

TO

SIR JOHN ST. AUBYN, BART.

SIR,

ALTHOUGH I am far from considering the following performance as worthy of a formal Dedication, I cannot help availing myself of the opportunity which it offers (the only public one I may ever have) of acknowledging the many civilities which you have condescended to show me. Permit me, at the same time, to assure you, that, however imperfect the Work may be, my sollicitude in executing it has not been the less, that the Collection to which it refers has passed into your possession: that Collection it may tend to render more valuable, and thereby entitle me in some degree to a continuance of the confidential freedom with which you have hitherto allowed me to consult it.

I am, SIR,

with most sincere respect,

your obliged and grateful servant,

*Basingball-street,  
Oct. 1, 1799.*

W. BABINGTON.

*Sm John St Aubyn afterwards  
purchased the whole of Dr Babingtons collection of which  
this catalogue is the basis. & for which he gave 3000£  
over*