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Dear Sir

It was always my opinion  
that you should finish what you have under-  
taken, and especially that you should produce the  
facts that are necessary to support what you  
have already advanced. Your 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  
No, and am surprised that any person  
should object to its publication.

I am beginning to print my second  
part, but I only send the first proof today,  
and do not wish to publish before Christmas.

The success of the former night, I should  
think, make all our friends easy about the

effect of our publications. I am glad to hear by  
you, and Mr Phelps, of the impression that it  
has made at Birmingham. It is the  
interest of the church and every party everywhere,  
and ought to raise ours as much.

Mr Jones will deliver this. You will,  
I doubt not, be very happy together, and this,  
and your common success, will give you the  
greatest pleasure.

With every good wish, I am  
Dear Sir,

Yours sincerely

J. P. Priestley

Clapton Oct. 16. 1752

The Rev. Mr Edwards

Birmingham

To the Rev. John Edwards, Birmingham.

Dear Sir

It 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 what you have already advanced. Your own credit, as well as the cause, requires it, and I think it ought to have been done long ago. I have read 40 pages of your fourth no., and am surprized that any person should object to its publication.

I am beginning to print my second part, but I only expect the first proof today, and do not wish to publish before Christmas.

The success of the French might, I should think, make all our friends easy about the effect of our publication. I am glad to hear by you, and Mr. Russell, of the impression that it has made at Birmingham. It sinks the spirit of the church and king party everywhere, and ought to raise ours as much.

Mr. Jones will deliver this. You will, I doubt not, be very happy together, and this, and your common success, will give me the greatest pleasure.

With every good wish, I am

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J Priestley

Clapton Oct. 16, 1792.