

August 15

Park Village

My dear Winthrop

The Magazine with your kind letter reached me at Liverpool, on my way back from the Banks of Rome. I need not tell you - I trust - how very much I appreciate your cordiality in giving so much space to a discussion of my small literary dreams.

The Roman Festival was, in my opinion, a grand failure. Indeed it should have been called the Wilson Festival - for she led! the glorification of the Christopher Water! and she led! the face into which looked her sons of Rome - he, the temperate and chaste Christopher! - bulked of the faults of the Hypocrite Phœbus! Imagine a long, droning speech - chicken house words - roasted - hard tongues - Irish bacon - plates of green cornmeal - and a pint of hot water (impudently christened Sherry!) and you have much of the best of Vanquish. I shall drop in some time when your work is not for the month. Yours Ever

Douglas Jerrold

refers to Burns and  
Christopher North