

Vous savy-ee que
le très haut et très
brillant Roi Arthur,

Hardwick Parsonage, 66
St. Thomas's Day 1867. -

My dear Arthur,

after whom you are named, did with
the 3 pecks of Barley Meal? we have
a right to claim them, but you shall bring
3 books from Lou. House in exchange.

I am longing to hear something from you
and about you. Do let us have a line. Whatever its
import may be as to your own success, we shall be
still delighted to hear from you. Should it not be all
that we have wished and prayed for, we are well a-
ware of the impediments that you have had, - as well
as the uncertainty that always does & must attend
trials of this nature. - We were not aware when it
took place, but conclude it must certainly be over now,
& shall therefore direct straight to Hunter St. And
now you are not to forget your promise of coming here -
you remember how often you spoke of coming after
Christmas - we have a right to be looking after
you - & you will cheer us up a bit, for we (at least I)
have been a good deal saddened by work - & shall be great-
ly revived by the pleasure of seeing you once more. We
have just had a fresh proof of the uncertainty as well as
shortness of life - our good kind neighbour Mr. Williams
of the Hardwicks (I don't think you are likely to recollect
him) expired within this hour. We must make
the most, in every possible sense, of our Time.

I will not write more this morning, tho' I am
always glad to write to you - but I like talking to
(or rather with) you much better. My very kind re-
gards, with all good & happy wishes of the season,
to your good parents as well as yourself, and
believe me,

My dear Arthur,
Yours very affectionately

J. W. Webb.

Will you let us know, when ~~convenient~~ you can con-
veniently make your arrangements, when you will be
coming - for we sh^d. be glad to Cato's paw you in
the shape of begging you to bring down some books
from Somerset Ho. (Library Antiquaries) for my
dear father's undertaking. -

My dear Arthur

I am longing to
hear when you will come
to us, & when you do I must
beg you to give us a nice
long visit - I hope it

may be somewhere towards
the 24th of January, as
I should like you to be
with us when we have
our usual little ~~Christmas~~
New Years party, as
you will meet some
of your new acquaintances
the Deans etc. It will
be such a pleasure
to us all dear Arthur
to see you here again
& I flatter myself you
will like old Hardwick
in the winter as well
as the summer. I have

been very busy of late
& Miss Draper the governess
at the Allen had kept me
constantly at work by
coming here every week
to have some fruits given
her in dressing. I longed
to tell you that they were
delivered their best thanks
& kind regards for the
nice basket of potatoes you
sent them. Helen & Arthur
are paying a visit at my
old friends near Bath
by & by I trust the good
will be offered to give you
a visit, for I had long
to it as one of my great
pleasures. Do write soon
& tell us how you get on