

Newbuildings Place.
Southwater.
Sussex.

August 12. 1920

Dear Col. Lawrence,

You need have no he-
sitation in proposing yourself
here anytime that you can
spare a day or two - I can
always put you up and give
you a hearty welcome as far
as my infirmities of age per-
mit - Any one who can talk
to me of Arabia & the desert
life finds a ^{free} seat at my
coffee hearth & you especially
who know so much. I mean

greatly pleased at your letter
in the Times and, though I have
no confidence in the honour
or honesty of our government,
I yet do not quite despair
of a victory for Asia as the
result of ^{the} struggle now going
on. It is a happy sign that
England & France are quar-
relling at last - So do not
delay about coming & let us
have our talk -

Very truly yours

Wilfrid Samuel Johnson

Forgive my writing in pencil:
I cannot manage a pen except
with difficulty -