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Carlisle May 8th 1799.

Dear Sir,

I hope by this time you have returned from the fatigues of the camp to the Bustle of the City. I was a good deal surpris'd to hear of your enrolling yourself in the Volunteers Corps. For I knew your business would not allow you to do it without a great sacrifice. I was happy to learn that it had been a bloodless expedition. But still I should not be much mortified if some of the Villainous Rebels should be made examples of.

Your Suit against Webber Esq^r is not yet terminated. They have denied receipt of the last box & that has prevented us from procuring a judgement. I have now obtained such Testimony as will not be easily rebutted. A letter from Mr. Webber to his Clerk in Greensburgh dated 17th Aug^r 1795 ~~contains~~ ^{mentions} mentioning the Receipt of a Parcel of Books Mr. W. had forwarded some of the same books to

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me at first a very satisfactory account. but when
I brought him before a Magistrate he had taken it
into his head that he would be answerable if Mr.
W. had not received them. so that he could re-
member nothing at all. but that he had sold goods
for Mr. Webber. At first he was very particular
& recollected well that he never had received pay-
ment for the same box. but his memory after-
wards failed him. & he swore the truth tho not
the whole truth. I hope the letters of Mr. Webber
will satisfy them. When Mr. Duncan returns from
his attendance on the Supreme Court I hope the
business will be completed. His Honor the C. Jus-
tice was much gratified by seeing our United
Prisoners get Naturalized. He said he would not
for fifty pounds they would lose the opportunity
as they would have almost a life time (14 years)
to wait. He wished, while at Breakfast, that

we had thirty thousand united Irish Citizens
as they who had fled from Tyranny were most worthy
& most capable of enjoying Liberty. His Honor had
the Morification to find that our Jurors were not
dependent on him altho they proceed nominally under
the direction of the Court. In a late Trial
where Federalist was Plaintiff. Demo. Defendant.
all were struck with the Justice of the Plaintiffs Claim
However the Judge argued & charged strongly for the
side of the Defendant. but the Jury paid more respect
to their own consciences than to the charge & found
their Verdict for the Plaintiff. But I am fatiguing
you. Left I should not get time to write I beg you
will present my best respects to your Neigh
the Stone House & No. 56.

My father & Mother are
well & join me in R

Yours Sincerely

Chas. Wickley.

See Folio 100

Donnel Moore

Mr. William Young

Bookkeeper

Philadelphia

Wm. Young
5th May 1799



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Yours Sincerly

Alexr. Nisbet.

My father & mother are well & join me in R

Carlisle. Sept. 9th 1800.

Dear Sir

I wrote you in reply to your enclosing Note on
Archibald Louder. I mentioned to you that in
three months from that time you would receive
your money from the Estate of Webber. I mentioned
that A. Louder had no money but promised to forward
Rags for the payment of the Note. I likewise informed
you that Miss Webber said she was unable to pay
you unless by returning the greatest part of the books &
paying the remainder in Money. she says since I wrote you
that she will be able to pay but a small part
in Money. You will be so good as to write me by the
return of Mr. Hughes the bearer. Mr. Turnbull will
take charge of your letter & give it to him if you should
not see him yourself. I wish if possible to finish all these
affairs I have on my hand before I leave this place. I
shall probably go to the Westward soon now as I have
finished my course of Studies with Mr. Duncan & was last
week examined & admitted an Attorney of this County.
Yours very humble Servant
Alex. Murray.

P. S. My father is anxious to know whether you have heard of the arrival
of your Ship at Greenock. — A. M.

Carlisle Septr. 9th. 1800.

Dear Sir,

I wrote you in reply to yours enclosing Note on Archibald Loudon. I mentioned to you that in three Months from that time you would receive your money from the Estate of Webber. I mentioned that A. Loudon had no money but promised to forward Rags for the payment of the Note. I likewise informed you that Miss Webber said she was unable to pay you unless by returning the greatest part of the books & paying the remainder in Money. she says since I wrote you that she will be able to pay but a small part in Money. You will be so good as to write me by the return of Mr. Hughes, the bearer, Mr. Turnbull will take charge of your Letter & give it to him if you should not see him yourself. I wish if possible to finish all these affairs I have on my hand before I leave this place. I shall probably, go to the Westward soon now as I have finished my course of Studies with Mr. Duncan & was last week examined & admitted an Attorney of this Court.

Your very humble Servt.

Alex, Nisbet.

P.S. My father is anxious to know whether you have heard of the arrival of your Ship at Grenock. AN.

London 24. Feb. 1801. -

Dear Sir

I received yours acknowledging the receipt of mine enclosing Ninety Dollars of the Money due you from Webber's Estate. Mr. Duncan informs me he expects to receive the Residence soon. I shall forward it as soon as it comes to my hands. I here in enclose you sixty five Dollars. The amount of London's Note with the Interest is 66 $\frac{11}{100}$ Dollars. I send you sixty five which leaves a balance of one Dollar $\frac{11}{100}$ in my hands which I shall forward by first private opportunity. in haste

Mr. Willm. James

I am your very humble Serv^t
Alex^r. Nisbet.

C. B. J. A. 9

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I am your very humble Sevt,

Alexr. Nisbet.

Mr. Willm. Young

Mr. Wm Young.

Carlisle July 20 1801.

Dear Sir

I have concluded account with Webber's Administration, and now present you with the following Statement

Dr. William Young		in Acc't with Alex' Nibbey	
To Cash admitted 6 Feb. 1801.	90 ⁰⁰	By Balance of his Acc't	108 ⁶⁹
To Interest on Do. 5 Mo	2 ⁵⁸	By Interest on Do from	
To Error in Dutch Catechisms		5 Jan'y 1796 to 5 July	55 ⁰⁰
17 th May 1795, six of them being	3 ²⁰	1801 5 year. 6 Mo	
charged \$1.10 instead of 6/-			
Interest on Do	1 ⁰²		
To Commission p ^r Mr Duncan.	6 ⁰⁰		
To Cash in full sent by Mr. Tumbull	121 ⁶³		
	<u>\$ 224³⁵</u>		<u>\$ 224³⁵</u>

N.B. The charge of Interest 2,58 is calculated on 100. Doll which was received at that time & only 90. - remitted. 10. Doll. being retained for 6. Doll. commission & 4 33 judgement cost. you are charged with 6 Doll. commission the cost are assessed for in the Balance Mr. Givin having paid them.

I received some Gold which I am obliged to forward to you tho' it is a troublesome kind of money. However I suppose you have no objection to receive it for an old Debt. Eighteen & a half English Guineas & two French 96. 67
A Note & Dollars 24. 95
121. 63

The Error in the Dutch Almanack Catechisms I could not help allowing as it appeared so evidently if on examining the charge you find we are mistaken I will receive the difference from Mr. Givin. It was on that condition I allowed it. Mr. Duncan's charge is only 6 Dollars which I suppose you will think a small enough commission. You tell me to pay myself. This I will not do. What I have done was not in the line of my professional Duty, merely an agency which I am happy to have in my power to perform for an obliging period.

You will find the Interest on Balance differ a little from what you made it. The proper & usual method is to calculate Interest on the Balance of your account from 6 Months after the last charge.

I propose returning to Baltimore in a few weeks where I shall take up my residence. I was much pleased with that place & have every reason to believe I will succeed there. This I mention that you may tell me what you wish done in Miss Webbers account & because I know you will be interested in what concerns

your humble Servant
Alex. Nisbet.

[Faint, illegible handwriting, likely bleed-through from the reverse side of the page.]

Carlisle July 20 1801.

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To Cash remitted 6 Feby. 1601 90 [<i>illegible phrase</i>]		By Balance of his Acct.	168..69
To Interest on Do. 5 Mo	2..50	By Interest on Do. from	
To Error in Dutch Catechisms		5 Jan. 1796 to 5 July	
17th May 1795, Six of them being		1801 5 years. 6 Mo}	55..66
charged £1..0 instead of 6/}	3..20		
Interest on Do.	1..2		
To Commission Do. Mr. Duncan	6.. <i>illegible symbol</i>		
To Cash in full sent by Mr. Turnbull	<u>121..63</u>		
	\$224.34		<u>\$224.35</u>

N.B. The charge of Interest 2.50 is calculated on 100 Doll which was received at that time & only 90.-remitted. 10. Doll. being retained for 6. Doll commission & 433 Judgement costs. You are charged with 6 Dol commission the costs are accounted for in the Balance Mr. Givin having paid them.

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