

## Letter from Erasmus Darwin to Matthew Boulton, 1771/01/04

Darwin, Boulton and Wedgwood were due to dine with Mr Anson of Shugborough Hall and Mr Stuart, an influential designer.

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4 January 1771

Dear Sir

I have just now received a letter from Mr Stuart acquainting me that Mr Anson and himself are obliged to go to London immediately to pass a fortnight, and at their return he will acquaint me. I hope you will receive this letter in time to prevent your journey, and am,

Dear Sir

your affect. Friend and Servant

E Darwin

Jan. 4-71

Lichfield

I wrote some time ago to bespeak a silver-plated Cross with or without a Lamp; - and must now beg you will send two instead of one – better if with Lamps. – I shall be glad to see you Birmingham-Philosophers-and-Navigators, tho' Mr Anson is gone. You will please to acquaint me if you can and will come on that Day.