

In my occasional communications with you since your entrance into active life, I should have deprived myself of a most productive source of delight had I not rejoiced in your increasing prosperity, and volunteered my best advice and assistance to any who chanced to be in doubt or difficulty.—Every increase of your happiness I felt an increase to my own, and to forward your honorable objects has ever been to me a favorite employment; nor can I claim for this the slightest praise, for in promoting your interests, I was promoting my own; nor should I have been less ready to forward the laudable views of those, who have been far removed from the sphere of my influence, had opportunities offered.

Towards those who have surpassed me in station and ability I can most sincerely avow that my feelings have been those of a fond parent rejoicing at the elevation of his children.

The deep impression made on all our hearts in the hour of your departure from Cornwall, this meeting refreshes and renews; you plighted mutual friendship, and promised the reign of virtue and religion in your breasts, and amidst blessings and prayers for your future happiness, I undertook to become the centre of your communication, and what more happy result could the most sanguine have anticipated, than to find so many spared in health and prosperity by our merciful Creator, to meet together on this happy occasion.

Accept my dear friends, the warm acknowledgments of a heart totally unable to give utterance to the emotions with which it is agitated; deep and lasting as my existence will this proof of your sincere friendship be retained, it tells me by sweet experience, that there are moments of virtuous enjoyment which would be cheaply purchased by the longest life of honorable and laborious exertion, moments which are granted to very few