

Letter from Erasmus Darwin to Matthew Boulton, 1778/02/04

Darwin enquires after the Kauffmann prints.

Dear Boulton,

Not having heard of you for so many moons has induced me to think you are dead – pray send me word that I may begin your epitaph – if you are still alive I design to visit you next Sunday but one, (which I believe to be the 15th) if it is agreeable and convenient and if Mr Keir will visit you at the same time.

I sent a plate-order, which I hope was received. – And I hope you will direct the Mrs Koffman's four prints of graces to be framed for me at your manufactory – which prints I hope are long since arrived.

- Pray desire Mr Keir to give me a line, or yourself, to know if you will give us room and dinner as above.

Adieu with best compl. to Mrs Boulton

E Darwin

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