

11 To THEOPHILUS LINDSEY, 8 January 1771

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Dear Sir

I am afraid I shall have time to do little more than inform you that the Repositories may be had of Mr Johnson<sup>1</sup> N<sup>o</sup> 72 S<sup>t</sup> Paul's churchyard London. If he be told with what view they are bought, I believe he will not charge any profit. I should be very sorry to give up the Repository, but I am afraid I shall not be able to support the expence of it. I find I had under calculated when I told you that 50 copies would indemnify me, and you are the only person from whom I have yet heard upon the subject. I will, however, venture another volume. But I must publish at longer intervals.

I thank you for Patrobos.<sup>2</sup> I like it much, and it will be printed immediately. I also thank you for your judicious remarks on my lectures,<sup>3</sup> and shall avail myself of them when I revise them.

I wish you would inform the Archdeacon,<sup>4</sup> that more than half of the next N<sup>o</sup> of the Repository is printed off; and, therefore, that I must have the piece intended for it very soon, especially if it be of any length.

I am endeavouring, by means of a friend, to find what I can get for my History of Light & Colours;<sup>5</sup> //of the booksellers// and if it be anything tolerable, I shall not have recourse to subscription. I begin to form very unpleasing thoughts of it, from this business of the Repository, which is something like it. I do assure you I should expect very little from a subscription.

I am, with compliments //to// ~~to~~ M<sup>rs</sup> Lindsey

Dear Sir yours sincerely

J Priestley

Leeds. 8 Jan. 1771.

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<sup>1</sup> Joseph Johnson (1738-1809), see 18 Jan 1770.

<sup>2</sup> Patrobos [Lindsey], 'The Manner in which Christ's Apostles generally spake concerning him', *Theol. Repos.*, III (1771), 79-85.

<sup>3</sup> See 6 Dec 1770.

<sup>4</sup> Francis Blackburne (1705-1787), 18 Dec 1769.

<sup>5</sup> Priestley, *The History and Present State of Discoveries relating to Vision, Light, and Colours* (London, 1772).