

Carta de Joseph Fox Junior a Thomas Graham, para que o último lhe encontre correspondentes em Portugal com quem possa trocar fósseis. De Falmouth para Lisboa, 1 Fevereiro 1781.

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Respected Friend/.

This last letter to my father by the speedy packett, brought us the pleasing information of Fr.^d Graham's health being mending apace, we cannot but join in most cordial wishes for its reestablishment.

As I've a taste for Natural History and consequently for collecting specimens of either animal, vegetable or fossil productions, take the liberty of requesting (should thy acquaintance extend to any in the same pursuit) thy recommendation as a correspondent, who would be willing to barter what this country affords for those of Portugal etc.

My situation here is peculiarly favourable to such a scheme, not only on acc.^{r1} (?) of the vicinity of the mines, but also of the ready conveyance we have to most of the World.

By a connection of this kind which I've already formed in Norway, have procured some fine specimens of their ores, and doubt not, shale, in time, by having duplicates, be enable to furnish my correspondents in other parts.

As it's not every foreigner who understands the English language, believe could venture to write in Latin or French.

Shall think myself much obliged by thy answer when conveniency suits.

My wife joins me in sincere wishes that Fr.^d Graham may derive all the benefit from the Lisbon climate, necessary for the complete recovery of her health.

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Thy assured friend
Joseph Fox Junior

Falmouth February. 1st. 1781

Thomas Graham esquire
Lisbon

¹ *According* (?).

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