

Newport, Isle of Wight.

Hon^{ble} Sir

I suppose you did not expect to hear from me in this part of the Kingdom. I agreed with Tubwell when he was at Dife to meet him in London on the 3^d of May, & go with him into Hampshire & Devonshire, where he ~~had~~ has been endeavouring for the purchase of a small quantity of land, we shall look at some offers that have been made him, & at the same time take a customary view of Hampshire Dorset, here & Devonshire. If I ever settle in England, it will, I believe be on some 10 or 20 acres in ^{some} these Southern Counties. So that my coming with him is by no means without a reference to my own future life.

We left London early on ~~the 2^d~~ ^{yesterday morning} & arrived at Portsmouth in ~~the evening~~ the evening about 6 o'clock after making an enquiry or two there we took a boat for

seeing various scenes in so short a time made me forget that yesterday was but ~~today~~

the Isle of Wight, which we thought would
be wrong not to see. when so near we
arrived at the shore & heard of it
after various troubles in landing from
the tide being ebb'd, & nobody choosing
to answer our calls from the village
(of Rida) ~~we~~ our boat man set us on
shore with our little boat mentioned
& left us to our fate; for if he had staid
5 minutes to usher us into the village
he might have been unable to get his
boat off - so we proceeded up to the
village & were pleasantly surprised
to hear the cyglenes walking by
the side of the road - we came to a
pubic house kept by a widow lady &
three beautiful day maids, which
together with the night maids (not to forget
a glass of punch, made it quite romantic.

This morning we set off early to walk
to Newport (10 miles) where I am now
writing. we shall proceed immediately
to two or three other interesting points
of the island, & then depart for Fencham
near Portsmouth, where we shall look at
some land. I thought perhaps I might not have

a better opportunity of writing than now
for we mean to proceed very expeditiously
to get back to London as soon as possible
Of course I am in great haste. I thank
you for the letter I received by William
I am yr affc friend
Wednesday morning. T. Manning

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