Title: Letter from Joseph Priestley to John Edwards

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Dear Sir,

I was always my opinion that you should finish what you have undertaken, and especially that you should produce the facts that are necessary to support and you have already advanced. You own credit, as well as the cause, requires it, and I think it ought to have been done long ago. I have read 20 pages of your fourth of, and am surprised that my name should object to its publication.

I am beginning to put my second part, but I only send the first proof today, and do not wish to publish before Christmas. The success of the French might, I think, make all our friends easy about the
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With every good wish, I am

Your sin,

J. Peirce

Elopa. 6th Oct. 1751
To the Rev. John Edwards, Birmingham.

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dear Sir,

yours sincerely

J Priestley

Clapton Oct. 16, 1792.