

promised Edⁿ of P. Henry's Life - it will be an acceptable present
to the public - I sh^d also like to see the sermons announced.

Believe me, My dear Sir,

Yours very sincerely
Joseph Mayor -

Collingham March 15. 1824.

My dear Sir,

I only rec^d yesterday the specimen of
the autograph of the poet Cooper enclosed in
a letter from Mr^s Pratt. I obtained ^{of Mr^r Johnson} for me
from "Cooper's Norfolk Journey" Dr^r Johnson - an
extract from his letter which Mr^s P. copied will
excuse my seeming delay in complying with
your request. He begins his letter by saying he
"supposed I thought he had quite forgotten my request
& that I must, by this time think I might as
well have written to the dear poet himself for
some of his hand writing as to him" - "I hope it will
be amply sufficient for the purpose of Mr^r J. for
who (your friend) for whom you asked me to get it. I
think the whole of the page I now send sh^d be kept

death only

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"just as it is sent for as Cooper's signature is not to
the hand writing, Johnson's note below it is a voucher
for its being Cooper's own writing - Johnson adds "since I
returned from Bedford, I have had numerous applications
of the same nature as yours - but I promised to attend
to you first - & so I now do - Mr. Dutcher & Earl's charges
shall not put your nose out of joint I can tell
them - How delightful is it to see the love that people
have for the memory of our Angelic Cousin! For my
part, I think it is one of the best features of the times -
What a joy these will be about his hand writing in
the Millennium!!" I have given you a long extract
from his letter to me & did you know him as I do you
would exclaim - "how like Johnson is every line of it!"

I have been on the point of writing to you long
ago - I feared you wd think I had forgotten my
promise - I had also a wish to write to you on the
subject - a most painful subject - of my Father's troubles
& application to me to join him in a Bond for £500.
Mr Woolly at my request undertook the task which
I really was not up to - I hope the favorable turn in
the markets, & the ~~good~~ present flourishing state
of the Funds will operate in his favor. I shall be

anxious to learn the result - Mr Jones, who made enquiry
about the farms some months ago, enquired of Mr Woolly
in a letter last week whether they were sold - I rely upon
your kindness my dear Sir, in endeavoring to bring my Father's
affairs into a settled state as soon the sale is completed
& do if possible persuade him to make an arrangement
about his tithes - I can not tell you what anxiety I
have suffered on his acct. it is not in my power to ad-
vance even small sums of money - my income is shared
& my family expenses necessarily considerable - I see too a
Father does not suffer materially from J. L's sad condi-
our family is deeply afflicted, but these afflictions
but for a moment, & I trust they will all work together
for good to each of us. Oh! it is cheering indeed to look
beyond this scene of trial & sorrow to a world of uninter-
rupted peace & joy - Mr Woolly wd join me in
kind regards if he knew of my writing to you - He is a
valuable neighbor but in such request that his wife can
see but little of him & of course we can have little help
of his society - I beg to be very kindly remembered to
Mr Williams - I sympathized with you both in the
removal of your little boy so soon after I saw you - But
it is well with the child & you have doubtless not sorrowed
as those who have no hope - I am looking out for yr