

Dear Mr. Manning

1000 thanks for your nice
letter; - & in haste I write
to say, that one, odd, vol.
of Carlyle only is sent,
it being a book only
lent, to us, and others ^{was}
reading it. John says it
will serve for a specimen
& if you can send it
back soon, it will be very

convenient; and then, if you
like it, the first & third Vols
shall be sent, and also
Scott's life by Lockhart.

I hope you will come to town.

So says Ann Rickman.

to — Our very best

Wards to you & I am
Dear Mr. Manning

Your affectionate friend

J. Payne

The other books pray
keep as long as you like.

He bids me say that the
Memoirs de Tallemant
are very libre, but he lends
them, because they are ^{strictly} ~~authentic~~
and reckoned very curious
and a perfect picture of
the times, by the best
French judges.

J. Manning Esq.

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Thursday night

My dear Sir

Although you tell us so joyously we
 were very sorry to hear that you had
 been so much more indisposed than we
 were aware of during your sojourn
 staying here. We missed you very much,
 and the more from not having been
 able to believe you were really so well
 as to find yourself more comfortable
 at home.

I opened the package of your
 shirts (to count them over, I pretended
 to myself) and was astonished to
 see how fine they are. — I think
 I am happy to tell you, as I began
 with striking her back, — that
 Madame d'Abrantes has thrown
 away her flimsy veil of unrelenting
 injured innocence, quite; — in the 2^d
 vol. He says, "lorsque j'immortalisai
 à écrire ces souvenirs, j'étais
 fermement décidée à ne pas parler

Des personnes dont je ^{pouvais} ~~avais~~ avoir &
plaisir; j'avais été prise, j'en suis
trop pourquoi, d'une bonté, d'une
indulgence, presque maitre - &c -

and she begins telling and implying
scandal of all the ladies she disliked
and shews that it costs her nothing
to say anything. I saw Mr. Page

at the Rickmans yesterday morning
he was looking very feeble, but pleased
and content - They ~~were~~ - the

Rickmans - consoled with me
that you were gone, in a very
feeling manner, a chorus of
young ladies chiming in

When you will give us the
pleasure of hearing from you
sometimes, and if possible

that we may see you again
after the month of May. Are
you working very hard? but
if that is the case you will be
all the corner at Leisure. I hope
it will not be long before you
translate yourself into a christian
cabbage-selling land - meanwhile
I have popped 2 into 4th bucket.

No parcel from Sir G. Tatham yet
arrived. But a letter being come,
I will not defer sending, but
I should make its intelligence
too old. John desires his
very best regards, and I am
Dear Mr Manning

Yours most sincerely
J. Payne

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Dear Mr. Manning

We shall be more
than delighted —
say enchanted, to
see you whenever you
are so good as to come.

I write but you should
expect an answer

Yours very sincerely
S. Payson



Thomas Manning Esq
— Stephens's Esq
Ford Farm

From Mrs Payne East Grinstead
Sussex.

Dear Mr Manning

We long to have you here. Mr. W. Spencer
is coming on Thursday to stay till Saturday
Will not Saturday do? You shan't go to
the three Mins. I am determined I'll let
them know what I think of them if they
persuade you away from me. I never liked
such ~~shoppers~~ demure sly prudes, and they have
no business to receive gay gentlemen like Mr.
Manning, who belongs to us this best time
he comes to town.

Pray make Saturday do, - or Monday.
We have then no engagement, and great
will be our pleasure - If unfortunately
you cannot do this, will you come on Wednesday
when we have some good music here - But
that will be most uncomfortable to see you go

by only, and away the rest.

It is very odd that I meditated writing to you
when yr letter came, though now I have only
time to tell you how I hope you are
persuadable for Saturday or Monday.

And John says he has
a letter for you from David
Ever your Aff'd & Affec^d friend
A. Payne

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1832

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Mrs Payne

Thomas Manning Esq.

Orange Grove

Dartford

Kent

Dear Mr. Manning

I will not fail to give
you kind message of
congratulation; — but,
if you feel well on Thursday,
let us persuade you to
game impossible in our
behalf, and dine with
the Raper, the Kingstone,
and ourselves only, here
at six o'clock. You
shall have a welcome

on one side of you, and
a full blown on the
other, and both, all
three, will be very
happy if you come.

It is not worth mentioning
what the men think -
but John will have it
10, & 10 I leave him
to speak for himself.

My dear Sir.

We shall be very happy to
see you on Thursday being ever
Yours very sincerely
J. J. Payson

From Mr Payne

Thos. Manning Esq.
at Sir George Fitts Mill
29. Twentiethy.

Dear Mr. Manning

Again you see my
handwriting, it is because I
think of ^{that} Enclose you Mr.
Pickman's reminder to me, it
will amuse you. Conquer him
conquer him; - and think of
the good it would do us all
if you made him cry "Oh! again"

We are all in hopes that you
will come to London in the spring.

Mr. Kingston, Minette, send
you her best remembrance

Yours most sincerely
Sarah Taylor

London 14th July 1838

Thos Manning Esq
Orange Grove
Dartford

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Maple Farm, Kingston Aug. 11th

Dear Mr Manning

I don't know how it has happened that your kind letter which we were so glad to receive, is till now unanswered, — but not because the days slipped by without often thinking of you. We have been at Kingston these six weeks past, and in the house that was our old friend Mr.

Gerry's; — perhaps you have heard no speak of him. It is now just sold, and I fear we must leave it very soon, but whether we go next is not yet settled. Our time has been much taken up with friends who come down by the Southampton rail^{road} in half an hour. We have had the Lapers and Kingtons here, who all desired I would remember them to you when I wrote. Mr. Ball was so kind as to come down once. I make a half-promise

that we sh^d. again see him, but between our
two uncertainties, I don't now if we shall meet.
We hope to hear that Bath has been of service to
our dear Mr. Manning, but the weather has
been so cold and ungenial, so unhelping
to an invalid that perhaps it has hardly yet
had a fair trial. I think you w^d. be able to
give us good news if we could have a letter
after these holidays following. Supposing we
have such a blessing this summer, now is the
time to expect it.

Here is come the warm weather, since
writing the above, and I am sure you
feel the benefit of it, and that your
blinds are not pulled down to save
your carpet. I am whole mornings
working in the garden here, just like
a gardener, — except that I only do

mischief, — they tell me. We are going,
perhaps, to pay a visit in Staffordshire where
we leave this place. Of the winter I know
nothing except that we are not to leave
England. I hope we shall then be
near enough to meet; — and, if you
allow me to say so, that you would be
in some place of more easy access than
Dartford — to which there are no coaches
to take & bring back to London in the same
day. I hope Miss Manning is well, and
if with you, pray make her my kind
remembrances. We shall be very, very
glad to hear from you dear Mr. Manning,
and please direct to Pall Mall. This is
best regards & I am

Yours very affectionately
Sarah Payne



Thomas Manning Esq
25 Broad Street
Bath

19. Grosvenor St.
Bond St.

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Dear Mr. Manning

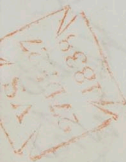
My eyes have been so very weak
that I have long delayed writing
to you, but not thinking of you, for my
mental eyeight is very strong to look
back upon former days with, and
I often wish we were not so far from
you, and hope that when you leave
Bath, it may not be for Dartford,
where there is no convenience for
your friends to come & see you; no
stages to take them back the same
day. The winter season I believe
is the most serviceable to invalids
at Bath, and so I hope you may
find it. I went with a lady friend
to Boulogne for two months this autumn.

and found John (who had written merrily
all the while) very thin and dull, and
like lumbago, and several other
ago's. - So I do not mean to leave
him ^{for} such a long time, any more.

We sometimes talk of how pleasant
it w^d be to go and see Bath, and
Mr. Manning and Aunt Sarah
& cousin Amelia, but I fear
it will only be talk; - however
I shall try. Mr. Ball ^{came}
to see us & tell how he left you
~~at~~ soon after his return from
Bath & I w^d have I ~~had~~ write
to you directly, but my eyes

have helped to hinder me. I go now
twice a week to Guthrie, who washes
a black-blueish looking lump, & then
puts some ^{fat} into my eyes with a painting
brush, and then I sit and smart
for a quarter of an hour, and go
home again when I can open my
eyes. I am sure it must be
good, it is so unpleasant.
There has been my cousin, Colonel
Henry Burney, who says he knew
you I forget where in India, who
wrote me the enclosed pencillines
that I might render their meaning
in my letter when I wrote to you
but as I cannot see to decipher

them I think send themselves to
 you. It would give me great
 pleasure to hear from you, and
 John also, and believe me ever
 Dear Mr Manning
 Your afftionate friend
 S. Payne



1090
 London Dec. 27th 1831

Thomas Manning Esq.

Care of Miss Burney

30. New King St. Bath
 Warrington

could we send you any rough
 reading books or do any
 thing for you in London -

Dear Mr. Manning

We returned to London about a fortnight since, from
Boulogne, and Dover, at which last place John left me
with the Kapers & Kingstons who were spending a
month there, while he went on to town & found a
lodging, in which we are now fixed for the winter.
We passed Orange Grove, but the stage could not stop,
and it seemed to go quicker than before while it drove
by your windows. I have just finished the ^{last} battle
of unpacking & putting things in order, and ^{having} turned three
times round, I have started myself for the first time at leisure
to write to you, instead of Mr. Fop, who tells me he could
not answer your letter by the carrier, because at that moment
he was exceedingly occupied. I have found one book which
I think will entertain you much. It is "The French Revolution
by Thomas Carlyle" — It is sounding enough, but it seems to me
one of the most extraordinary books I ever met with.
If you would like to send the carrier any day after next

Wednesday, we will collect by that time a few more
for gr. perusal, so as to make a parcel.

I saw Martin the other day, looking pretty well, but he
was out of spirits. He had been to see Miss Lamb, who
he did not think very well. Mr. Rickman recovered
both on Sunday & before last. He was in excellent steady
spirits, and Anne as essential to him as she ever can
be to any husband, and a little more too.

Mrs. Barrett is coming to town ten days hence to
keep an appointment with Mr. Carwright the dentist
and go back again ^{after} the next day or two, on account
of not leaving her Mother who she is most careful of.
Arthur is gone to Cambridge again, where he will learn nothing
more thoroughly than what I taught him about eternity
which he will never forget. I have a french
cat, white with a cinnamon tinted back, and a tail
such as only french cats and English fives boast.
I wish it was an easier matter to get to Hartford—

There was little to be apprehended in the
"Mountains of Tibet;— They wd merely
have requested Capt. J., in terms of great
politeness, to return; and have seen
him, perhaps, a little on his way; as
they did Mr. Manning, whose curious
"adventures by the way, after a lapse
"of more than twenty years, has
not yet met the public eye."

When are you thinking of coming up to London,
dear Mr. Manning? I hope we shall hear from
you soon — With best regards, and I am
very believe,
Your affectionate friend
S. Payne

Geo. W. Manning Esq