

1768
Mr Moore May 8th
Answ. J

To

Thomas Hall Esq^r

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John.

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J^r

I take pen in hand to inform you that we are all once more got together again & are returning to our studies with proper diligence after so long an interruption. Mr Portlock's Lectures are already begun, to which I dare say the Young Gentlemen will attend constantly. I did not come here till Thursday Evening, being detain'd upon the road all Wednesday by the excessive rain, but I lay at a Gentle house on Tuesday night, the confinement was not so disagreeable as it would have been at an Inn.

It is the way of the World to presume very much upon former favors & having obtain'd one or more requests from any person officiously to have others in readiness, which we mean to ask. All that can be pleaded in behalf of such behaviour is that having found such an one ready to oblige & serve us upon former occasions, we are embolden'd to think that he will not easily reject our petition or at least that he will give us convincing reasons for so doing. - But (you'll say) what means this extraordinary preface? - Know then J^r that I am of the number of those, who having already receiv'd great indulg

agencies from yourself & family, am yet about to ask for one
more, in which, if I should have the good fortune to succeed
the reflecting upon it would ever give me great pleasure.
But tho' I address myself to you, I on this occasion, yet am
I sensible that my application would have been ^{made} with
greater propriety to Miss Hall herself, since it is the peculiar
Privilege of the Lady to appoint (perhaps you now begin
to conceive at what I am driving), who shall officiate at
(I had almost said) the approaching Solemnity. Am I far
wide of the truth? have I not just grounds of conjecturing
that the Day is not far distant, when a certain amiable
young Lady means to make a very deserving & worthy
Gentleman compleatly happy. - I was too diffident & fearful
& presuming to make a personal application to Miss Hall
on this subject, when I was in Town - but if some happy
Clergyman is not already singled out by Miss Hall & you
should see no impropriety in my making such a request,
be pleas'd, I, to put in a word on my behalf & to assure
Miss Hall that I should be truly sensible of the honor of
joining her hand, wherever she thinks proper to bestow
her heart. - who am, I, yours & her most oblig'd Servant
Charles Moore.

P.S. As I shall be in a state of
disagreeable suspense till I know
whether so great an honor is
design'd me, I beg the favor of an
answer as soon as may be convenient.

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