

James Esq. 11th 57-1821

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Dear Sir

Friend H. More.

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I cannot delay thanking you for the books you have been so kind as to send me, the Report of the Schools is most highly gratifying, & tho' I am now disabled from being active in the cause, I equally enjoy & am devoutly thankful for their extended prosperity. — In your next Report I could wish some observation on our Soldiers Sunday School on the Fell, it is so admirable an example to the Poor, who have so little idea how much they may do for each other; that School in its progress & effects is quite my delight. — If the other book you have sent for my perusal I know not how sufficiently to express my admiration, if a single cursory reading of such a work could have satisfied me I could have returned it to day, but under the hope you do not want it, I will beg to detain it a few days longer, I wish to give it another attentive perusal, & to make some extracts that may be useful to myself & others, & I will make further observations upon it when I return it to you.

I was extremely pleased & much entertained with your excellent speech at the Newcastle meeting, & earnestly wish that all your admirable plans for the employment of the Poor may be adopted, the Canal would be a present

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& casting blessing to after ages, & I speak very disinter-
-estedly in approving turning the ^{South} Turnpike thro Ravensworth
Vale; I should be sorry to lose my traveling gossip in front
of my house, but it would be a great saving in time
& labour to the horses, & it would be done at little expense
unfortunately these public works that would now so
usefully employ the idle poor, are impeded by the general
deficiency of wealth in all ranks, I fear there would be
difficulty in raising the means to pay them.

distress & poverty seems a general evil, & the sufferings of
the poor at present really make me quite miserable,
& I know of no immediate means of relieving them altogether
your plan for supplying them with coal is admirable, &
I understand it to be immediately adopted. — I meet
with many people who satisfy their ^{for them} consciences by feeling
in their mind, but I meet with but little feeling in the
poor. — I trust & hope the goodness of God will
warm the hearts & animate the talents of all that can
contribute or devise means for their assistance, & that
His blessing will attend the means used for their relief.

I heard with much regret of your late accident & hope
you are perfectly recovered from its effects, I saw you with
regret pass my door the other day, & should have been
very happy if you would have favored me with a visit,
I seldom see my friend Mr Tyson except during the
Holidays, & if the weather is favorable during the full moon

in January, I hope you will do me the favor to visit
him & partake my Christmas. But I must close

Believe me Dear Sir with much respect & esteem

Your obliged friend & servant

F. P. King

a nervous tremor in
my hand causes my writing
to be I fear very illegible

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