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Dear Sir

With this you will receive a MS which I
wish you to get printed where you can. It has cost me
more labour than any thing I ever wrote of the size. You
may judge of this when I tell you that, besides turning
to every text, to see that it corresponded to the Index,
and the first copy in that hand, I copied it twice in
long hand myself. But at length I have pleased myself and
I have no doubt but it will be a very useful work.

I desire nothing for my labour. Only let the
bookseller that accepts of it defray the expense of printing,
and if hereafter it ~~from~~ yield any profit ⁱⁿ time, and
as it gets known, I am pretty confident it will, let him
make me, or my executor, what allowance he himself
shall think reasonable. If my name will be any prejudice
to the sale, which I imagine it will, send back the Proof,
and I will return it altered accordingly. In that case you
will be cautious never to mention my name or concern
in it. Show the bookseller this account, and the Proof, that he

may form a just idea of the work, and the terms.

Show it to Mr Carey first. It will suit him best, as having published an excellent Bible, the best by far that I have seen.

The books that you said you had sent by Dentler never came to hand. Please to inquire about them.

Prize Mr Byrne has sent me, decently bound, three copies of the Church History and a number of the new edition of the Lectures, which I suppose must be ready by this time.

The system has been of great service to me. But towards the last they were very stale. I must now wait a long time for more. I am still exceedingly weak.

Thank you very much for my copy of the lectures which you sent me.

I am with most grateful thanks for all your kind services.

Dear Sir,

Yours sincerely

J. Priestley

North Vic 26.10.03

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the end of the Paper it cannot be traced to me, so
that it need not be returned at all

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Manuscript

3 Copies of Church History
3 of Lectures History

John Vaughan Es.

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Philadelph^a

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Dear Sir

With this you will receive a MS which I wish you to get printed where you can. It has cost me more labour than any thing I ever wrote of the size. You may judge of this when I tell you that, besides turning to every text, to see that it corresponded to the Index, and the first copy in short hand, I copied it twice in long hand myself. But at length I have pleased myself and I have no doubt but it will be a very useful work.

I desire nothing for my labour. Only let the bookseller that accepts of it defray the expense of printing, and if hereafter it yield any profit which in time, and as it gets known, I am pretty confident it will, let him make me, or my executor, what allowance he himself shall think reasonable. If my name will be any prejudice to the sale, which I imagine it will, send back the Pref^ace, and I will return it altered accordingly. In that case, you will be cautious never to mention my name as concerned in it. Shew the bookseller this account, and the Preface, that he may form a just idea of the work, and the terms.

Shew it to Mr. Carey first. It will suit him best, as having published an excellent Bible, the best by far that I have seen.

The books that you said you had sent by Dentler never came to hand. Please to inquire about them.

Desire Mr. Byrn to send me, decently bound, three copies of the Church History and as many of the new edition of the Lectures, which I suppose must be ready by this time.

The oysters have been of great service to me. But towards the last they were very stale. I must now wait a long time for more.

~~Please to procure for me a long Carpenter's plane/////be made here~~

I am with much gratitude for all your kind services, dear sit,

Yours sincerely

J. Priestley

Northd Dec. 26, 1803.

P.S. I see that by leaving out one paragraph towards the end of the Preface it cannot be traced to me, so that it need not be returned at all.

Address: John Vaughan, Esq.
No. 109 S Front Street,
Philadelphia.

Docket: Dr./ Priestley Northumbd Decr. 26, 1803. recd Jan. 7. and Do. 10th.

Manuscript. 3 copies bd. Church History. 3 Do. Lectures History.

write that Books not ready. Oysters gone - D W. advice.