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papers

Rev^d Humphrey Esqr. Abbott

Beckley House

Warrington

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Mr. Bosc. he offers his duty, but forgets to have
all good wishes, which he sends for you, when he hears the
letter has

Coxley House Jan^{ry} 13 1818

My dear Nephew Humphrey

The kindness of your late Letter to me I received with great pleasure as an additional testimony of your unswerving attention as well as for the very satisfactory intelligence it communicated. And as a most sumptuous Bridal Cake arrived last Friday evening, and the Courier on Sunday announced the glad tidings that the happy event had taken place on the preceding Wednesday as proposed, I can no longer suppress my Congratulations on this happy occasion. My feeble hand indeed is ill able to express half the portion of felicity I wish may attend Yourself and your amiable Bride but I trust that both will accept the sincerest and most ardent wishes of my heart. I cannot but consider You peculiarly favored in having your choice directed to such an estimable Companion for the remainder of your days One who is seemingly so well calculated for promoting your domestic comfort and whom every Relative and Friend approves. I shall feel impatient to become acquainted with my new Niece and I trust I may construe the kind hope You express of introducing her to me in the Summer into an intention of your bringing her to Oxford where You may be assured I will exert all my best abilities to make Coxley House as accommodating as in

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my power but both the Rector of Washington and his Lady must abstain
from their recollection at the time the better comfort of their own Manse.
but variety gives a zest to the feast and you will return with a still higher
relish for the more desirable enjoyment of your Home. I rejoice to hear
of Mr. Lathrop's good health and of my nephew Crainings' improvement
in strength. I hope he will be induced to accompany you to Oxford. I can do
nothing with his Tenants but bear out my Lungs in swearing them for
their Rent. Old Badocks House is at last levelled with the Ground and
all the neighbourhood singing Hallelujah for the riddance of the nuisance.
My dear Page was much gratified by your kind recollection and
quite carried over his piece of Cake. He says as we all do that it is
super excellent. Mr. Sewell declares it to be the best he ever eat and
exclaims Oh why did not I marry? He desires I would not omit his very
best Congratulations and best wishes both to you and your dear Spouse.
He hopes if you visit Town you will call on the old Bachelor at the
Office and give him an opportunity of felicitating you on your happier
state. I am most truly glad to hear that Richard has encouraging
prospect of obtaining the Living of Canwick. It is indeed on every account
most desirable and I am sure the flock cannot have a better Pastor.

I hope you have before this intelligence from Ireland and favorable of
all our family Relations. I cannot attempt sending you any Copy
Dress for till Term begins there is nothing interesting going forward and
the University is not pressed as thin as before. Mr Sewall has had but
little enjoyment of his favorite amusement of Chasing as the Frost was of
very short duration, and the Ice very indifferent, a poor Lad an Apprentice
to Hallett in St Clements took in and died in consequence of taking
Cold which brought on a Fever that terminated in seven days. We have
had too several other mournful incidents lately. Sawell the Hair Dresser
has just lost his Wife very greatly lamented, and indeed the Wife
she is I believe one of the best Characters of her Sex. Her Husband is not
suddenly seized with a Tronzy and lies in a hopeless state. Madrials are
are desiring for Prayers, and warn me that dinner time is fast
approaching. Indeed I ought to have had more consideration than to have
intruded so long a Letter upon you at this interesting era when I dont
doubt that congratulations are pouring in from all quarters. I will now
therefore only add my best Regards and best Wishes to my niece and
yourself requesting you will present them most affectionately to all our
dear Relations at Cavendish, not forgetting the Evergreen Virgin and all
other Loyal, active Friends and believe me ever My dear Nephew very truly
your Affectionate Aunt
M S Sewall.

Washington July 13th 1857

Received of the Revd Humphrey W. Sibthorp Nineteen Guineas in
lieu of all claims I have or may have against the Estate of the late Mrs
Elizabeth Horne of the Township of Heighington deceased

£19-19-0

Witness

Joseph Sewell

George

Hodson



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Washington July 1857

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Joseph Sewell

Thomas Mason

Sewell

