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1768, June 26: Charles Moore [tutor] to Thomas Hall



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S^r

I receiv'd your letter a few days ago & am very much oblig'd to you for thinking of making me a Party in a Tour, which is likely to prove so agreeable; I shall attend upon yourself, & the Young Gentlemen with the greatest pleasure.

My compliments of congratulation wait on the new-married couple, to whom I wish all imaginable happiness, I scarce need wish you, I, an increase of that Joy, which I am sure you must feel on the present occasion; may it long continue!

You rightly concluded that all was well at Cambridge from not hearing from me. All is well & goes on greatly to my comfort & satisfaction. The attendance of the Young Gentlemen upon my Lectures (which have been chiefly on the Globes & in Euclid) hath been much more regular than I all things consider'd) I had any reason to expect & they seem to enter into the Spirit of Euclid's Demonstrations very sufficiently for the first time of considering the Subject, which must naturally appear to them dry & uninteresting on the first perusal. I will not pretend, I, to flatter either you or them with the thoughts of their ever becoming great & deep Scholars; (neither is this at all necessary to their own happiness) but at the same time there is a great deal of useful & ornamental knowledge to be pick'd up in such a place as this, even

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To
Thomas Black
Dean Street
John

without a strict application to Books, which may be done by being careful in the choice of company. This is a point of infinitely more real concern than all the Books you can put into a young man's hands; as the living example of one sober Acquaintance, of his own Age & in his own Station of life is & more effectual than a thousand precepts heap'd one on another & inculcated by a Tutor. Your sons seem now to have discovered that it is very possible to lead a very happy & agreeable life & to keep a sufficient round of company without giving up to dissipation & immoderate drinking - a thing they probably had but little idea of whilst at Eden. They now find that there are a number of young men in the University, who are highly esteem'd & belov'd by all who know them & who keep a good deal of company, yet who are very rarely, if ever known to be guilty of excesses or offensive Volity. This hath set them upon making firm resolutions to avoid as much as possible all riotous Companions & I can perceive with the greatest pleasure that their detestation of what are call'd jolly parties increases very fast. - I think I need make no Apology for staying so much on a subject, which must be agreeable to you.

I should be very glad to know (if it is convenient) the day on which you will be with us, that I may not be out of the way at your arrival. - I don't well know what to do with my Horse; it would be a great addition to the pleasantness of the jaunt to ride my own Horse, if it could be so manag'd. I most certainly would not suffer it to be the least expence to you on the Journey. As it is but a small Horse & I have never had experience of its going so weeks together, I am afraid of offering it as a substitute for one of your Horses, lest it should fail upon the road. - I shall hope to have a line from you soon & remain, Sir, your most humble Servant
Charles Moore.