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Dear Sir Roy:

I still can't get over your wonderful kindness in remembering my selfish request; in persevering in meeting it; and in managing to part with such an obviously "precious" possession.

I did know beforehand all about Swinburne's exile at Balliol, and unhappiness there, - from your letter. But I am especially grateful for your kind explanation about the greatness of the letter. You and Dryden are perfectly right. "The sweetest essences are always confined in the smallest glasses." And I would rather have that letter than the manuscript of the TREATISE ON PROBABILITY.

A month or two ago I was lucky enough to be able to buy an 1820 journal inscribed "John

Maynard Keynes, Eton, '01. "And more humbly,
"Lot of David."

But this letter you have sent me is much
more of an unique possession, and I can't
begin to thank you adequately.

I have not deserved your kindness, but
I shall not forget it either.

Yours very sincerely,
Martin Thorne.