

A. Le. tohd. Holderness

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Lord Holderness, It is impossible, for me to have so good an opportunity of writing to You, without eagerly embracing it; the more so as I know the real satisfaction that You will derive from the company of Your amiable Daughter. The accounts as yet received of Your journey, are as favourable as my warmest wishes could have suggested, and I trust that during the continuation of it, You will meet with still greater benefit. My four Sons continue very assiduous, and ~~do not doubt~~ I trust You will find the two Eldest by the unrearied attention of Mr. Smelt not retrograded in their behaviour, and much advanced by the zeal of the other Gentlemen in their Studies. On the fourth of this month the four young Gentlemen, shew that neither themselves nor those that attended them in public, had neglected a single instruction as to their outward carriage, which the good breeding of the one who so ably presides over their education, has inculcated as becoming the character of a Gentleman. Prince of Anichia has invited my four Sons and two Eldest Daughters to Dinner, I have accepted the offer for the two last, but desired that the four others may be excused waiting upon ~~them~~

Her, untill your return. I desire you will make me  
compliments in my name to Lady Rodhouse, whose  
very affectionate sollicitude during your illness is the  
best proof of the goodness of  
an equal honour upon her heart and understanding.

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George