

THURSDAY
Dear Thomas

July 20, 1785

The packet of letters, to our great joy, arrived safe this day at noon. Your dejection of spirits was very visible when the coach drove away from Scote. I trusted that the journey and conversation of your fellow travellers would revive you. And I was confident that you would find yourself in so agreeable a situation at Yarmouth, that all gloominess would be soon gone if watered; if the sea-bathing did but agree with you: and shall send you very happy to find that it appears, at present, so to do. Your Brother would have been very happy to have met you at Yarmouth: and indeed he expresses more chagrin at not having had it in his power than true politeness seems to warrant, considering that he was diverted from his purpose, by making a visit to the ladies at Hollesby Hall. We went a fishing yesterday with Mr Scott, and his son and Nat. Deye at Horne Mill: we had tolerable good sport, we caught a pickerel of 2 or 3 pounds: and 4 or 5 brace of Perch just size enough to be worth making ready. Our diversion

was interrupted by thunder and rain, which forced us to retire from
the river and seek for shelter. We have had 2 or 3 tempests every day
for these four last days; and they have been attended with heavy falls
of rain: but not so much with us as ^{at} some distance from us, both
North and South. It thunders now this evening very violently at
a considerable distance beyond Eye. I expect we shall hear of
a severe thunder storm some where in the neighbourhood of Ipswich.
John Boston sent us word by Miss Routh, who came lately from
Bury, that Mr Lawrence is returned home; and opened ~~school~~ last
Monday; but you know nothing is ever done the first week; and
therefore it is of no consequence that we did not know it sooner.
I shall send your Brother the letter end of this week, or the beginning
of the next, as may happen to be most convenient. Edward Herrick,
I find, is to return to Bury. and I expect to hear tomorrow on
what day he goes. For your Aunt is to carry Fanny in the morning
to Bungay; and to bring back Sukey in the afternoon. Mr Barbado
called upon me; and happened to be here when your letter came;
I read it out before him; which you may be certain I should not
have done; had I not been confident it would do you credit: and
it appeared to have that effect, by the handsome manner in which
he spoke of it. He and his lady leave Ips on Friday. They go
first to Norwich; and will stay there on Saturday to see

the air balloon. After that you will probably see them at Yarmouth. Mr Layman is very glad
that you feel a glow after bathing; he [redacted] son it as a certain indication that you
receive great benefit from it. I can't [redacted] that you have yet had much time to
bestow upon your book. I would by [redacted] have you apply with too much attention
or anxiety at present. You are forward enough for your age. Make it rather your
amusement, when you are fully at leisure, and your inclination leads you to it. I
am very glad to hear you meet with so much civility from your friends at Yarmouth. I
am persuaded the joy Mrs Smith expressed upon seeing you was very sincere; for I believe
nobody possesses a more affectionate and honest heart. Pray make my compliments to her
and to Mrs & the Miss Watsons; and to Dr Cooper and his Lady. I hear you have been in
roduced to one of the young Gentlemen. It was a very obliging way of taking notice
of you. Your Aunt will take the first opportunity of answering Mrs Mancarke's
kind letter. But was too much engaged in preparing for her journey to Bungay to
be able to do it now. I have answered yours thus early because your Brother at
the same time sends a letter to Mr Adams. He will carry the packet to Scote:
~~and from thence~~ go to Bromley with Mr Austin's letter; for I thought it would be
the speediest method of conveying it to him; and would only agreeably lengthen
your Brother's ride. Your Aunt and William &c join with me in love to you and
in sincere respects to Mrs & Miss Mancarke. I am, Dear Thomas, your affectionate Father
Wm Manning.

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