectable I feel myself quite happy and find that there's nothing like employment for the mind without it we live in a World of Chimeras At present I shall necessarily be fully employed here but bye & bye I hope to be free a little and able to see my friends and there is no one I should more rejoice in seeing than you and when that happy time arrives all the Cobwebs will be swept away and the souls of our friendship freed from the dust of idle surmises

Yours very sincerely
Robert Lloyd

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