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Calford Monday morning 13 Sept 1813

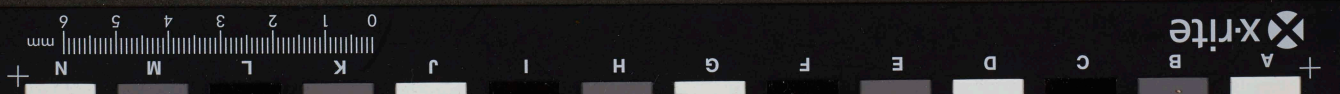
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Not having an opp^o of writing when I wish I can not write office
 or this morning before Thursday I got at 6 to scribble on - Red. G. 4
 yesterday - I got after turning & windings as far as Ipswich
 we went on the sands & picked up a few shells the refuse of what
 had been left but threw most of them away - There is a Row of
 houses called the Beacon that are built on the rocks above the
 sea that have a commanding prospect of it & the Country the
 rest of the town is built hillside by piggedy - There is one of the
 rooms in a house let as high as 15 Guineas a week - we met some
 promenade having a wrapping, ducking & even cart taking
 each other some in Dan they be a true picture of a bathing
 place - there is an Embankment here done by Mr. [unclear] by
 he has taken in a money business from the sea at present it does
 not wear the appearance of profit - I wished to have crossed the
 water to Sawley it is two miles from here only 1/4 mile
 by water but finding James P. answer that it gave it up - one of
 his objections was that the last time the horse he then had did
 not like the motion of a boat & jumped over board & very nearly
 took him too - so that was given up & we took another road
 by the Estuary for 2 miles which gave us a good view of Ber-
 dham Castle - In order to avoid Topsham, again we made
 our way & with some difficulty got our horses at straight
 forward - we come by the Artillery Barracks, a mile from
 Exeter which are on a large scale & when we arrived at 2. on com-
 paring notes we found that our hearty luncheon would not
 admit of dinner - My Companion had dawdled away some what
 time in changing his dress, so we were to go to the Equestrian
 performances at 4 that we had hardly time to drink Tea for the
 waiter told us if we were not there by 4 we should not get seats
 so we drove to see a la Duchesse woman, nearly scalded our throats

I then passed to the elegant Theatre - consisted of boards & an
awning - it looked comical & answered the purpose - we were in a
hall to the house - seat of a pair of officers admittance - there was part of a
military band I believe 5 Regiment who played very well & the per-
formers were equal to any thing I ever saw - The Master of the
is the head & most men in fact & person I think I have seen
an excellent Rider - we had all sorts of feats - beating one another
on their shoulders 4 or 5 stories high in various ways, tumbling
siding, jumping & tumbling over 4 horses at once - a distressing pony
a pretty woman doing great feats on the slack wire as a tourist
me - at one time she had a table placed on the wire - it was
two broad tables in bundles - a tea set & 2 cups & saucers - she
swinging with great force, she pretended to pour out tea into the
cups - then took a cup in each hand & moved the cups about
as quick as the Indian moved the King's round his bow & did
various other feats that were very extra ordinary - afterwards
she amused us with her dexterity on the slack rope when she
seemed to be perfectly at home - I have seldom been more amused
for 2 hours - when I came home I. P. said he wished to spend
or have with his friend who we met on the road at the Theatre
so I walked again bright & out down to write my letter - before
12 went to bed but could not sleep, I believe the slack wire
had unsettled my nerves - The next morning nothing
occurred before going to the Cathedral except going to the Coffee
Room where Sir John Street the Hero of Maida came in dressed
in Admiral who was sitting by me what news? Sir J. said he
sh. not be surprised if Bonaparte gained some advantages at
first & he sh. not despair if he did, for he had the advantage of
on his side, but he expected he would not succeed eventually - this
is great authority - Sir J. was at the Theatre - I had often wished to
see this man - like the Admiral was I had no opportunity in
travelling - The Bishop said he could not assist us the divine as he

was to die and being but hoped we sh. stay over Monday - this we agreed
ourselves - he consented on about putting a Curtain behind the singers
I said it was what I was going to suggest he then said come along with
me & took me to the organ loft & introduced the organist & he said
that it was my opinion or so - the organist said it is certainly better
in regard of effect but they expected a great number of people will be
the other part of the Cathedral at a lower price & of course they
would have reason to be dissatisfied - this was ever remarkable
we returned to our seats & then I was convinced by a chorus
that they had power enough to fill the Cathedral - I told the Bp.
that I had changed my opinion & thought that it would be best to
leave it as it was & the chorus w. b. too loud to be agreeable

This youth who sings so finely & who's name is
I wish he had a third voice - his voice is perfectly
clear & harmonious & I think equal to Bonaparte -
He has imitated Bonaparte's unfortunate misanthropic he told he
forgot his quarters in choir - when the Bp. went for him Bonaparte
he would not sing in the choir - I saw the Bp. give him some small
afterwards when he went to present the Book to his lordship & saw
of great comeliness & good humour by the Bishop & I grasped what was
proposing - & to be sure he did sing delightfully the whole of the
was a sale except the concluding chorus - if there had been
any regular conversation to the choir I would have given three to day but
there is here but poor choices & that does not suit my calculations
This little excursion cost me enough, as I would not get any pay, & I
managed as delicately as possible & I gave the boy 1/2 pence thinking
it would please the master & I believe the little bookie did not tell
his brother - Before we left the choir we saw S. Sidwell's church
is nearly finished - it is the prettiest church I know, built
after the manner of a Cathedral - the pillars are light & the ornaments
beautifully executed after the ancient models - the property of the music
today is large towards a statue - the body has cost 1000 - there is a
pavilion & a lot of windows at the east end - representing our various rising
in the clouds - the head is fine & some parts besides & some shooting
we then went to see Mr. Granger's Garden w. adjoins the Castle



as it truly one of the finest at Naples - There is a paper / Lam band of Lead Plates
that exceed any I have ever seen in size & height - The Garden is unique

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Depending on Moon we did not leave Naples till 9 o'clock - we rested
our throats for hour at S. Vito & then found the private road dark as
in many places it is over shadowed with trees - The Moon was obscured
& sometimes I could hardly see the road - I had a South sea, his horse
not well stead, so slid the way - Mamma home - We walked down
one of the horrible hills near this place & heard work & found it as it is
covered with loose stones - We got home safe - eat a good supper
& went to bed - Please to inform Madam de Centopie
that Dr. Frattigilli the Lewis I believe is Naples & in the Strand, has cured
3 persons affected with the disease, one of 8 Years continuation
The Dr. affert to think it impossible, but Miss Mordant assured me it is
fact - Monday I am either to fish or shoot to day - Tomorrow we go to shoot
at Mr. Berris return on Wednesday - on Thursday I will write again & then
sit a day for my future preparations - Adieu God bless you all
Amen