

**Letter from John Donne to Sir Robert More, Loseley, 1614 August 10:
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Sir

Since I had no other thing in contemplation
when I purposed this journey, then my health,
me thinks it is a kind of physic, to be so
long about that; and I grow weary of physic
quickly. I have therefore put off that purpose;
at least till the King come into these parts.
If your horse, (which I return by this carrier
of Guildford) have not found as good Salads in
our Covent Garden, as he should at Loseley,
yet I believe he hath had more ease, then he
should have had there. We are condemned to this
Desert of London for all this summer: for it
is Company, not houses which distinguishes between
Cities, and Deserts. When I began to apprehend,
that even to myself, who can relieve myself
upon books, solitariness was a little burdenous, I
believed it would be much more so, to my wife,
if she were left alone. So much company
therefore, as I am, she shall not want: and we
had not one another at so cheap a rate, as that
we should ever be weary of one another. Sir,
when these places afford any thing worth your
knowledge, I shall be your Referendary. Now, my
errand is only to deliver my thanks and
services, accompanied with your poor sisters, to yourself,
and all your good Company.

Yours ever to be commanded,
John Donne
10 August 1614.

I pray Sir give this note enclosed to my lady, your mother.
it is of some parcels which she commanded my wife to buy
for her. which are sent down, at this time, by the Carrier

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To the right worshipful Sir
Robert More knight
at Loseley.

