

To m<sup>r</sup>. Stifflin

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My dear and beloved m<sup>r</sup>. Stifflin.

I could not let m. Infaur, the rare conen, depart  
from mee, when he had past but few dayes, without  
assuring y<sup>e</sup>. by so illustrious a letter of my most constant  
affection to y<sup>e</sup>. service. doe not take it for a compliment.  
I speak it out of such a heart as I hope y<sup>e</sup>. have always  
observed in me towards y<sup>e</sup>. and all what might belong to  
y<sup>e</sup>. service. ~~Inter Al.~~ If y<sup>e</sup>. have any commendance left y<sup>e</sup>.  
of me, pray let me see a testimonie of it by some lines  
of y<sup>e</sup>. own hand. If y<sup>e</sup>. are so good as to joyne some  
musical lines to it of y<sup>e</sup>. best composition, y<sup>e</sup>. know where  
they shall be bestowed. My lady sworne is to receive a  
letter of mine by this same hand, and will beg  
where y<sup>e</sup>. are to find me in this world I am  
living in. God keep y<sup>e</sup>. in all health and prosperitie.  
All shall be less than with y<sup>e</sup>.