

(letter, script)

G. R. B. to Mallocks

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Tuesday Eve

[2nd April '18]

— "— Sir William is thinner than ever but very brown as he spent two days last week on the roof outside my door. — I have taken rooms at Sidmouth in Devon from April 27th for 3 weeks & hope to keep <sup>him</sup> Sir William there & out of doors. The conditions in France have depressed him dreadfully and I think he has been very pessimistic. We talk quite freely of visits from the Müllers & Ernolds — [Should the Huns reach England? I daresay he would welcome them handily — Saint that he is. We had an awful week or ten days with <sup>so many near friends</sup> all the people ill & injured] [John Archibald with pneumonia in London & Charles Bath nearly killed in an aeroplane accident] & ending by <sup>him</sup> Sir William getting a cold. — He went at once to bed with aspirin & a lemonade with hot whiskey — the first I ever knew him take and we headed it off.