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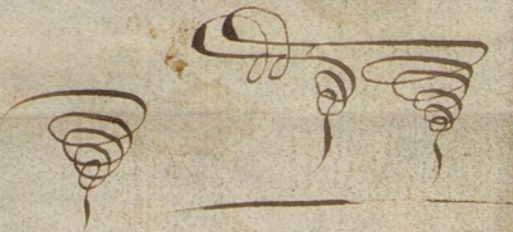
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Rue Ridgway

To my Loving Friend
Phineas Pemberton
in Pensylvania
wth Care



Rue Ridgway

Rue Ridgway
Manchester

10 mo 21. 1846.

to

Phineas Pemberton

Wellbeloved Friend Phineas Pemberton

Thine wth true Joy Come ~~to~~ to my hands y^e 26th of
y^e 9th mo 96 & in a true Tenderness of Love & in much gladness of heart
did receive thine w^{ch} was truly welcome to me & my
dear wife & my heart was truly filled indeed wth the
remembrance of y^e y^e. The spring of Love & tenderness did
arise fresh in my heart & spirit being by the Love of god
quickened & raised & revived in y^e true & ancient Love in
w^{ch} we feel see & know one another right well to y^e
gladness of our hearts & spirits. Every day are we
visited still more wth the same ardent Love y^e never
widdens nor decays: it doth not wax cold to any y^e loves
god in truth but all are one in him: & he in us is over all
to make us all one Compleat thoroughout to praise his great
name forever: for we see to our griefe y^e Branch y^e hath
not abiden in y^e tender vine hath come to wither & decay
both here & elsewhere being the griefe & Exercise of many
y^e any should loose their goodness & Labour & be good for
nothing it is Lamentation here & Else where: but my dear
Friend how lovely & goodly are they Everywhere y^e doth
abide in y^e tender vine such cannot decay nor wither
but are near & dear one unto another both in body soul
& spirit & they cannot forget one another nor neither
distance nor time can separate us: In fresh & Living
sence of Life doo dearly salute thee wth thy dear wife
also my dear friend In: Lincoln whose boy abides in
strength together wth all the upright & faithfull & tender
hearted in Christ Jesus our Lord whose good presence
is heard wth us: & fills our hearts wth Love one unto another
& our cups are filled wth goodness & our spirits are glad
one of another: & these also may let y^e know y^e thy long
concerning our dear Friend In: Abram y^e is gone a little
before us: I did as y^e did advise me to let our dear friend
Roger Haydock see it: & In: who did advise me to send
it to Dan: Abram his son wth I did & he in y^e pusall of
it after some time did give it me again to present it to
the meeting: w^{ch} I did & they had it under consideration &
in y^e Conclusion it was ordered to be printed w^{ch} I think
will come forth of press ere long w^{ch} is all y^e account
I can give y^e but hopes to hear from thee as y^e hast an
opportunity w^{ch} I hope may be by my friend James Dickerfon
& my Friend Jacob Fallowfield who was my man near
7 years who in tender love salute wth desires the great
god may safely Conduct them & y^e & all dear friends
Every where & y^e we may Live to see one another again
wth great Joy If the Lord sees meet: So wth mine & my
wifes dear Love to y^e & thy wife & all friends I shall
Conclude & remain Thy Truly Loving Friend

Manchest^r: - 21st of y^e 10th mon: 96

Ralph Ridgway

our friend Rich: Matther of Rattliffbridge: was buried at
our burying place about y^e 5th of y^e 4th mon: 96
& our friend Ja: Wild Plasterer was buried a little before
& for y^e rest of our town I hope my man Jacob might
Inform y^e more perfectly: RR

Wee all were coming Joyfull & glad
to see one another & to see more of one another
which I greatly desire Edward Wolfson & some Conduct
from all friends See pages RR