

AWP

Halstead Lodge,
Upper Tooting.

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Dear Mr. Gill

Thank you for
letter we see the Lamb
letter. Curiously enough I
have made a discovery. Half
an hour after I had read the
letter I found it quoted in
a very charming Essay in the
Letters of Charles Lamb in a
set of Lectures and Essays by
the late Canon Ainger, who
was one of the greatest of our
Lamb scholars, and himself edited
the works of that most delightful
writer. This discovery set me on

Further enquiries - I turned to
the best edition of Lamb's letters,
(by S. V. de Cass), of which I am
the fortunate possessor. At
pp 662-664 I found printed
your letter - But I am sorry to
say that yours is not an original
but only a copy.

1. It is only an extract from
a very much larger letter
 2. The original is stated by de Cass
to be in the British Museum -
 3. A facsimile of one of Lamb's
letters is given in the Volume
to which I am referring, and the
handwriting in no way resembles
your letter -
- I in an earlier edition

of "Lamb" which I perused,
published in the early fifties,
the early part of the letter is
given, stopping short where your
Paragraph begins.

Apparently the letter is a
very well known one, for de Cass
says - "It was this letter which
Edward Fitzgerald tells us, Thackeray
pressed to his forehead, with the
remark "Saint Charles" - If you
care to see the Volume it is very
much at your service - Personally
I love Lamb and all his works,
and some of his letters are the
best reading I know -

I am afraid that you will
not thank me for the information
I have given you. I have an
Sunderland of them I have an
Autograph poem of Bernard Barton,
to whom the letter was addressed -

Yours sincerely
Charles Barney