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Harrigate Wednesday 5 Oct. 1825

Dear Hannibal

Your letter of the 2<sup>d</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup> gave me & all of us sincere pleasure - Altho' we do not intend to set off till next Monday Morning early, we talk much about home & enjoy the very thoughts of being at home again - At present we intend to take a Chaise for Leeds & may most likely take a Chaise again from thence to Studensfield & so on to Fotherston, which we hope to reach before dark.

I cannot help thinking Wighams for ever with regard to the farm unhandsome & unworthy - He ought to have given some sort of an answer - Something decisive respecting this farm must be done soon - I hope you have returned the bed Manganese to Haber - Do not send off the ~~Green~~ Bl. Powder for Leitch's till you

home, except you are quite certain  
that it is as strong as the Sample  
in the Bottle of ~~Winn~~ <sup>Winn</sup> & Boutlers  
making & which went abroad ~~was~~  
~~approved~~ <sup>of</sup> - It may be had at the  
same price as the last -

Your Mother is deriving great benefit  
from the Water & it makes me feel  
lighter & stronger than I have been  
for many years - We shall bring  
2<sup>1/2</sup> Day<sup>s</sup> home with us -

What with pleasant Society & leisure  
to read & walk for Exercise, we  
have all of us enjoy'd ourselves very  
agreeably indeed - Being at so  
great a distance from business  
it slips out of my Mind for some  
hours altho' I have not ceased to  
think & do about business for 30  
years past -

You need not write again  
The Bell rings to sleep for Times  
Love to all - Your affec<sup>t</sup>. Father  
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