

quite restored. The New Year begins under
a cloud was, & in a lesser degree began - but
cloudy mornings are often followed by brighter
lights. & if it may be but the fore-runner of
the Day-Star arising in our hearts, welcome
the clouds. - As I am not official on the
present occasion - there being unfortunately no
will - I shall try to get all the business I
can into the journey & save myself if possible
future trouble. Unfortunately my dear Father's
Memoirs of the Civil War in Hertfordshire
have not as yet (& could not be) looked at mi-
nutely enough to enable me to verify any-
thing in the Reading Room - which I repeat,
as I must soon proceed with the work in
great earnest. I hope this Spring to have the
Commissioners here to inspect the R. Cromwell
& other MSS. - There is so much to do & by
in so many ways I hardly know how to begin -

but I have received a fresh admonition - "Whatso-
ever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy
might." Let both unite in every kind wish of the
season, & I remain

My dearest Arthur,
Your very affectionate old Friend
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