

Committee or some churchman qualified to be upon the Committee.

With sincere respect and esteem

I am your obliged friend & serv<sup>t</sup>

J. MONTGOMERY.

Iris Office.

Nov. 26. 1813.

[Addressed to]

Mrs. S. Smith.

Carrwood [Sheffield].

From the original in the possession of G. C. Dymond.  
A postscript gives the names of the persons on the Committee.

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## Edward Pease to Sarah Smith, 1827

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High flats 10 Mo. 24<sup>th</sup> 1827

Dear Friend

Sarah Smith

Perhaps thou wouldst learn that my dr Son John<sup>r</sup> is engaged in a visit to the meetgs in the West riding, & in the prosecution of this work, we thought thou wouldst have the kindness to take in two very poor pilgrims if thou wast not engaged with company, or otherwise—

the time we looked to as most likely, was seventh day next—as looking to sitting with the family at Newill<sup>2</sup> on our road from Barnsley (*if the road be passable*) there

<sup>1</sup> John Pease, the noted Minister, who was accompanied on many of his home-journeys by his father, as companion-Elder.

<sup>2</sup> Newhill Hall, lying to the East of a direct line between Barnsley and Sheffield, is an ancient mansion belonging to the Quaker family of Payne. It was built in the year 1785, by John Payne, who was born at Newhill Grange (now a farmhouse adjoining the Hall) in 1757. The Hall is of "Georgian" architecture with "Adams" mantelpieces and a handsome "Adams" ceiling in the drawing-room. An earlier John Payne married Ann Aldam, of Warmsworth, in 1708, having settled at Newhill shortly before his marriage.—(From private information, and the Friends' Registers.)

is some uncertainty of our being with thee to dine, then please not to wait for us if we be not in by One Clock, as we then shall hope to be in, in nice tea time—I must trust to thy kindness to excuse all this freedom, & when we are favored to meet we must place it all either to the account of the Church, or that friendship which would have sincere gratification in having thee under the roof of the writer—I may add we have been enabled through favor to get along to the relief of my dear companion, and I trust without incurring the condemnation of frds<sup>3</sup>—but this I would speak humbly, freed from having whereof to boast—We unite in Love to thee &

I am

Thy affectionate Friend

EDWARD PEASE.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>3</sup> Note the curious, cautious phrasing, once so much in use in records of religious visits.

<sup>4</sup> Edward Pease (1767-1858), “the Father of Railways.” His letter is printed from a copy of the original, which is in the possession of G. Cecil Dymond, of Birkenhead.

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## Joseph John Gurney and Elizabeth Fry to Sarah Smith, 1829

Norwich 7 mo. 22<sup>d</sup> 1829.

My dear friend.

I do not know whether thou art at home; & if at home, I do not know what thou wilt say to me, when I tell thee that I propose coming with my wife<sup>1</sup> & little boy<sup>2</sup> to thy house next seventh day evening—It is not improbable that my dear sister Fry<sup>3</sup> may also be of the party—& further (I hope I shall not alarm thee) my mother Fowler<sup>4</sup> proposes coming to Sheffield that evening—& would of course wish to be as much as she can with her

<sup>1</sup> Mary, daughter of Robert and Rachel Fowler, of Melksham, Wiltshire, whom he married in 1827.

<sup>2</sup> Presumably, John Henry Gurney, b. 1819, a child of the first marriage, well-known naturalist.

<sup>3</sup> Elizabeth Fry, *née* Gurney.

<sup>4</sup> Rachel Fowler (1767-1833) *née* Barnard.