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Dear friend

I am glad that you think the discourse I sent you may be made to do, and on second thoughts, I wish you would return it to me, as I shall probably make many alterations and additions. As to my having ~~the~~ composed ~~the~~ Sermon before hand, an[[d]] sent it to you to see whether you liked the subject of it, I see no great occasion of talk. It was certainly natural for me to do so, after so many preachers had gone before me. However, I do not think D<sup>r</sup> Price<sup>1</sup> will speak of it.<sup>2</sup>

I wish ~~to~~ much to see Mr Payne's Answer to Mr Burke,<sup>3</sup> and if Mr Johnson<sup>4</sup> send me that, with Mr Du Pont's,<sup>5</sup> the Sober Reflections,<sup>6</sup> and another by Mr Hudson<sup>7</sup> a justice of peace near Worcester, the title of which I have forgotten, I think I shall have all from the time he left off sending them to me.

If you walk by Mr Payne's<sup>8</sup> the bookseller, I wish you would tell him that the De Lolme History of the Flagellants<sup>9</sup> said, in his Catalogue, to be with cuts, has not one cut in it, and therefore that I wish he would ~~//to//~~ send a set to Mr Johnson or exchange this copy for one that has them. I buy any thing that comes in my way that promises to throw light on Ecclesiastical History with whatever view it be written. I ~~to~~ ~~//ordered//~~ the book by Mr Johnson

Two of our congregation, who heard Mr Broadhurst<sup>10</sup> last sunday, like him very well, so that a meeting will be called next sunday, and an invitation to preach as a candidate, I have no doubt will be sent him, and his being chosen will be a thing of course. Perhaps he may be here while I am in London.<sup>11</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Richard Price (1723-1791), see 18 Dec 1769.

<sup>2</sup> This paragraph is omitted from Rutt's edition.

<sup>3</sup> Thomas Paine (1737-1809), *Rights of Man: being an Answer to Mr. Burke's Attack on the French Revolution* (London, 1791).

<sup>4</sup> Joseph Johnson (1738-1809), see 18 Jan 1770.

<sup>5</sup> Pierre Samuel Du Pont de Nemours (1739-1817), *Considerations upon the Political Situations of France, Great-Britain, and Spain, at the Present Crisis. Translated from the French of M. Dupont* (London, 1790).

<sup>6</sup> Possibly John Thelwall, *Sober Reflections on the Seditious and Inflammatory Letter of the Right Hon. Edmund Burke, to a Noble Lord. Addressed to the Serious Consideration of his Fellow Citizens* (London: H. D. Symonds, 1796), although the date on ECCO does not match.

<sup>7</sup> Possibly Hudson (fl. 1790), *Observations on the Origin and Effects of the Test Act. With some Hints for the Consideration of the Clergy. By a Dissenter* (London: J. Johnson, 1790).

<sup>8</sup> Thomas Payne (1752-1831), son of Thomas Payne (1716x18-1799), the London bookseller and publisher. The former had taken over the business of his father on his retirement in 1790 [ODNB].

<sup>9</sup> Jean Louis De Lolme (1740-1806) [ODNB], *The History of the Flagellants, or the Advantages of Discipline; being a Paraphrase and Commentary on the Historia Flagellantium of the Abbé Boileau* (London, 1776).

<sup>10</sup> Thomas Broadhurst (1767?-1851), tutor at New College Hackney, minister at Blackley, Manchester (1791-1793), Taunton, Somerset (1793-1795), Northgate, Halifax (1795-1796), Bath (1797-1809) [CSICM 2261].

<sup>11</sup> The preceding two paragraphs are omitted from Rutt's edition.

We want to see the New Plan of the Unitarian Society.<sup>12</sup> I expect much advantage from it.

I do not see any occasion for more than three tutors at the College, as we were at Warrington. My department included those of Mr Wakefield,<sup>13</sup> and D<sup>r</sup> Kippis,<sup>14</sup> and a good deal more.

Joseph<sup>15</sup> leaves us to day to settle in Manchester. I hope a good providence will attend him. //He desires to be remembered to you both// I hear nothing from his uncle,<sup>16</sup> who, I understand is at Bradly[?].<sup>17</sup>

Yours & M<sup>rs</sup> Lindsey[[ 's]]  
most affectionately  
J Priestley

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<sup>12</sup> Unitarian Society for promoting Christian Knowledge and the Practice of Virtue, *Unitarian Society* (London, 1791).

<sup>13</sup> Gilbert Wakefield (1756-1841), see 3 Apr 1789.

<sup>14</sup> Andrew Kippis (1725-1795), see 17 Feb 1771.

<sup>15</sup> Joseph Priestley jnr. (1768-1863), see 12 Oct 1789.

<sup>16</sup> John Wilkinson (1728-1808), see 17 May 1786.

<sup>17</sup> This paragraph is omitted from Rutt's edition.