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domestically & degenerately given to its infinite foods, & that
kind of food is most natural, we may better find & form the structure
of the greatest part, than by ~~that~~^{the} which is most easily, which made me suppose that
foreign & that he glad to be poor & simple in his belief with you
that please to publish it. This is the 1st of Hernandez I have sent you.
I am

3^r young & poor 2nd
John Wallis.

to
The very Reverend Dr.
Wallis at
Oxford

6621 Jan 23
25th January 1710
to my self

Sr

London Feb 6. 1699. n. 45.

I rec'd yest^r & shall deliver Dr. Tyson yo^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~~^{less} many sorts of vegetable
& animals & their parts. I have gathered together an account
of the severall kinds of food I have more 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 contriv'd as to prepare & take out
of all these substances what is beneficial, turning off
the unprofitable excrements. In this matter nature far
surpasses chymistry in w^{ch} different bodies require
different menstruum 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. M^r Smith