

Wilberforce (Wm.), statesman and anti-slavery advocate

"People sometimes write to hoax me, if that word should be used for a species of writing, however costly to the receiver of the letter, which requires no expenditure of wit or sense," etc. 1828

Highwood Hill Midd^y
5th June 1828

My dear Sir

The accompanying
ing Letter came to me yesterday
afternoon at this place; but the
Man did not wait long enough
to enable me to write to you
about it, as I now take the liberty
of doing. Let me in the first place
assure you that, as I pointed
out to my Butler when he brought
it to me, the outer cover was
torn, so as to show that much

of Inlosures consists of
printed papers, probably of
foreign Newspapers &

I know not the handwriting,
nor whence it comes. My long
pendents in the Indies have
often written from a disposition
to hoax me, if that word should
be used for a species of wit which
however costly to the Receiver
of Letters requires no expenditure
or any stock of wit or sense,
(as little indeed as if good nature)

Unless the Inlosures sent by
really valuable Intelligence
I am not disposed to pay for
it. May I beg you to let one
of your Clerks write me a few lines
tomorrow directed to me at

Geo. Robinson's Esq
Golden Square
London

5 June 1876

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remain over }

My dear Sir

Your obliged & faithful

W. W. Miller force

An accident happened to this leaf
which if my eyes were not so weak that
I can use my pen very little, would have
made me write my note over again
Sir
W. W. Miller force