

W. M. Thackeray.

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Michaelmas Day 1855

My dear Yates

Can I to console with you or congratulate you
on the announcement in to days paper? May every
year increase your happiness, and good fortune attend
your increase. I know I am writing in an affected
manner as you are pleased to desire my autograph - I
assure the friend for whose it is destined that I am quite
incapable of being funny on a sudden - easily abashed of a
modest retiring disposition, 44 years old and

Yours truly my dear Yates

W. M. Thackeray.

PS. The T of the signature I do not think is near so elegant
as my ordinary T's are - in fact my autograph was drawn off
E. Yates Esq. (Private & Confidential) just as I was turning it
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