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Dear Manning, You were a true prophet; I am heartily sick of my new situation, and if it depended solely on myself should give it up immediately in disgust. Exclusive, however, of the motives which first induced me to accept of it and which are equally powerful in inducing me to keep it Mr. Paine's conduct has been so full of kindness and civility that I sh^d. be very sorry to leave suddenly so as to put him to any inconvenience. I do not think, however I shall stay longer than Easter or Midsummer. I was very sorry to leave your Algebra in such a hurry but in consequence of a message brought me by Capt. Forman I was under the necessity of going in to Norfolk before my coming up to London. Pray is it yet published? if it is send me your bookseller's name that I may get mine & Capt. Forman's copy. I wrote some time ago to the girl who did live by the Physick Gar-

den" desiring her if she had any ^{thing} to communicate
to me to apply to you; I also told her to get a
Guinea of you in my name. Pray send me any cir-
cumstances you may chance to hear relative to
her, as, if she behaves well I shall certainly give
her every assistance in my power, but do not
tell her my direction as it w^d. not be at all
consistent with the dignity of a reverend school-
master to receive a letter with "the seal a blue loo-
knot, or an heart transfixed with darts, or the
wax bearing the industrious impression of a thim-
ble; or, the folds lovingly connected by a wafer,
knicked with a pin, and the direction written
in a vile scrawl, not a word spelt as it should
be." Rushbrooke has 3 guineas in his hands
which he owes me for books, besides the
money he will have to pay me for my fur-
niture; this I shall beg you to draw him
for and to discharge out of it (besides the afo-
mentioned guinea) my bill to Mr. Crisp, to
pay a guinea to Mr. Claxton for the
keep of my dog, to pay Mr. Gregory a few
shillings for books (I forget how many) which I
went away in his debt and to give my bed-ma-
ster a guinea, and desire her to put her son

to school the expence of which ~~but~~ till I can
I will defray. Don't forget to put down on the
debtor side of my account with you the money I owe
you for chuse. As Rushbrooke I suppose will not
be able conveniently to pay the 3 guineas together with
the furniture money you must get it by instalments.
You will excuse me I hope for giving you so many
commissions, and if you are not already overbur-
thened with them I shall try to add one more to the
number, w^{ch} is that you w^d call on Bowtell and
take into your charge a large parcel of books
which I left with him without any pro-
per directions about binding them -
I do not give any now as I almost forgot
w^{ch} the books were. I called upon Lamb
yesterday with Lloyd's letter having never
been able from one vexatious circumstance
or another to get to him before. As far as one can
form a judgment from a few minutes conversation
I like him extremely. Pray remember me kind-
ly to Lloyd, tho' it is my intention to write to
him soon myself. What think you of Theobald
Wolf Tone? Write to me very soon and a very long
letter; tell me all the news & every anecdote you
can possibly collect, when you have been and
what you are about. Write, write, pray write
God bless you & believe me
yours sincerely
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