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The very Reverend Dr.
Wallis at
Oxford.

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London Feb 6. 1699.

I rec^d. y^r. & shall deliver Dr. Tyson y^r. letter to
him. As to the matter of the severall teeth of animals
& their comparative anatomy you will find a very
ingenious & large account in Hernandez by Jo. Faber
on the animalia Mexicana. For my part I believe
mankind can live on ~~all sorts~~ ^{have} many sorts of vegetables
& animals & their parts. I gathered together an account
of the severall kind of food I ~~had~~ ^{have} met with that are
used in most parts of the world, some of which are
very strange & yet sufficient to sustain man's nature.
Our bodies are so contrived as to prepare & take out
of all these substances what is beneficial, turning of
the useless excrement. In this matter nature far
surpasses chymistry in w^h different bodies require
different menstruums to dissolve them. I read some months
since a discourse on this subject before the Royal Society
which I design to publish when there is room. Mr. Smith