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Madrid March 8th 1789.

Dear Sir.

After a tedious journey of six Months through France I arrived here, and presented your Letter to D^r L — to whom you recommended me in such warm terms: he has done me every injury in his power, and even had the Effrontery publicly to declare your Letter contained nothing to my Credit. you recollect I read this Letter before you sealed it. His family are an obscure poor people in a starving condition at Bilbao through which town I past in ^{my} way to Madrid. While I was at Bilbao his family and a certain Friar of that town brought the Inquisitor into my Lodgings to terrify me out of the Kingdom: it seems he was apprized of my coming, and took his measures accordingly. This friar, who is a British subject, told me in a menacing tone, that I should be captured ~~for~~ (so he termed it) for heresy. however I escaped martyrdom. D^r L is not Professor of Chemistry, nor of any thing else, nor indeed is he capable: he stands in need of friends & favours more than I do: he was sent to Britain at the Expences of a certain Nobleman in order to steal home the Arts and practical Chemistry; but to his Credit, I speak it, in this single Instance hath he behaved with ^{the} strictest honesty. he made an attempt to translate D^r Cullen's first Lines into Spanish; but has failed; which is a fortunate Event for the venerable Professor.

I thought it incumbent on me to take this opportunity of thanking you for the friendly manner in which you have always treated me assuring you that I think your recommendation of greater weight than that of any man alive, and that the greatest honour I can boast is to have been your Pupil and that you esteemed me.

I am my dear Sir with the greatest respect & Gratitude
your sincere Friend
Thomas Sulhame

From D^r Fulhame
at Madrid March 8
1789

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