

Trway 20th April 1827.

My Dear Russell

It has been a long, long time indeed since I received yours from Carlisle - the letter is not now before me but I have read it so often that I can recollect every word of it except its date. I never look at the date of any other letters than those on business - letters of friendship are never out of date - there is no statute of limitations that will bar their full force and effect. Under this, my decision, of the law on this subject, I often sit down and read your letters to me for I have them all carefully but by in a file marked "Letters from my friend W. F. Russell" and I endorse on every one the date of its receipt & I have also some copies of my own to you but these I seldom look at - it makes me blush - as I was about to say "if the Don had not have interrupted me" I often spend a few hours in perusing the file of your letters and by this exercise I am often as much interested as if I were present with you. You have become so careless of me lately that I do not know what I would do if I had not got so tucked by when I can occasionally give you hauling over. But my dear will this negligence of each other will never do - I hope we may both mend our ways



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