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 least the men should see my wife as she was rising.
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 which was kept rowld and had a rail on one side of it,
 and we expected to see a fine Garden at the top
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immediately wrote down every word that I could of so
remarkable a dream in my Pockett book. G. Smith.

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To Mary Downes
Sister

From Goddard Smith 4/2/1743 at Lee.

Dear Sister,

I went to London wednesday morning and came hither yesterday before dinner. William D P who is almost my constant companion and who is in pursuit of a Place in the Tower of easy Duty £40-00 per annum at purchase of £120-00, for life, no duty at all in Peace. Colds were never more common. I have had a slight share. D.P. too. M.S. was exceeding bad, we feared in in some danger Sunday last, Mrs Hillar both the little boys. A.S. now keeps her bed with it and a mixture of the cholick, We are all well except A.S. - J.J. had his share, was blooded by Mr Sharp. He is well but has scarcely recovered his ruddiness and high spirits. M. is not so well as when I saw her last but as her cold does not affect her breath I doubt not she will soon be well. J.C.?? goes to Richmond tomorrow and will send his man with the tea bills to Mr Downes. I have got your Darnack for 3 pair of shoes, Tape, Pins and 23/- . I hope fine ranuncular and 36 Italian narcissus, polyanthus, many seeds, some of flowers, G.S and J.J. spent 5 hours most friendly and agreeably Thursday evening at Mr Walkers. Friday morning he called in the Strand and bought an entire suit of cloths. I twice attempted in vain to see Lord Chancellor. The last time left a letter and an ounce of silver with his Porter, who promised me to deliver it. Perhaps this may be better than seeing him at Present, at least it was all in my Power for my friend Mr Alsop. Miss N-y had an intrigue more than a year since with Mr Plunkett, a young templar, another since with Mr Nair another January 26th was married in the Fleet to Mr Whittly a third. Speak cautiously of it till I see you, when I will tell you all the particulars. John Sulter came hither Tuesday last, and I suppose caught cold and has an ague, so that I must leave him and sent an horse for him after all. I propose to set out next Tuesday and hope to be at Tockenham Thursday the 9th, probably I shall write to you^{at} Chippenham, W. Brinsdens Saturday, ~~and~~ order Ch... M... sham to ask there. I should think I may see you in about a week after I come home and my present thoughts are to stay 4 or 5 at Bath if the small pox is not much there, but I think Mrs Chaudlers authority much more to be depended on than I hear, that is, being a great deal, 'Tis very little indeed. I am in great hurry not to lose the post, Think I have said a great deal (if you can read it) and hope have omitted nothing material. I recieved yours of Jan 28th and am to you all most affectionately G.S.

P.S. I am sorry I scrawled this so badly, for I have more time than I know. The apothecary been here & says he believes John may be able to come with me very safely, for his ague fit is uncommon thing. I hope Mr Cary has taken care of my candle. I know I depend on an Hogs head of Port wine when his cargo comes, I shall never doubt his friendship but it may not be amiss to rub his memory!

From Sam Adam 18/12/1738

To You
@ Tockenham

Dear Sir,

I cannot but be concerned that I have not so much heard from you, when, I thought I had good reason to hope, I should have seen you here before this time. Indeed I have not wrote to you since I was favoured with your last, But the reason was that I had in a great measure answered it before in a letter which, I found you had not then received. Therein I told you that I had bought a little grey mare, which I find I must part with again but for no other reason but that a ~~tilted~~ Tilted waggon frightens her out of her senses, that might be no great objection in this neighbourhood but was I to go with her upon any of the London roads especially riding her would be very troublesome & dangerous, She had a very pleasant cheerful way of going & a very pretty forehead, but now I must think again & I hope as you have an opportunity you will think for me. I return my thanks for the trouble you so readily engaged in in inquiring after Dowre's Horse

But perhaps whilst you are reading all this you will wonder I could so long forbear condoling Mr Northey's death, whose loss must be greatly lamented, not only by his own family but by all his neighbourhood & I doubt not, is by you in particular. Pray by what accident was it that he was thrown from his horse, and that a rupture by that fall should be the occasion of his death? This is the account our newspaper gave of it, which is very surprising & unaccountable. Though I knew little more of Mr Northey than his character I could not but be heartily sorry for the loss of so valuable a man & friend to you.

I have been of late a good deal out of order but am now, God be thanked, better. Mr Luke is not returned & I do not expect him till next week, the rest of my family are as well as usual.

Several of our neighbours are lately dead. Mr Robert Loder at Letchlade Mr Whiting the apothecary at Burford and Mr Grove who married Mr Ready's daughter. Mr Ready has also buried his little daughter, and I hear Mr Hippeslye? of Stanton also dead last week. But what are these etc. to the loss of one Mr Northey.

I hope you will not forget your promise of letting me enjoy some of your company this winter at this place. You have long promised it me & I never more depended upon it than this season.

Mr Cook has taken Mr Goodenoughs House & great part of his estate at Langford so that I shall again want a tenant at the Parsonage at Midsummer. But a horse is more to me than that & when shall I meet with another sovel. All my comfort is that he is much better than he was & I can shift a little longer with him. I hope your house keepers are well. Pray all our services to them I am forced at last to conclude in haste but shall never forget that I am Your very affectionate & obliged & Humble servant Sam Adams

From Goddard Smith @ Lee ^{London} 6/5/1739.

Tockenham

I wrote to my dear nieces Thursday last and proposed to have added to it in London but had not time, Mr Smith and Mrs A Smith went with us and bought 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ yds of damask for M. at Mr Carrs at 11^d per yard which I think is a fine colour and pattern and I hope will please and we sent the chintz to Smiths in Southampton Street which we thought right as its so good a thing and was never cleaned before. Mr Carr promised to do his best to get the green damask matched though I fear twill not be easy to do it, I sent out sentiments about Nanny's clothes that a flowered silk would soon be remarkable, a striped lute string very genteel, a brown more house wifely and very genteel and handsome, but a damask as handsome as any and more proper for summer & winter and its likely it will be more seen in winter than summer, for Mr & Mrs Smith seem to desire her company here whenever its agreeable to her. Mrs Smith has bought a gown and tail of the darkest pattern and talks of buying a suit of the third, G. S. and J. S. dined yesterday with Mr Walker at a Tavern, He talks of coming down with me for a few days in the Whitsun week, I shall aim to be at home the 14th or 15th of June, but cant yet be certain, Mr Walker desires ~~to~~ to have the firs in Hillocks tumped, Send to Robert Tibbald and if he and Mr Walkers own workmen have not work, order them to do it soon, if they have work lett R. E. and J. T. do it, or help them unless stones will be wanting before hay-making comes on which I suppose will be about midsummer. I believe I shall take £40-00 from Woolley, or somebody else, if they bring my note pay them. I hope Stiles Shewring and Henly will pay you some money, I enquired for dogs tongs etc yesterday a low iron heartz is more used than dogs, Send me your thoughts and the length and the distance between the fender and the back, 16 lb of paint and 3 quarts of oil ready boiled for use will be at Marlborough by Horn June 1st at evening, Its in 2 bladders packed in a small shuttle basket, get it brought carefully home and if you use it before I come home and think it too blue, T. B. may mix more white with it which will make it come cheaper, Its I hope too much for the little parlour, but may be kept a year. Send word if the few ranunculas on the middle short border are good and mark any you like there and any where else. J. S. and Joseph T. may tie them with several sorts of worsted and you write down remarks, but consult the Paper that gives account of the several sorts, If you want any fishing tackle tell me Monday or anything else, for I imagine your Mama and brother may come hither June 1st or 3rd and

Cont.

To Miss Jacobs at
Tockenham

From Goddard Smith @ Lee 6/5/1739

then I shall scarcely go to London afterwards, Mr and Mrs Boye are got to Bath and have a letter from him thence this morning. If Dr Adams writes to you to fetch home the mare send John Taylor very early in morning and let him return at night, Tell me if the 6 new beagles are less than Sir Robert Longs Kingwood, I thank God I am mighty well. T.W. does not live with Mr Merry but with Mr Jobson?? by the Lion and Lamb as coachman. I just saw him yesterday in Town and he said he hoped to come to see me tomorrow. I hear he is going to Scarborough with his Master. William J. K and my equipage are well. ~~Let~~ the new dogs be kept in the Kennel and I hope they cant gett out to go away. Say 2 or 3 words what you think of them. Put up 2 or 3 of moons geese when they come and dont forget to bottle gooseberys.

Send the enclosed from Wootton market. Its only to tell the D^r that I am well, in good manners, I have no letter from S. D. since I came which surprises me a little, if you have, tell me so, though surely I shall hear before Thursday. I have wrote there to your mama, I may have forgot many things but have not time to say more but my service to Mrs Charman and that I am my Dear Nieces

G. S.

scribble on back of letter.

fender 3 foot 1 inch long

back 1 foot 7 inches wide

from middle of back to middle of fender 14 inches

biggest finest legs

flowers both fine

Kidney set

cieling coat only look well

great showers

but little than -- flesh gone.

From Goddard Smith at Anne Smiths in ^{London} Lee 12/12/1741.

10 Tockenham

I recieved dear Nannys letter last night and one from your Mama and thank God that all my friends in West & East are so well. I have hopes (but am not sure) to remove hence the 21st, to lie at Oxford the 22nd and 23rd and sup with you the 24th. I desire Molly will write to me Wednesday and I will send you a more certain account next Saturday, I ordered F. Pullen to try to take off Sorrels splints. If he has not, let him set about it immediately. I have wrote to Mawhood this morning and will see him next Tuesday, and shall obey most of your orders. You say nothing of capers. Let M. mention it. I shall do nothing about salts. I must return hither in April May or June and can then do it. I have ordered silver knives etc etc. I dont know what your mama means by custard cups. If you do let M. tell me. I suppose large tea cups, if so say how many inches over etc. Spencer is gone off from taking the "Rocks" and there is a man hired. I suppose he may stay some months, but I guess (as Mr Ranger says) you know all this and more. Dont brew more strong beer till I come home. Get eggs and chickens when you go to Church, or sooner. Let Mr Brinsden know that I am coming home soon. Perhaps M. may say somewhat of Cloudy & Dorey. Look out for carriage of my cargo from Marlborough the 26th. If no cart or waggon goes perhaps I must send my cart on purpose. There will be a new trunk portmantle, my old box & perhaps 3 skuttle baskets, about four hundred, not less. Mr Pocock is now and almost always with me. We mostly dine here and sup with Mrs Smith and Mrs Hillar. This night we sup at Mr Atkyns (we did last Tuesday at Mr James) and expect to dine Thursday next at Wricklemarsh, it being Mrs Kennards birthday. I shall go to town Tuesday next and I think lie one night at Three Angels. I have not laid in town yet. If any more orders come D. Pocock can execute them and send them in the cargo which will come from Mr Rogers the 22nd, supposing my scheme holds. Mr Titterton is I fear declining and Mrs Molly Hyde is very ill, if possible I think Mrs Smiths temper benevolence and conduct improves. The boys are certainly very fine ones. Mathew the plainest but a cheerful, good natured, hearty, cunning scuffling rogue as ever was born. I have wrote 5 letters this morning and leave off now rather for want of more to say than for want of time, or through weariness, lay them by. It will be hints for conversation when I come home. Your mama mentions Hill marton Chancel It must be deferred till spring. Dont let us forget it then. We all send good wishes etc and I am I thank God in good health and spirits

G. S.

from Oxford

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To Mrs Downes

From Goddard Smith 24/2/1741

I am now writing to my dear sister at Mr Jacobs Chamber. He is playing Damon, and Mr Watson sitting by. I left my 5 Leician friends well Monday morning, dined at the 3 Angels, but had no particular converse whether for want of opportunity, for I was not above $\frac{3}{4}$ of an hour. Mrs Ansell's mother is dead. Has made her executor & £70-00 per annum. I went then and spent evening and lay comfortably at Lion Orchard. Mr Downes was very kind and talked reasonably. He was much dejected on not receiving a letter from you and desires to hear from you once in every week which I hope you will comply with, and if you have not wrote lately I desire you will by Saturdays Post. He got up with me at five and was as civil and friendly as man could be. I got into the coach yesterday at 6-30 with 5 Oxonians, had a very agreeable journey and came well hitther at 8-30 and found Mr Black, Watson and Kilner at this room ready to receive me. We supped on 2 chickens 1 lobster and 5 tarts. G.W. J.G. & G.S. breakfast here. We are all to dine at G.W.'s and suppe with Mr Black. Tomorrow morning I propose for Sulgrave and possibly may see you the 5th of March, probably the 6th. Mr Walwyn is here. I have not yet seen him but will its thought he will be here but little more. I am writing thus far before Jack Taylors arrival.

Jack Taylor is just arrived at one o'clock. I would be impertinent to say your healths, and intelligence gave me great pleasure. Let the lights of the hot bed be turned every morning when the mats are taken off and turned again when they are put on. In the day a tile of $\frac{3}{4}$ " inch thickness will be air enough, unless they heat too much. J. T. brings purslane seed but I think its too early. I have seen Mr Wallwyn, he will double his care of J. J. till lady day, and then advise him to Mr Wood. I can add no instructions to so good stewards, nor any good wishes you dont know. I have lent J. T. 2^d and desire A. J. will account with him and for 1/- I gave him when he went to Bath. I am glad to hear Robert All ^{rs??} bleeding of his heart in his body has done him no harm. J. J. G.C.B. G.W. and G.S. return your compliments and I am to all four A very affectionate G.S.

pray write to Mr Downes saturday next.

From Goddard Smith 25/5/1744 at Tockenham

10 rue
(2)

I did not think to write any more to my dear nieces till I saw them but the weather has been so rainy windy and uncooth for 2 days past that it has detained your mama Mr Downes and Miss Rust two days here longer than they designed and if it does not grow better I dont will know when they or we shall move. The first hour I propose is not before tomorrow noon. We shall then lie at Hungerford, probably Friday at Maidenhead or Slough and may be with you Saturday at one or two or it may be not till night possibly we may not move before Friday or Saturday and if you do not see us before Monday we shall then go directly to London in hopes of meeting you there in the Strand. We had yesterday 1^h dined in the Parlour and 1^h in the Kitchen but to make amends we recieved all the Principle and interest on John Stiles mortgage viz £700-00 principle and a year and a half and 58 days interest of which a 7th part is Betty's and I expect a customer this evening for £50-00 @ 5% per annum which Betty shall have if she likes it. Mr Jacob is determined to take Jack Taylor as a servant & I desire Mr C. K. ?? will soon talk with me about a living for him, and possibly for my servants. He talks of staying 3 or 4 days after us with A.F. for a companion, and then for Oxon. If we come to Richmond I suppose I can lie very conveniently a night or two at the Castle and A with E or possibly I may go on to Lee. It is idle enough in me to write this but the fear of you is the pretence for it. I thank God we are all very well. The evening looks clear and its probable the Rock family will move tomorrow and we to Hungerford. I wish you a good night G. S.