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Chaplaincy. When, however, the French Revolution broke out he became alarmed, and changed his opinion. Under the Traquellus of "Elfrida" and "Caractacus" he wrote "The English Garden" an "Ode to the Naval Officers of Great Britain", added to these, "Memoirs of Gray" and an "Heroic Epistle to Sir William Chambers" signed Macgregor.

Rev^d. William Mason - b. 1725. d. 1797

The son of a Clergyman in Yorkshire - He obtained a fellowship at Pembroke Hall, Cambridge. He first appeared as a Poet in "Ibis" a poem, in which he satirized the principles of the High Church, and Jacobitism then prevalent at Oxford, which drew a reply from Autograph dated 1760 Thomas Norton. "The Triumph

of Itis" in 1752. Mason brought out his "Ufida" a dramatic poem with Choral Odes on the Greek model, which was well received, though not successful on the stage. On taking orders he was presented to the living of Adton, and appointed one of the Kings Chaplains. In 1762 he obtained the Prebendship of York with a canonry. On the breaking out of the American war he gave offence by actively advocating the part of the Colonists, and was dismissed from his

Dear Sandby.

York Oct 30th 1763

On my return to York after a
Weeks absence, I have the pleasure to find
two Paquets from you. As to your Etchings
since I can do nothing but praise them, I
will say no more than that I thank you
most heartily for them. — The Vignette
tho' rather carelessly graved will do very well
when Apollo looks like a Blackmore.
Perhaps too the Base of the Altar might be
made a little more correct in point of perspective
of the bottom of the beehive a little broader. I
wish too that the spout of the watering pan
was not quite so clumsy. However upon the
whole it will do mighty well if nothing be
staid, save the Apollo, who now catches the
eye too much a great deal. I hope the Arms
are done by this time when I receive the
Proof, I will order Horsfield in Ludgate Street
to call upon you to pay what expence you
have been at, or to take your orders for what

he must pay to Wale, y Basire. if you have
not paid them.

I dont like your going to St Lukes feast
you are as much out of place there, as I
should be at the Bedford with Loydd and
Churchill, or Lord Newham with the Aldermen
of St Albans. I dont say but there may
be many great Geni^{us} at St Lukes feast
Nor that Loydd Churchill y the Aldermen of
St Albans are devoid of Geni^{us}. All I say
is, that they dont suit with ours; and that
their company cannot recompence one for
a fit of the headach Adieu believe
me to be

most sincerely yours

W. Mason

Author of the Poem on Londons Garding &c &c

Cannot you send me Wales original Drawing of
the vignette when Basire has done with it? I must
also have Haymans Drawing back of the Death of
Pope. for it is not my own. Ask Basire for it.

1724. 1797
out rather

To

Mr Paul Sanby
in Dufour Court

Broad Street

Cornaby Market

William Mason

1725-1797

Poet + Author

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