

**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.

