

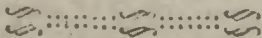
THE
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Letter - Writer,

OR,
GENTLEMAN AND LADY'S
INSTRUCTOR,

HOW TO
Write Cards & Letters,
ON
BUSINESS, LOVE & FRIENDSHIP.

WITH
FORMS of ADDRESS to People in all
Stations of Life.

AND
*A Copy of a Bill or Note of Hand;
and a Last Will, or, Testament.*



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ADVERTISEMENT.

TO excel in Epistolary Correspondence is not only generally admitted to be highly requisite, but a most valuable accomplishment. Elegance in Writing, and Grammatical Knowledge of Language, are insufficient to form a correspondent; it is necessary that the style should flow with ease, elegance, and freedom, as we would deliver our sentiments upon any subject, in a familiar conversation with our friends; occasionally varying our manner according to the nature of the case. With this view, and to facilitate this most elegant art, it is here endeavoured to present a variety of Letters, adapted to every situation and circumstance in life; and it will be found upon perusal, that the following Collection excels, in this respect, any former publication of the kind.

To attain the art of easy and familiar correspondence, it is absolutely necessary to observe the following inestimable Rules.

EPISTOLARY RULES.

1. WHEN writing to your superiors, let your Letter be as short as the subject will admit, particularly wherein favours are requested. Make use of no Contractions, as *can't*, *won't*, &c. as they appear both disrespectful and too familiar.

2. Avoid Post-cripts, as it shews disrespect in neglecting such persons in the body of your Letter.

3. Avoid blots and interlineations, the latter especially in Letters to superiors; and all ungrammatical expressions.

4. Begin every fresh or new paragraph with a Capital, and at the same distance from the left hand margin of the paper, as when you begin the subject of your letter.

5. Conclude your Letter with the same address as you began, as, *Madam. Sir. &c.*

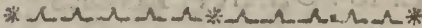
6. Never fold up your Letter without carefully reading it over first.

7. Be as neat as possible in folding it up; Letters must always be in the usual form; Notes may be in a triangular or diamond manner.

8. Letters should be written on quarto; Notes (which should be as brief as possible) in octavo, longways.

9. Never omit affixing the date of the month and the year to Letters, and the day of the week and the hour if you please) to Notes.

Lastly. Let your hand-writing be perfectly legible, neatly written, and the lines very even.—Bad spelling and bad writing are equally unpleasant and disgraceful.



MODE OF ADDRESSING

PERSONS OF ALL RANKS.

To the Royal Family.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty,—*Sire*, or,
May it please your Majesty.

To his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales,—
Sir, or, *May it please your Royal Highness.*

In the same manner to the rest of the Royal
Family, altering the Addresses according to the
different ranks and degrees of dignity.

To the Nobility.

To his Grace A, Duke of B—, *My Lord Duke*,
or, *May it please your Grace*; or, *Your Grace.*

To the most Noble Marquis of K—, *My Lord*
Marquis, or *Your Lordship.*

To the Right Hon. the Earl of C—, *My Lord*,
or, *Your Worship.*

To the Right Hon. the Lord Viscount M—,
My Lord, or, *Your Worship.*

The sons of Dukes, Marquises, and the eldest sons
of Earls, have by courtesy the title of Lord, and
Right Honourable; and the title of Lady is given
to their daughters.

The younger sons of Earls, the sons of Viscounts
and Barons, are styled Honourable, and all their
daughters, Honourable.

The title of Honourable is likewise conferred on such persons as have the King's commission, and upon gentlemen who enjoy places of trust and honour.

The title of Right Honourable is conferred only on those who are members of his Majesty's most honourable Privy Council, and the three Lord Mayors of London, York, and Dublin, and the Lord Provost of Edinburgh, during their office.

It is usual to call a Baronet and a Knight, Honourable, and their wives Ladies.

To the Parliament.

To the Right Honourable the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, in Parliament assembled, *My Lords,* or, *May it please your Lordships.*

To the Right Honourable the Knights, Citizens, and Burgeſſes, in Parliament aſſembled, *Gentlemen,* or, *May it please your Honours.*

To the Right Honourable F. C. E. q. Speaker of the Houſe of Commons, who is generally one of his Majesty's Moſt Honourable Privy Council,—*Sir.*

To the Clergy.

To the Right Reverend Father in God, W. Lord Archbiſhop of Canterbury,—*My Lord,* or, *Your Grace.*

To the Right Reverend Father in God, W. Lord Biſhop of S—, *My Lord.*

To the Reverend A. B. D. D. Dean of C—, or Archdeacon, or Chancellor of D—, or Prebendary, &c. *Reverend Deſior, Mr. Dean, Rev. Sir, &c.*

All Rectors, Vicars, Curates, Lecturers, and Clergymen, of other inferior denominations, are ſtilled *Reverends.*

The Officers of his Majesty's Houſehold

Are addreſſed according to their rank or quality, as, *My Lord Steward, My Lord Chamberlain,*

Mr. Vice-Chamberlain, &c. and in all supercriptions of Letters, which relate to gentlemen's employments, their style of office should never be omitted.

To the Commissioners and Officers of the Civil List.

To the Right Honourable R. Earl of G. Lord Privy Seal, or Lord President of the Council, or Lord Great Chamberlain; Earl Marshal of England, one of his Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, &c. *My Lord, or, Your Lordships.*

The Commissioners of the Customs, Excise, Stamp-Office, Salt-Duty, Navy, &c. must be stiled *Honourable.*

To the Army or Navy.

In the army, all Noblemen are stiled according to their rank, to which is added their employ.

To the Honourable A. B. Esq. Lieutenant-General, Major-General, Brigadier-General of his Majesty's Forces, *Sir, your Honour.*

To the Right Honourable J. Earl of S—, Captain of his Majesty's first Troop of Horse-Guards, Band of Gentlemen Pensioners, Band of Yeomen of the Guard, &c. *My Lord, your Lordship.*

All Colonels are stiled *Honourable*; all inferior Officers should have the name of their employment set at first; as, *To Major M. W. To Captain W. T. &c.*

In the Navy, all Admirals are stiled *Honourable* and Noblemen according to their quality and office. The other Officers according to their different rank in the army.

To Ambassadors, Secretaries, and Consuls.

Ambassadors have the title of *Excellency* added to their qualities; as have also all Plenipotentiaries, Foreign Governors, and the Lord Justices of Ireland;

as, To his Excellency Sir B. C. Baronet, his Britannic Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary, and Plenipotentiary to the Ottoman Porte, *Sir, your Excellency.*

To the Judges and Lawyers.

All the Judges, if Privy Counsellors, are styled Right Honourable; as, for instance,

To the Right Honourable H. K. Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain. *My Lord, your Lordship.*

To Sir P. H. his Majesty's Attorney, Solicitor, or Advocate-General, *Sir.*

All others in the Law according to the offices and rank they bear, every Barrister having the title of Esquire given him.

To the Lieutenancy and Magistracy.

To the Right Honourable the Earl of K. Lord Lieutenant and Custos Rotulorum of the County of Durham. *My Lord, your Lordship.*

To the Right Honourable C. P. Knight, Lord Mayor of the City of London, *My Lord, your Lordship.*

All Gentlemen in the Commission of the Peace, have the title of *Esq.* and *Worshipful*; as have all Sheriffs and Recorders.

The Aldermen and Recorder of London, are styled *Right Worshipful*; as are all Mayors of Corporation, except Lord Mayors.

To J. S. Esq. High Sheriff of the County of M. *Sir, your Worship.*

To the Right Worshipful M. C. Esq. Alderman of Tower-Ward, London, *Sir, your Worship.*

To the Right Worshipful O. N. Recorder of the City of London, *Sir, your Worship.*

The Governors of Hospitals, Colleges, &c. which consist of Magistrates, or have any such among them; are styled *Right Worshipful*, as their titles allow.

To the Governors under the Crown.

To his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland,
My Lord, your Excellency.

To the Right Honourable the Earl of B. Governor
of Dover-castle, &c. *My Lord, your Lordship.*

The second Governors of Colonies appointed by
the King, are called *Lieutenant-Governors.*

Those appointed by Proprietors, as the East India
Company, &c. are stiled; *Deputy-Governors.*

To Incorporate Bodies.

Incorporate Bodies are called *Honourable*; as,
To the Honourable Court of Directors of the United
Company of Merchants, trading to the East Indies,
Your Honours.

To the Honourable the Governor, Deputy-
Governor, and Directors of the South-Sea Company,
Your Honours.

To the Honourable the Governor, Deputy-
Governor, and Directors of the Bank of England,
Your Honours.

It is usual to call a Baronet and a Knight, *Honour-
able*, and their wives, *Ladies.*

To Men of Trade and Profession.

To Doctor N. H. in Bloomsbury-Square, London,
Doctor, or Sir.

To Mr. H. C. Merchant, in Broad-street, London,
Sir. — But the method of addressing Men of Trade
and Business is so common, and so well known, that
it does not require any farther examples.

COMPLIMENTARY

C A R D S

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*The day of the week and month must
be added to the following CARDS.*



Mr. M. requests the pleasure of Mr. T's. company this evening, to join him and other friends at the Opera.

Mr. T.'s most respectful compliments to Mr. M. is very sorry he has already engaged with another party.

Mr. and Mrs. L. present their compliments to Mr. and Mrs. H. and will be glad of their company next —, to drink tea and spend the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. H. return their compliments to Mr. and Mrs. L. and will do themselves the pleasure to wait on them at the time appointed.

Mr. and Mrs. H's kind respects to Mr. and Mrs. L. and are sorry that a pre-engagement will not permit them the pleasure of waiting on them on —

next; but will embrace the first opportunity for that purpose.

Mr. and Mrs. N.'s compliments to Mr. and Mrs. K. and if they are disengaged this afternoon, will take the liberty of calling on them.

Mr. and Mrs. K. are perfectly disengaged, and will be very happy in Mr. and Mrs. N.'s agreeable company.

Mr. and Mrs. K. are very sorry it so happens that they are engaged this afternoon; but at any other time that will be agreeable to Mr. and Mrs. N. will be proud of their company.

Mr. Jones presents his best compliments to Miss West, requests the honour of being her partner to-morrow evening at the assembly.

Miss West returns thanks to Mr. Jones for his polite offer, which she is very sorry she cannot accept, having already engaged herself.

Mrs. P.'s compliments to Mrs. H. returns sincere thanks for her obliging inquiries during her indisposition, and will be proud to see her when most convenient.

Mrs. H.'s compliments to Mrs. P. is happy to find she is perfectly recover'd; and shall do herself the pleasure of paying her a visit on — next.

LETTERS ON BUSINESS.

LETTER I.

*From a Rider in the Country, to his
Employer in LONDON.*

SIR,

LINCOLN

WHEN I wrote to you last from Boston, in this county, I transmitted you a minute account of debts collected, and orders received. I doubt not but you will judge from thence that matters have gone on favourably hitherto. Having waited on our three principal correspondents in this city, I am to inform you that two of them have discharged their bills, and given fresh orders to a considerable amount; but the other still continues tardy. You will readily perceive that I mean Mr. Slowman, whose affairs I am given to understand are in a very embarrassed situation. Some people here are of opinion that a Statute of Bankruptcy will be taken out against him; while others talk of a compromise. I have been advised to arrest him in your name, for the debt that is owing; but as this is a tender point, I dare not proceed in it, without your authority; nor does it become me to dictate to you, but to receive and act according to your instructions. I shall, therefore, not take any measure till I know your pleasure; with which I hope to be favoured by return of post, and remain, Sir, Your devoted servant,

THOMAS TRUSTEY.

LETTER II.

*From a Young Man who had failed in
Business, to a Gentleman of Fortune.*

HONOURABLE SIR,

I APPLY to you in my present situation, from the exalted character you bear, of being ever disposed to acts of humanity. It was my misfortune to enter upon a business, with the nature of which I was in a great measure unacquainted. After having been about two years in business, to avoid the miseries of a prison, I took shelter in London, where I have derived all my support from a brother, who is but in very indifferent circumstances. In this melancholy state I was informed that a relation of yours at Manchester wanted a Clerk, in the room of one who is going abroad, and therefore embrace this early opportunity of writing to you to solicit your recommendation. I have yet some friends, who will give security for any trust reposed in me; and I hope that no part of conduct will ever give offence. Though I have been misfortunate, I trust I shall never be dishonest. If you ever did a generous action (and I know of many) the grant of the favour now requested will add to the number, as well as lay me under the most lasting obligations. Waiting your pleasure, if you will deign to let me hear from you, I am,

S I R,

In the most respectful manner,

Your's, &c. JOHN NEEDFUL.

THE ANSWER.

FRIEND NEEDFUL,

YOUR'S I received, and am much concerned for your misfortunes, to alleviate which, I have cheerfully complied with your request, and my relation has consented to receive you. Go immediately to Manchester, as no time is to be lost; this is a necessary consideration, because you should have some knowledge of the business before the clerk goes away.— I have done all in my power to serve you, and sent something enclosed to defray your expences. I am your well-wisher,

JAMES FRIENDLY.

LETTER III.

From a Tradesman desirous of retiring from Business, to his Friend in the Country.

MY DEAR FRIEND,

I HAVE NOW been, as you well know, near thirty years in trade; nor have I spent the whole of that time in vain. God has been pleased to bless my honest endeavours, in so much, that I possess what I think a competence to retire from the noise and bustle of life. I have settled my accounts to the general satisfaction of those with whom I was concerned. My wife and only son died about two years ago, of an epidemical distemper, within a short time of each other; and it may be justly said, that I have been in a state of mourning ever since: I therefore beg that

you will look out for a snug convenient spot, where I may end my days in quietness and solitude—and you will confer a lasting obligation on,

SIR, Your's sincerely,

ANDREW SORROWFUL.

THE ANSWER.

MY DEAR FRIEND,

I REJOICE that success has crowned your honest endeavours, and that you have formed a resolution of ending your days in tranquility, as I have done, and find no reason to repent. I have looked out for a proper place, where you will be well accommodated. The house is situated near the church, so that you will have frequent opportunities of attending divine worship. The prospect is agreeable, and there are many pleasing walks, calculated to bring the mind into a solid frame of thinking. Every thing shall be ready for your reception, therefore let me beg to hear from you as soon as possible. I am,

Your's sincerely,
ROBERT FRIENDLY.

LETTER IV.

From a Creditor to a Debtor.

SIR,

It is out of my power to give you any further indulgence, seeing that the money has been long due, and I am at present in great want of it; if, therefore, you will not settle your bill by fair means, you shall shortly be obliged by legal compulsion. I am, SIR,

Your's, TIMOTHY SEVERE.

THE ANSWER.

SIR,

WHEN it is at present out of my power to discharge the debt I have contracted with you, I hope you will consider that making me a prisoner will only add costs to the bill, and render it of course more impracticable. If bereft of my liberty, I shall consequently be deprived of all means of either doing for myself or others. Your further indulgence will, in the end, be better for yourself, and add to the obligations of, SIR,

Your humble Servant, W. S.

The Debtor's Wife's Answer.

SIR,

My Husband's present embarrassments having obliged him to leave town, it must be of course evident, that it is totally out of his power to comply with your demand; time, I hope, will make a vast alteration in our circumstances; till when, my husband cannot be seen.—I am, SIR,

Your humble Servant, M. S.

LETTER V.

From a Merchant at Hamburgh, to a Correspondent in London.

SIR,

PURSUANT to Contract at the last interview we had, previous to my departure from England, I have shipped on board the *Success*, Capt. Fairweather, 24 bales of Linen, of various sorts, marked T. T.—They have separately passed my own examination, so that

I can warrant them all good of [their kind.—
 By the next ship that sails from your port,
 you will send me the several articles specified
 in the order inclosed. As, from our long
 connexion, I am persuaded you have a due
 sense of the duties of commercial life, I can-
 not doubt of your attention to the qualities of
 the goods, or your care in dispatching them.
 I am, SIR, Your most humble Servant, W. B.

THE ANSWER.

SIR,

YOUR advice of the goods shipped on board
 the *Success*, Captain Fairweather, came duly
 to hand; and I have the pleasure to inform
 you of their arrival a short time after the
 packet. I shall ship on board the *Speedwell*,
 Capt. Bluffman, the several articles specified
 in your order, and act, I hope, upon the
 principles you mention, from a due convic-
 tion of their importance in the mercantile line.
 The continuance of our correspondence will
 be highly acceptable to me, and I doubt not
 of its being productive of our mutual benefit.

I remain, SIR,

Your humble Servant, A. J.

LETTER VI.

*To a Merchant in London, giving Orders
 for shipping of Goods.*

SIR,

PLYMOUTH, *March 15.*

I RECEIVED your's, acknowledging the re-
 ceipt of my last, with the enclosed Draught
 on Mr. Peter Punctual, to the amount of your
 demand. You will be pleased to ship for me,
 on board the first vessel bound for this port,

fix hogheads of Jamaica sugar, six puncheons of molasses, and six barrels of Malaga raisins. For quality and charge I rely upon your integrity and moderation, and remain,

SIR, Yours, &c. S. J.

A N S W E R,

Written under the Bill of Parcels.

SIR,

PURSUANT to your's of the 15th instant, I have sent the articles therein ordered, as per Bill of Parcels above, which I hope you will receive safe, and to your satisfaction, by the ship *Courter*, Simon Starboard master, for Plymouth. Assuring you, that your commands shall, at all times, be punctually executed, I remain, SIR,

Your most humble Servant, W. W.

LETTER VII.

From a Tradesman to a principal Creditor, requesting his Acceptance of a Composition.

SIR,

I AM under the necessity of informing you, that I am in the number of the unfortunate involved in the common ruin, occasioned by some late capital failures. To you, as my principal Creditor, I therefore first address myself. My books shall be submitted to the inspection of such persons as may be appointed on the occasion. Permit me, therefore, to request you will be pleased to call a meeting of my Creditors, represent my case, and my remaining effects shall be surrendered without

reserve. When an estimate is taken, I hope they will accept of such composition as it will admit of, and not deprive me of that liberty which is essential to my future support.— Your benevolent compliance will be a prevailing example with the rest of my creditors, and lay under infinite obligation, SIR,

Your most obedient humble Servant, S. P.

THE ANSWER.

SIR,

THE purport of your last gives me much pain, as nothing can be more affecting to an honest tradesman than unavoidable losses sustained in business. Your proposal meets my hearty approbation, and I shall endeavour to carry it into execution. At the meeting of your Creditors, I shall exert myself in your behalf, being satisfied with your conduct since our connection in business. I am, with the utmost sincerity, SIR,

Your Friend, T. S.

LETTER VIII.

From a Merchant's Clerk in Town to his Master in the Country.

SIR,

As business, it is presumed, has detained you from home longer than was expected at your departure, my duty directs me to inquire concerning your health, and at the same time to acquaint you, that the utmost care and attention have been paid to the transaction of your commercial concerns in your absence. Your return, however, as soon as affairs will permit, is ardently wished,

on some business which you only can adjust.—
 You will permit me to assure you, that it is
 with the greatest pleasure I embrace this
 opportunity of testifying with what profound
 regard, I am, SIR,

Your most faithful Servant, F. S.

LETTER IX.

*From a Father to his Son, advising him to be
 cautious in contracting a Friendship.*

DEAR TOM,

FROM a persuasion of my superiority in
 knowledge and experience, as the effect of
 seniority in years, you will, I presume, attend
 to my opinion and advice in every important
 particular that concerns your conduct in life;
 amongst others, I would recommend to you,
 now you are entering upon the theatre of
 the world, the greatest caution in the choice
 of a friend, as a point that most essentially
 concerns your interest and welfare. In this
 choice the chief regard should be had to moral
 character, as the only foundation for hope, and
 expectation of deriving benefit from the con-
 nection. I know the mask of friendship is too
 frequently assumed to perpetrate the most in-
 sidious purposes, and its sacred name usurped
 to veil the darkest designs; which is a consi-
 deration necessary to be observed in the for-
 mation of our friendships.—Suddenly contrac-
 ted, they are generally the effect of a depraved
 heart on one side, and a weak head on the other:
 and no friendship can be beneficial or perma-
 nent but that which has virtue for its basis.—
 You will attend to these hints, as proceeding
 from
 Your affectionate Father.

LOVE - LETTERS.

LETTER X.

From a young Lady to her Father, expostulating against a Proposal of Marriage to her!

HONOURED SIR,

I NEVER till now thought it could be a pain to me to answer any Letter that came from my dear Papa; but this last of your's distresses me to the last degree, as I know not how to send an answer that is consistent with the duty I owe, and the affection I bear, to the best of parents, without, at the same time, offering up my sincerity, and making a sacrifice of my peace and happiness. Ah! dear Sir, reflect, do reflect on the real worth and use of riches, Do they purchase health? Do they purchase peace? Do they purchase happiness? No—Then, why am I to barter health, and peace, and happiness, for riches? The man you propose to me, I know, you would never have thought on, but for his immense wealth, for he has nothing else to recommend him; and I, who can live upon a little; I, who at present, have no canker in my heart, and am happy in the company of my dear Papa and Mamma, can never think of giving up this peace and tranquility, and of throwing myself at the mercy of a brute, that I detest, for the sake of being worth a large sum of money that I do not want, and can make no use of.—

These are truths that I am afraid will be disagreeable to you, and therefore it is with pain I write them; but, my dear Papa, what pain would it give to you to see me made for ever miserable! I know what would shorten my days, would put an end to your's, so great is your affection. The sense of that affection, and my own love and gratitude to you, the best of parents, will make me submit to any thing. Do by me as you please, but pray think of the consequences; and believe me to be,

Honoured SIR,

Your most dutiful, affectionate,

And obedient Daughter,

MARY DUTIFUL.

LETTER XI.

*From a young Gentleman to a Lady, with
whom he is in Love.*

MADAM,

I HAVE three times attempted to give you a verbal relation of the contents of this Letter, but my heart as often failed. I know not in what light it may be considered, only if I can form any notion of my own heart, from the impression made on it by your many amiable accomplishments, my happiness in this world will, in a great measure, depend on your answer. I am not too precipitate, Madam, nor would I desire your hand, if your heart did not accompany it. My circumstances are independent, and my character hitherto unblemished, of which you shall have the most undoubted proof. You have already seen some of my relations at your aunt's in Bond-

street, particularly my mother, with whom I now live. Your aunt will inform you concerning our family, and if it is to your satisfaction, I shall not only consider myself as extremely happy, but shall also make it the principal study of my future life to spend my days in the company of her whom I do prefer to all others in the world. I shall wait for your answer with the utmost impatience, and am, MADAM,

Your real admirer, T. L.

THE LADY'S ANSWER.

SIR,

I RECEIVED your Letter last night, and as it was on a subject I had not yet any thoughts of, you will not wonder when I tell you, I was a good deal surprized. Altho' I have seen you at different times, yet I had not the most distant thoughts of your making me proposals of such a nature. Some of your sex have often asserted that women are fond of flattery, and mightily pleased to be praised: I shall therefore suppose it true, and excuse you for those fulsome compliments bestowed upon me in your Letter; but a'n afraid, was I to comply with your proposals, you would soon be convinced that the charms you mention, and seem to value so much, are merely exterior appearances, which, like the summer's flower, will very soon fade, and all those mighty professions of love will end at last either in indifference, or, which is worse, disgust. You desire me to enquire of my aunt concerning your character

and family: You must excuse me when I tell you, that I am obliged to decline making any such enquiry. However, as your behaviour, when in my company, was always agreeable, I shall treat you with as much respect as is consistent with common decorum. My worthy guardian, Mr. Melvill, is now at his seat in Devonshire; and his conduct to me has been so much like that of a parent, that I don't chuse to take one step in an affair of such importance, without both his consent and approbation. There is an appearance of sincerity runs thro' your Letter; but there is one particular to which I have a very strong objection, which is this: You say that you live along with your mother, yet you don't say that you have either communicated your sentiments to her, or your other relations.— I must freely and honestly tell you, that as I would not disoblige my own relations, so neither would I, on any consideration, admit of any addresses contrary to the inclinations of your's. If you can clear up this to my satisfaction, I shall send you a more explicit answer, and am, SIR,

Your most obedient Servant, M. B.

FORM OF A NOTE OF HAND.

LONDON, *March 6, 1815.*

ON demand (or specified time after date)
I promise to pay Mr. LANGMAN, or order,
the Sum of—pounds — Shillings, and—pence,
for value received. J. H.

FORM OF A
LAST WILL, OR, TESTAMENT.

IN the Name of GOD, Amen. The ——— day of ——— One thousand, eight hundred, and ———

I, JOHN SMITH, of the Parish of St. ——— in the City of London, baker, being in health of body, and of sound mind and memory, Do make this my Last Will and Testament; at the same time utterly revoking all former Wills made by me, declaring this to be my Last Will and Testament.

First, I give and bequeath to my sister, Ann Smith, the sum of two hundred Pounds Sterling. — To my sister, Mary Smith, two hundred Pounds Sterling. — To my brother, Charles Smith, three hundred and fifty pounds; and to my two executors, twenty pounds each for their trouble. And lastly, after all my just debts are paid, I give and bequeath the the whole rest and residue of my estates, whether real or personal, and all my stock in trade, and every thing I am possessed of, whatsoever and wheresoever, to my well and truly beloved wife, Jane Smith. At the same time I do appoint Mr. John Dakin, banker, and Mr. Peter Gimble, mercer, of the same parish, joint Executors of this my Last Will and Testament; to which I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this ——— day of ——— in the year of our LORD, one thousand, eight hundred and ———

JOHN SMITH.

Signed, Sealed, and Delivered, L. M.

in the presence of us, N. O.

P. Q.

F I N I S.