

Bishop of Worcester

(Richard Hurd)

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Sir

I have received with great pleasure the German Latin books, which your Majesty was pleased to order for me, & am impatient to return my humble thanks to your Majesty for so kind & agreeable a present. I shall not have it in my power to look into these volumes, till I return from my Visitation w^{ch} I enter upon this week; but I see from the titles of them the entertainment I am to expect especially from such as have been composed at the University of Göttingen, which has deservedly grown into great eminence under your Majesty's gracious encouragement & protection.

Having taken the liberty to trouble your Majesty with this Letter, your Majesty will forgive my adding one word on the subject of poor Dr Arnold. He was with me an entire month, & during almost the whole of that time seemed in perfect health, so that he examined for me & assisted at my Ordination, & performed the service of my Chapel. But a day or two before he left me, he appeared out of spirits, & was not

well. However he returned to Loughborough at his
home, under the care of his servant, but with some
difficulty. He there grew much worse, & as I con-
clude from the information I received last night, is
at this moment under confinement. This is a sad
tale to entertain your Majesty with, but I thought
it necessary to mention it, as I doubt it shows how
little expectation there now can be of his perfect
recovery.

I am,

Sir,

with the utmost gratitude & respect,
Your Majesty's most faithful &
obedient Subject & Servant

R. Worcester