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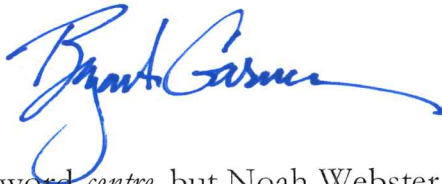
DEAR FRIEND,

In the center\* of London stands a great monument in the field of letters: Samuel Johnson's house, where he compiled his historic *Dictionary of the English Language* (1755). It was a house of words, and a household filled with hardship and toil, but also love and dedication.

Johnson became a giant of English literature who overcame physical disabilities, mental-health issues, and educational and occupational hardship to create the first authoritative English dictionary—as well as plays, poems, biographies, an edition of Shakespeare, and influential essays.

The American Friends of Dr. Johnson's House, a nonprofit corporation with 501(c)(3) status, has been formed to encourage American gifts in support of the House and its serious mission to further education in the English language and English history. We hope you'll consider making a tax-deductible gift to support the house.

Sincerely,



\*Johnson spelled (or spelt) the word *centre*, but Noah Webster altered American spelling to prefer *center*. And we're the *American* Friends.

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"Courage is the greatest of all virtues, because if you haven't courage,  
you may not have an opportunity to use any of the others."

—Dr. Samuel Johnson