

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

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 *king* come into these parts.  
If your horse, (*which* I returne by thys carryar  
of Gilford) have not found as good Salads in  
our Covent garden, as he should at Lothesley,  
yet I beleeeue 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 *which* 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  
beleeeud 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 *that*  
we should ever be wearye of one another. Sir,  
when these places affoord any thinge worthe your  
knowledge, I shall be your Referendary. Now, my  
errand ys onely to deliuer my thanks and  
services, accompanied with your poore sisters, to your  
selfe, and all your good Company.

Yours euer to be commanded,  
*Iohn* Donne  
10 August 1614.

I pray Sir give thys note enclosed to my lady, your mother.  
it ys of some parcells *which* she commanded my wyfe to buy  
for her. *which* are sent down, at thys tyme, by *the* Carryar

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To the right *worshipfull* Sir  
Robert More knight  
at Lothesley.

