

General Comments On Use of AFDIA As A Book Review / Organizational Theme For Meetings

Post by “Joshua” of April 16, 2022 at 8:05 PM

Hmmm...

Here was my original thread on the subject:

Thread

[The Long Neglect of William Short](#)

Here's an interesting thought; what do we actually know about this guy?

Judging from Mr. Jefferson's letter in reply, we may infer that William Short, like Jefferson, positively identified himself as an Epicurean. Cassius' recent reading of Frances Wright's other work has me thinking that there might be gems hidden here as well.

He was a talented, capable, brilliant protégé of Thomas Jefferson, and a deft hand at diplomacy. He forsook the dream of a high and polished political career in his...



Joshua

October 5, 2020 at 6:48 PM

Here's a secondary source:

<https://www.vqronline.org/%E2%80%98-very-human-portrait%E2%80%99>

And a passage from that source:

Quote

In 1790, on a cold and windy day some time before the French Revolution had turned on liberal nobles such as the due, William and his love were out canoeing on a pond by the Seine when Short dove overboard and nearly lost consciousness in saving a boy from drowning in rapids. The hero had then returned to the due's chateau, dined, "quaffed old Malvoisie & other wines to a degree that astonished everybody," and played chess "with great success," before drifting into a sweet sleep.

<https://www.epicureanfriends.com/thread/2461-general-comments-on-use-of-afdia-as-a-book-review-organizational-theme-for-meeti/?postID=17594#post17594>