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Dear Father,

. It being a general Custom with us at the and of each Half-Year to review our Studies, in order to keep alive in our Minds the Tecollection that we are not merely acting, but acting for a proposed End or purpose, and also to point out to us our Brogress towards that End, which is the Attainment of Shill and Fatent; I take the opportunity mentioning the line appointed for the Clase of the present Term which is Thursday next affords me, to say that my Attention has been engaged upon the French Language and the Classics, in each of which I have gained much ground, and likewise very particularly upon Writing, heth -melie, and . Herch to tack of which last I have completed

the first Sett, and in Arithmetic have made much proficiency; Drawing has occupied two Afternoons weekly, of which I shall bring you a few Specimens owhich I trust you will find tolerably fair, and the remaining two have been. devoted to Astronomy and Geography; and from this full Engagement Thave to promise myself very fair fruits in due time; in the mean while I am enjoying the Idea of a little Relaxation in the society of my Friends for a few weeks at Cammersmith, and hope to meet you and them in perfect Health. . H' Dean desires me to present his and Mi Dean's but respects and Comp's to you, my . Mother and . Sister, Mr. Jackson & Ge in dutiful Affection and Love to each of whom my young Fridnes join with

Dear Father;

Your very affectionale . Son, James Otto Ricketts. James Richetts Organis near Hammer: smith.