

Letter from James Hurdis to President Routh, 19 Jul 1799 PR30/1/C2/7

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Fulham. July 19th 1799.

Dear Sir

After having been seventeen years a member of Magdalene College, I have this morning bid adieu to it at the altar. I have not left it without some sensation of reluctance, like that of parting from a friend that has been long dear to me – domus mihi a teneris usque charissima. I hope I shall never be so ungrateful as to forget, or not freely acknowledge my obligations to the society in general; though you must forgive me for a little reserve, when I call to mind the vindictive behaviour of a few, which was surely more than a counterbalance for any favour I had previously received from them.

I am this moment setting off with my little woman & my sister Eliza, on a Tour into Yorkshire & Durham, from which we shall not return for some weeks. One purpose of our journey is to overlook, & to have valued, the estate which belongs to the Professorship of Poetry.

The honorarium, I must again repeat, I beg may be presented to the fund for the improvement of small livings.

My little woman & my sister join me in every good wish to yourself & Miss Routh & I am,

Dear Sir,

Your affectionate & obliged friend

James A Hurdis

When our tour is ended, we become stationary for the summer at Bishopstone.