

him. She is pretty sure to bring your Library - if not, in the Reading Room of Brit. Mus. - Could you do me the favour just to turn to the place, & copy what may be found there - (or, for curiosity's sake, anything he may have to say about Birch's men under the other dates I have mentioned) ? -

It would be a very great favour. -

These petty details are very troublesome & time-consuming - but any one who aims at accuracy must face them & get through them how he may. -

Yours kindest love.

Your very affectionate

Deffro! Mae Dydd!

Hardwick Vicarage, 20 Feb. 1873.

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My dearest Arthur,

If you don't think me one of the greatest plagues of your existence, I fear I am going rapidly the way to bring you to that persuasion. I have already asked you some bothering questions and without so much as waiting for your answer, now send you another. But the fact is, there is literally no one to whom I can look for help but yourself. And I know your kindness too well to question the result - so now "have at you" at once - Please NB imprimis I am in no hurry for the answer, as the part of the book referred to will not be in print I hope for a week or two. - It is a Twig out of the Birch Rod. -

And the whole case is this. -

(According to the Journals of the Commons, Perfect Diurnall, &c. -)

Col. Birch captured Hereford by surprise, Dec. 18. 1645. -