

To the Lady Stafford
17 Aug. 1685
Madam;

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This is the Land of a stranger who had the honour
to take his leave of y^r. Lad^d. in Lotterbury Talidj some
32. years since. Many changes and alterations, seen
on both sides during so large a space of time; but
none in his heart and mind, for as much they were
once dedicated and vowed to y^r. Lad^d. service,
I am bold to believe, Madam, that the same
disposition both raigue in y^r. noble breast, and
intriate y^r. Lad^d. by these lines to let me see
some verification of it by y^r. own Land. I will
take it for a favour which (if it were possible)
would make me more than I have always been
and always shall be, which is more than
any body living.