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Description: Large sheet of paper, no watermark, written on both sides, and folded as a letter. Postmark, seal missing. Letter from Catherine Payne to Revd. Thomas Rackett, 9 February 1825.

Transcript:

Address: The Rev^d Thomas Rackett
Upper Gower Street
No 48
London
England

Letter: Dieppe the 9th Feb[ruar]y 1825
My Dear Sir,

I have many excuses to make for not having answered your last very friendly, and obliging letter, from which I was prevented by indisposition – you have kindly anticipated my wishes with respect to putting in A claim for the triangular seal with the arms of Garrick, for my nephew Xpher [Christopher] Garrick, and I must entreat you to purchase this article for me, and to present it in my name to my nephew. I think myself greatly indebted to you for having hinted to me his wishes on this subject – I sincerely congratulate my two nephews on the Snuff Boxes being delivered to them. – whatever I may be indebted for the purchase of the drawings by Dance of my late most dear Uncle, and Aunt, and the triangular seal in question, I beg you will draw for on M^r Whitton, or any thing else that may be due to you on my account. – with respect to myself, I am perfectly satisfied with the invaluable resemblances of my two dear relatives and have nothing further to wish. – I hope yourself, nor M^{rs} Rackett have not suffered from the unseasonableness of the weather which has not only affected myself, but most of my neighbours. – We have not suffered from the tempestuous weather as you have on the western coasts – but we may expect to be rather inconvenienced next month by some very high Spring tides which will damage our cellars. Permit me to offer my kind remembrances to M^{rs} Rackett, accept the same my dear Sir, with best wishes for health and every possible happiness – and I remain

Your greatly obliged,
and sincere Friend.

Catharine Payne

I well remember the beautiful set of Dresden China but cannot say where it came from.