

If you think the liberty I have allowed him to great for his age, I shall restrain it immediately according to your pleasure.

Let me add one remark more on this point, Madam, and pardon me when I fatigue your patience — It is of no importance to me to remain in the charge you have honoured me with, but it is by no means indifferent if you and Mr. Smith think I have fulfilled it like an honest man or not.

It is quite another thing, when a young man is allowed to go out alone in his leisure hours, living without a governor, or having a governor who regulates his expences. The principal ties of friendship between students of the wilder class, are expensive diversions—riding, gaming, extravagance in dress etc. Where the liberty of partaking in such diversions is wanting, no close connexion can be formed. I give your son as much for pocket money, as I think sufficient for little occasional wants. For the rest you know, I keep his accounts my self and deliver them at the end of every month to Mr. Heyne.

Your son mentions something about my repeating lectures with him. —I must say I engaged myself not properly to be his instructor but his governor, else it would have been unnecessary to send him to a place where plenty of instruction of all kinds is to be had — Yet I have given him lessons from the beginning and continue so still. Mr. Gatterers Geographical lecture I repeated with him in the first part of the semester, especially because he then had some difficulty to understand it on account of the language; for besides the matters were so easy that they wanted no further explanation. At the end I left off the lecture entirely because Mr. Gatterer then went so quick in his descriptions of the countries that it was impossible to set down a regular extract for repetition.

My absence of some days from your son is scarce worth mentioning — Yet I pass it not over in silence, that you may see I can fairly answer every thing he says. There had been a tumult of some journeymen at Goettingen — but it was entirely appeased a day before I went away by cavalry posted in the town; there remained only a discontentment of the students who thought themselves insulted. Mr. Smith had nothing to act for himself, he being in none of those connexions, by which many students were obliged to take part in the complaint to the magistrates.

Let me conclude my letter, Madam, with expressions of the highest esteem for you and Mr. Smith. I deserved not from your son this essay of depriving me of yours for my endeavours to make his life as pleasant to him and at the time as answerable to your wishes as possible. Let