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Dear Son,

Carlisle, June 11th, 1802.

I received yours of the 7th inst. by the Stage, & am glad of your Recovery from the Influenza. I am still distressed on the Decline, or rather Extinction of this College, by the ungodly Activity of its Enemies, & the shameful Indolence of its few Friends. This Calamity however, is not peculiar to our Seminary, as at the late Commencement of the College of Philadelphia, tho' dignified by the State with the Title of the University of Pennsylvania, at which I was present, only five Students received their first Degree. One & Twenty Students in Medicine, who received the Title of Doctor, threw Dust in the Eyes of the People, & concealed the Weakness of the Faculty of Arts. We had eight here at our last Commencement. You ought to have known that I was jesting, when I asked you concerning Business, Money, & Shares in the Bank. I hope that Mr. Grieve would meet with Mr. Turnbull before he left Philadelphia. I am sorry for the Misfortune of Mr. Moncrief, & would have written his Brother Sir Henry on the Occasion, if you had informed me whether Mr. Moncrief was a single Man, or had left a Will & appointed Executors.

My View was to procure you a Letter of Attorney from
Sir Henry Moncrief to recover his Brother's Estate & man-
age his Affairs, which might have been a profitable Jobb to
you. Pray write me by Post whether Mr. Moncrief was a
single Man, or left any Will, or appointed Executors, that I
may inform his Brother as soon as possible, & I will men-
tion you as a proper Person for recovering his Estate, & re-
mitting the Proceeds to his Brother. I have got no Money
& subsist only by Miracle. If Mr. Turnbull can advance
you any thing on my Account for the Expence of your
Journey, you may assure him that I will indemnify
him as soon as I am able. Your Mother is still averse
to your returning by Philadelphia, on Account of the great
Distance & Expence. The Influenza seems to have reached
to this Place. Your Mother has been ill of a Cold & Hoarse-
ness since Monday last, but is now better. My Cold too has
been worse since my Return, but I have grown better by
taking Honey & Brandy Morning & Evening. Your Mother
has profited by the same Medicine. It is right that

you should come off after the last Court before the hot
Weather. We shall be glad to see you & Mary. Our En-
joyments are few, & we ought to make the most of those
we have left. Alison is very throing, or she would have writ
you. Dr. William McCoskey set out for Detroit on Monday
last, & Mr. & Mrs. Chambers lodged with her on their
Way to Bethlehem & their Return. Nothing
worth mentioning has happened in this Place.

I remain,

Dear Son,

Your affectionate Father,

Chas. Nisbel.

D. Nisbet
June 11. 1802

Mr. Alexander Nisbet,

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