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*Godwin to "Dear Sir"*

*January 2, 1808*

G 0361 WILLIAM GODWIN TO [JOHN TAYLOR?], JANUARY 2, 1808

AL signed W. Godwin, 2 pages. Single sheet, 4<sup>to</sup> (22.9 x 18.3 centimeters; 9 x 7.5 inches).  
Laid paper. Watermark: JOHN FELLOWS.

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*Dear sir*

*In the midst of our short conversation of yesterday, & still more pleasant than short, you expressed a wish to receive a sketch in prose of the thing we desired. I am sure your kindness renders it a duty incumbent on me in return, to afford you every facility in my power. I therefore inclose two scribbles with which I would not otherwise have troubled you. That in small writing is the production of my daughter in her eleventh year, & is strictly modeled, as far as her infant talents would allow, on Dibden's song. This may answer the purpose of a prose sketch. The other is written by a young man of twenty. It is rather unintelligible : but the ~~two~~ first two stanzas may afford you a hint respecting the first two designs.*

*The more what you shall favour us with shall be purely your own, the more exquisite I am well satisfied it will be found. The whole object is to keep up the joke of Nong Tong Paw being constantly taken for the greatest man in France.*

*Believe me, with a thousand thanks,*

*My dear sir,*

*very sincerely yours*

*Jan. 2 1808*

*W. Godwin*

*May we send to you at ten or eleven to-morrow morning?*

*If you should have any thing to communicate, & should address it to Mr. Hooley, 41, Skinner Street, Snow Hill, it will reach me in safety.*

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