

**Letter from John Donne to Sir Robert More, Loseley, 1614 August 10:  
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S<sup>r</sup>

Since I had no other thinge in contemplation  
when I purposed thys iourney, then my health,  
me thinks yt ys a kinde of phisick, to be so  
longe about that; and I grow weary of phi-  
sick quickly. I haue therfore put of that pur-  
pose; at least tyll the k: come into these parts.  
If yo<sup>r</sup> horse, (w<sup>ch</sup> I returne by thys carryar  
of Gilford) have not found as good Salads in  
o<sup>r</sup> Covent garden, as he should at Lothesley,  
yet I beleue he hath had more ease, then he  
should haue had there. We are condemnd to thys  
Desart of London for all thys sommer: for yt  
ys Company, not houses w<sup>ch</sup> distinguishes between  
Cityes, and Desarts. When I began to apprehend,  
that euen to myselfe, who can releive myselfe  
vpon books, solitarines was a litle burdenous, I  
beleud yt would be much more so, to my wyfe,  
if shee were left alone. So much company  
therfore, as I ame, shee shall not want: and wee  
had not one another at so cheape a rate, as y<sup>t</sup>  
we should ever be wearye of one another. S<sup>r</sup>,  
when these places affoord any thinge worthe yo<sup>r</sup>  
knowledge, I shall be yo<sup>r</sup> Referendary. Now, my  
errand ys onely to deliuer my thanks and  
services, accompanied w<sup>th</sup> yo<sup>r</sup> poore sisters, to yo<sup>r</sup>  
selfe, and all yo<sup>r</sup> good Company.

Yo<sup>rs</sup> euer to be commanded,

I: Donne

10 Aug: 1614.

I pray S<sup>f</sup> give thys note enclosed to my lady, yo<sup>f</sup> mother.  
it ys of some parcells w<sup>ch</sup> she commanded my wyfe to buy  
for her. w<sup>ch</sup> are sent down, at thys tyme, by y<sup>e</sup> Carryar

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To the right wors: S<sup>f</sup>  
Robert More knight

at Lothesley.