

Charles Burney D.D. was the son of Dr Burney, (the historian of Music, & friend of Dr Johnson) was an eminent critic & classical scholar, his library was one of the most magnificent private collections in Europe. & at his death was bought by the nation for £13,500, it included the famous M.S. copy of Homer's Iliad, supposed to be as old as the 14<sup>th</sup> century, formerly belonging to Mr Townley, a complete collection of the dramatic literature of Greece, two copies of the Greek Gospels, of the 10<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> centuries, & many other unique works. Dr Burney was a Fellow of the Royal & Antiquarian Societies, Rector of Deptford in Kent, & Prebendary of Lincoln Cathedral. His brother Cap<sup>n</sup> Burney accompanied Cap<sup>n</sup> Cook in his two last voyages, & was one of the first geographers of the time, his sister M<sup>me</sup> d'Arblay was much distinguished for her writings. Dr Burney was born 1757 & died 1817.

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My dear Sir,

Many thanks for your letter:—  
many more for the truly precious inclosures;—  
but many fewer for the obscure mode, in which  
you reply to my proposal. — I shall return  
home, via Cambridge; and proposed attacking  
our new Professor of Casuistry, with your letter,  
in my hand. — As he is young, however, in office,  
it would be worth to puzzle him, perchance; and  
so I must even interpret for myself. — This I  
gladly do; and in the name of our Society, I  
intreat you to accept our thanks for your listening  
to our offer. — We trust, that you will take  
your seat at our next Anniversary, (Dec. 1810)  
with the Bp of Carlisle, and the Dean of  
Westminster. —

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I have been opening the New year, at  
Crewe Hall; or I should have answered  
your letter sooner. —

My best compls to Mrs Goodall:

Believe me always, my dear Sir,

yours most faithfully

C. Burney. —

Crewe Hall,  
Nantwich. Jan<sup>y</sup> 10. 1840. —